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1. The first thread that some of us have been following is the imminent threat to ICWA. Wendy Peters has pulled together an ad hoc group and is currently asking SIP members to vote on a SIP position statement. This issue arose quickly and needed a quick response from SIP. WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY STRUCTURED TO DO THAT EFFICIENTLY. WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE CURRENT WAY THAT SIP IS ORGANIZED.

2. The second thread was sent out by Dan about the abuse of Native children in foster care in South Dakota. What are we going to do with that horrifying information?

3. The third thread was voiced by Kee, asking SIP to consider a statement strongly rejecting psychologists' collusion with torture. No one picked that one up. So do we write a statement that "torture is unacceptable"? What if the Hoffman investigation finds APA was complicit? What then?

4. The fourth thread was sent out by Dan about the NYT article on the suicides at Pine Ridge. OK, well, many of us work in communities that the NYT knows nothing about with high suicide rates and know that the situation is awful, complicated, and urgent - just like the other issues.

5. The fifth thread was a concern voiced (for at least the second time) by Joe Gone regarding the "rampant and routine invocations of White racism, colonial violence, and historical trauma might actually be *distracting* us (or excusing us?) from the formidable, overwhelming task of seeking to tackle Indian perpetration of these unacceptable, harmful, criminal behaviors." Loretta brings up a good point: *If we don't start tackling Indian on Indian violence, then who will?* Dan and Matthew responded, and it is also my position, that those of us on the front lines are working on as many levels as we can to make a significant difference. Joe, what would you like to see from SIP?

6. Is historical trauma in our genes?

1. Reorganization to encourage frequent and timely communication of the EC with the membership. This is to include follow-up on all projects and committees decided upon at the summer Conference.
2. Reorganization to include the appointment of key committee chairs to the EC
3. Posting of the minutes of EC Conference calls to the list serve.
4. Establish methods that will allow SIP to rapidly respond to emerging policy issues with short timelines.
5. Establishing closer communication and more formal ties with other Native/Indigenous organizations nationally and internationally
6. Survey to understand important points and issues to the membership.
7. How to continue the work of the Commentary: 1) publicizing; 2) educating other psychologists; 3) deciding on “next steps”