

**Summary Notes**  
**(Unapproved)**

**Council of National Psychological Associations for the  
Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAAEMI)**

Summer Meeting  
June 20 & 21, 2010

Michigan Room, Michigan League  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Chaired by the:  
Asian American Psychological Association

Hosted by the:  
American Psychological Association

Members Present: **Gordon Nagayama Hall, PhD**, President, Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA); **Pamela Deters, PhD**, President, Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP); **Edward Delgado-Romero, PhD**, President, National Latina/o Psychological Association (NLPA);  
**Linda James Myers, PhD**, Representative of the President, Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi); **J. Manuel Casas, PhD**, Representative of the President, Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (APA Division 45); **Gwendolyn P. Keita, PhD**, Representative of the President, American Psychological Association

Members Absent: None.

Guest(s): **Jean Carter, PhD**, APA Board of Directors

APA Staff: Bertha G. Holliday, PhD, and Alberto Figueroa-García, MBA,  
APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs

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**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Dr. Hall convened the meeting at approximately 10:00am and welcomed everyone. The Council reviewed its *Order of Business* prepared by the APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA).

## 2. Associations' Updates of Activities

AAPA Dr. Hall reported that: (a) the theme of this year's AAPA conference is "*Expanding our Horizons.*" An effort intended to further the development of the organization by encouraging greater involvement and participation by interdisciplinary professionals. It is scheduled to convene in San Diego, California on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, given the situation involving the Manchester Hotel, AAPA will not be using that hotel. (b) the organization has prepared and circulated a position statement condemning Arizona's immigration law; (c) a membership drive is underway that will provide a cash award of \$500 to the person who recruits the most new members; and (d) the inaugural issue of the *Journal on Asian American Psychology*, is planned for release this year. Dr. Fred Leong, Michigan State University, will serve as the *Journal's* editor.

ABPsi Dr. Myers reported that: (a) the organization has hired an executive director; (b) ABPsi will be holding its annual convention in Chicago, IL in late July; (c) a conference addressing issues related to prison re-entry convened in Los Angeles, California this past spring; (d) the Association has been in contact and involved with the Haitian Psychological Association in order to address and assist with relief efforts; (e) ABPsi's Board of Directors will be requesting that the editor of APA Division 45's journal issue a rejoinder to the issue that reported on ABPsi history. Her recommendation to the Board will be that scholars disagree and that this is an opportunity for growth and learning; and (f) the Association's newsletter and journal continue to be published.

NLPA Dr. Delgado-Romero reported that: (a) the Association continues to work on the development, growth and leadership continuity of the organization; (b) conference planning continues and to that end recently issued a conference request for proposals to various hotels. That effort has attracted several competitive bids. The 2010 conference theme is "Latinas Psychological Strengths," and will feature keynote presentation by Dr. Patricia Arredondo and Dr. Melba Vasquez; (c) the Association has large student membership group that is a major voice on issues and activities. Strategies and initiatives are being discussed and considered in an effort to harness that group's interest and enthusiasm, as well as to effectively meet their needs and address their concerns. Students are running the NLPA Facebook page; (d) the membership is growing. Moreover, some members have expressed an interest in broadening the involvement and participation of psychologists and students in areas of psychology beyond clinical and

counseling. This will be a long-term effort; and (e) NLPA is currently in the process of developing an official position statement on the immigration issue in Arizona. Once approved, it will be disseminated widely.

Division 45 Dr. Casas reported that: (a) the Division's inaugural research conference took place just prior to the Council's meeting. From preliminary accounts/comments, it was indeed a success; (b) concerns continue to be expressed about the Manchester Hotel at the APA convention in San Diego, California. The Division has asked that none of its events be scheduled in that hotel; (c) the Division's Executive Committee is following APA plans regarding the development of a statement in response to the immigration law in Arizona. No action has been approved at this time; (d) planning efforts continue regarding the proposed 2011 National Multicultural Conference and Summit to be held in Seattle, Washington; (e) the Division continues efforts to restructure and streamline its budgeting and accounting practices and process; and (f) increased efforts regarding community involvement and outreach.

