## **Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Committee Meeting** June 29, 2009

**SIP Chapter Proposal:** Proposal from Jacque Gray and Kyle Hill on establishing SIP Chapters. Discussion of application process and benefits to SIP.

Benefits included: 1) increase of SIP visibility,

- 2) increase SIP membership,
- 3) inclusion of Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychology programs,
- 4) involvement of undergraduates including Tribal Colleges,
- 5) providing leadership development among students,
- 6) as student organizations Chapters can access funds for travel and bringing in speakers, and
- 7) as student organizations Chapters can hold fund raising activities to support travel to conferences.

Application should include: 1) Basic information

- 2) Mission statement in line with SIP Mission statement
- 3) Goals of the Chapter
- 4) Recommendation by a member of the Executive Council or Past Presidents for the Chapter Advisor
- 5) Letter of support from organization (College or University Administration)

2009-2010 UND will function as a pilot program

> Jacque Gray & Patricia Alexander will gather information on application process of other organizations with chapters and develop an application process to submit to the Executive Committee by March and any bylaws changes to the general membership by April 15, 2010 for consideration at the SIP meeting in June 2010.

Finance Committee: Proposal from Carolyn Barcus to add a Finance Committee to the Standing Committees in the SIP bylaws.

Money from Division 45 for SIP is not permanently in the budget.

A follow-up letter from the SIP President should be sent to Division 45 to request the money for SIP.

A Scholarship Committee should be combined with the Finance Committee

Scholarship Committee should contain Chair of Finance Committee, President, and Treasurer.

Finance Committee should be appointed for the next year with Steve James as Chair to put together the structure of Finance and Scholarship.

Bylaws changes to allow for a Standing Finance Committee should be submitted to a vote at next year's business meeting.

**APA Council/Observer:** Recommendation was made that the President be the Observer at the APA Council Meetings and report to the membership.

Jacque Gray

Acting Secretary

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