Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2012

A conference call with the Executive Council of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on March 14, 2012. The meeting convened at approximately 1:00pm (CST).

Members in attendance: Jacque Gray, Patricia Alexander, Carolyn Morris, Wendy Peters, Dee Bigfoot, and Joanna Shadlow.

Review of the Executive Council meeting minutes from February 2012 was completed.

Patricia Alexander reported an increase in membership and donations likely a result of the PayPal account on the website. Patricia Alexander and Wendy Peters are in communication regarding potential glitches. Discussion was held regarding avenues for utilizing PayPal effectively. Wendy Peters reported that she would work through membership issues regarding website with Patricia Alexander.

Jacque Gray reported that Gayle Morse was selected as the official mentor and Wendy Peters was selected as the official fellow for the Leadership Development Institute. Jacque Gray discussed developing a mentoring team for the remaining applicants in order to provide early career professionals with mentoring.

Jacque Gray has been appointed to the APA Health Disparities Advisory Committee. First meeting is in May of 2012. Lula Beatty who was with the NIH is now with APA and heading up the committee.

Jacque Gray discussed upcoming conference. IHS will not be able to send a speaker, but would like to come virtually to the conference. Gayle Morse is checking on that technology ability. Discussion regarding honoring past presidents and other integral people at the conference was held. Wendy Peters will get with Jacque Gray to get an address list of past presidents. Patricia Alexander discussed need to know amount of travel scholarships for students for conference.

Jacque Gray discussed issues regarding potentially recruiting students for research on the SIP listserv. Carolyn Morris will take a look at the recent request and provide a recommendation for the executive committee. Wendy Peters suggested as a potential option, placing those recruiting requests on the research page of the website. Carolyn Morris will put together a draft of potential things that should be resolved before placing approving research recruitment through the listserv or recruiting materials on the website.

Jacque Gray gave a quick update regarding the Council of Representatives. Because of a lack of supportchange in the leadership and less support for the seats, the CoR they will not be bring forward for a voteing by the membership on adding the ethnic minority groups ability to have organizations a voting seats. Gayle Morse will discuss this further on the next conference call.

Action items for next conference call which his set for April 11th at 1pm (CST):

*Discussion from SIP Conference Program Committee for SIP conference in June 2012.

*Decision regarding recruiting research participants from SIP website.

Meeting adjourned at 1:39pm.