SIP Dr. Deters reported that: (a) membership issues continue to be an important priority for the Society. In addition, organizational development challenges continue to warrant attention as some members feel that the Society's emphasis is too clinical/counseling oriented. These are important concerns that will require long-term strategies to address; (b) the development and expansion of the InPsych program continues to be a high legislative advocacy priority. In addition, the Boarding School Healing Project is being supported by the Office of Civil Rights and possible future activities may involve the presentation of a congressional hearing on this topic; (c) the organization's membership listserv and Web site are currently being updated; (d) preliminary efforts are being considered that may help to develop and grow regional and/or local SIP chapters; (e) the newsletter continues to be published and disseminated; (f) an "institutional membership" category has been added to the dues membership form; (g) the annual conference will take place June 24-26 at Utah State University in Logan, and will provide an opportunity to honor two people - the first person of Maury decent will be earning his doctorate this year and another person who has been a great support of AI/AN issues and students; and (h) Dr. Jackque Grey is the president-elect.

After all reports were presented, the Council approved a recommendation that an agenda item be developed and included on future meeting agendas that allows time for Council members to share "Best Practices" and/or to provide information/resources regarding

technical and administrative issues/concerns/successes that each member association has faced/resolved since the last meeting. OEMA will ensure that such an item appears on future meeting agendas.

3. **Review of Summary Notes**

The Council approved its summary notes without changes or modifications.

4. **ABPsi Initiative - Development of Resolution Addressing Reparations**

Dr. Myers reported that this item will be reintroduced to the ABPsi Board of Directors to determine continue interest and action. Further CNPAAEMI action was deferred until a future Council meeting.

5. **NLPA Initiatives - Translation of relevant materials into languages other than English for the delivery of psychological services & Conducting assessments of non-English speakers/language access in health care**

Dr. Delgado-Romero reported that NLPA continues to believe that these are important issues. However, at this time these are no longer critical NLPA priorities. At NLPA's request, CNPAAEMI agreed to postpone further consideration until a future meeting.

6. **SIP Initiative - Multicultural Competence and Managed Care Organizations**

Dr. Deters explained that given the recently passed health care reform legislation, SIP believes that this initiative may no longer be a high priority. However, until additional information is made available regarding health care reform as it relates to health disparities initiatives, this issue will remain as a SIP priority. At SIP's request, CNPAAEMI agreed to postpone further consideration until a future meeting.

7. **APA Division 45 Initiatives**

Information only. No action.

8. **Update: Publication Series Development**

Information only. No action deemed necessary.

**9. Update: CNPAAEMI Henry Tomes, PhD Awards**

The Council reviewed and discussed its Tomes award. It was agreed that OEMA should invoice all members for funds that may be due related to the cash award. In addition, the Council approved the use of the score sheet developed by Dr. Karen Suyemoto for the Emerging Leader award and authorized OEMA to coordinate with 2011 National Multicultural Conference and Summit organizers to identify and secure a meeting space for the award ceremony.

**10. Update: CNPAAEMI Leadership Development Institute (LDI)**

Dr. Deters, a current member of the LDI Working Group, reported on LDI efforts and activities. She explained that the Working Group has been active, well organized, and focused. For example, plans are underway to craft a NIH R13 conference grant similar to the one submitted to the American Psychological Foundation earlier this year. The Council expressed thanks to the Working Group leadership for their efforts and ongoing commitment to this important project, and requested that an update report be provided during its next meeting.

**11. Update: Proposal Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations Seats on the APA Council of Representatives (C/Rs)**

The Council welcomed Dr. Carter. She provided a review of the issue and information regarding current planned activities. Dr. Carter explained that a new Working Group has been formed by current APA President Goodheart, and that the Council members' delegates to the APA Council of Representatives (COR) are members of that new Working Group. She reported that members of the Working Group had recently met with the APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) where it was agreed that profiles of each of the four national ethnic minority psychological associations should appear in a future issue of the *APA Monitor*. In addition, CEMA and the Working Group will be collaborating in the development of a public information/media education plan. She also noted a correction to the item regarding the reference to COR action related to ethnic minority observers being named as delegates. Dr. Carter explained that during the COR's meeting Dr. Goodheart declared that the observers should be known as delegates.

The Council expressed its thanks to Dr. Carter for her report. In addition, the Council approved action appointing Dr. Delgado-Romero and Dr. Deters as CNPAAEMI liaisons to the APA President's Working Group in order to facilitate the development of a more detailed and comprehensive strategy for CNPAAEMI involvement in this effort.

12. **Request for Increasing Cultural Competence in Disaster Response and Preparedness with Ethnic Minority Mental Health Associations**

Dr. Myers provided information regarding a presentation from Dr. Gilbert Reyes regarding cultural competence and disaster preparedness and relief. In addition, she agreed to follow up with Dr. Atwell and/or Dr. Mays to determine what might be CNPAAEMI's possible involvement in the development of a culturally competent disaster response and preparedness initiative. She will report that CNPAAEMI continues to be interested in this issue and would welcome additional follow-up. This item will be included on CNPAAEMI's meeting agenda for its next meeting.

13. **APA Convention Activities**

The Council reviewed and discussed this issue. Although no specific program was approved at this time, the Council will consider future action if a specific topical issue and/or focus such as presentation of the tests and assessments brochure surfaces. No further action was deemed necessary at this time.

14. **Future Meetings**

The Council approved the following revisions to the listing prepared by OEMA:

2016	NLPA	SIP
2015	AAPA	NLPA
2014	Div45	AAPA
2013	ABPsi	Div45
2012	SIP	ABPsi
2011	NLPA	SIP (NLPA will be willing to offer support to host)

In addition, OEMA was asked to share the dates and locations of the possible meetings in San Diego via the CNPAAEMI listserv so that the Council can decide at a later date if a meeting during the APA convention should be convened. No further action was deemed necessary at this time.

**15. Public Policy Cooperative Advocacy**

OEMA distributed the 2010 Advocacy Goals developed by the APA Public Interest Directorate's Government Relations Office (PiD/GRO). CNPAAEMI requested that they be included and/or listed on more items in the coalitions and organizations column.

Dr. Casas provided a brief over-view of the immigration issue. He recommended that CNPAAEMI member organizations consider publishing articles in their respective newsletters and/or other information exchange outlets to help tell the stories of those being effected. In addition, oral history films and/or other products that provide an opportunity to inform the public and policy makers should be developed and if they exist they should be disseminated widely.

Dr. Casas also reported on the proposed Task Force being considered by APA President-elect Vasquez. The Council recommended that the proposed APA Presidential Task Force have multiple perspectives among its membership as well as a media consultant. Moreover, community representation on the Task Force might contribute to a more robust conceptualization of the issue. The Council believes that this is a complex issue that would benefit from multiple perspectives. Moreover, they would welcome periodic updates as the work of the Task Force develops and evolves.

**16. Proposed Initiative**

The Council proposed the following:

- a. The development of a joint conference and/or event organized by CNPAAEMI at the respective CNPAAEMI member organizations' meetings and/or take responsibility for a specific track such as organizational and leadership development during the next Division 45 research conference. Common issues and mutual concerns should be the focus of a CNPAAEMI sponsored event/activity.
- b. Consider involvement in the planned National Native American Health and Mental Health initiative that would involve collaboration with the Indian Health Service (IHS).

**17. Other**

The Council approved the development of correspondence to APA President Goodheart and CEO Dr. Norman Anderson expressing concerns and providing recommendations related to the need for a transition and succession plan for OEMA's directorship. Other members of APA's governance and executive leadership should be sent a copy of this CNPAAEMI correspondence. Dr. Hall agreed to develop an initial draft of the correspondence for Council review and approval. He will also coordinate with OEMA regarding dissemination.

**Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30pm on June 21, 2010.