

**Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2020**

**A conference call with the Executive Council of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on Friday, August 21, 2020. The meeting convened at approximately 3:02pm (CST).**

Members in attendance: Iva GreyWolf, Joseph Gone, Gayle Morse, BJ Boyd, Royleen Ross, Erica Ficklin, Kristin Pyke, Joanna Shadlow, Marsha Tafoya, Denise Newman, Melissa Tehee, and Wendy Peters

- I. Introduction of student representative
  - a. Kristen Pyke provided an introduction of herself to the EC
  
- II. Update on the amicus brief (Iva)
  - a. Asian American student requested assistance from SIP. Doug McDonald provided a written response however student's attorney wanted SIP to write the amicus brief regarding the student's legal case. SIP does not have a legal department
  
- III. SIP Statement Policy (Joe)
  - a. Requested feedback on process as it was not clear how to proceed in the past. Most statements fell to the EC. With statements, there is pressure to get the statement out quickly. There is a counterbalance with slow consensus building
  - b. Create a policy statement committee when member brings an issue forth. Member can communicate the issue, can join with team and over course of week or so, draft a statement.
  - c. Process: Trio, listserv, then back to EC for vote
  - d. If issue controversial, SIP should be conservative
  - e. Discussion on content to listserv, summary of statement, and posting to website
  - f. Individuals that volunteered: Amileah Davis; Brian McNeill; and possibly Anna Fetter. Trio was comfortable with skill set and interest
  
- IV. SIP EC (Joe)
  - a. Contact information for EC on website; need to be contactable by members if have concerns; suggestion to make another gmail account
  - b. EC should have dues paid as a SIP member
    - a. Important for us with conscience and integrity for everyone to be paid up in membership; if difficulty with paying dues there is a mechanism for assistance
  
- V. Student representatives (Erica and Kristen)
  - a. Most of links on website seem to be working fine other than an issue with registration
  - b. Wendy explained process; about 30% of people making application don't finalize and pay. They are not added to listserv until paid
  - c. Discuss the student request for a support group
    - i. Develop another SIP support group aimed toward students for providing better support; start with reaching out to grad students then create smaller groups; help our community
    - ii. Asking for access to EC for specific time
    - iii. Kristin & Erica spearhead then spread out
    - iv. Mentorship – biweekly – ask mentors to volunteer time to share story
    - v. Circle of Support for all students

- vi. Gayle will create scheduling with Erica and Kristin
- VI. Update on archiving (Gayle)
    - a. Give to Joe and Iva next week
  - VII. Newsletter (Gayle)
    - b. Newsletter ready to go
    - c. Deadline at midnight tonight, opportunity for anyone to submit
  - VIII. Discussion of membership list and dues (All)
    - a. Membership list with dues
    - b. Important to set example – active paying members
    - c. If have concern, request to get on the EC agenda
    - d. End of month – send out reminder email to pay dues
  - IX. Member driven racism projects/grants (BJ)
    - a. Discussion of the possibility of \$5000 being budgeted, as a follow up on townhall on racism
    - b. Seed money for types of projects
    - c. Budget – have enough money for that – put in budget
    - d. \$25000 savings; 10K checking; update on dues not completed
    - e. Joe – advertise opportunity
    - f. One page proposal for request for funding; reach out to groups
    - g. Hundreds of dollars for support
  - XII. Request for SIP support from Dan and Royleen
    - a. Dan – PTSD/trauma
    - b. Royleen - Ad Hoc Committee on Health Equity
    - c. Iva in favor of writing letters; Denise Health Equity – state psychological vantage interest
    - d. Multilayer approval - Board of the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, and then final approval will be made by the Board of Directors
  - X. Update on Kyle and didactics (Iva)
    - a. Indian Health Board internship site
    - b. Solicit specific topic areas on the listserv
    - c. Charlotte offered to help
  - XI. Discussion of partnership with division 18 Psychologists in Indian country, Div 35 Sec 6, Indigenous Women and SIP (Charlotte)
    - a. New resources for SIP and LDI
    - b. Div. 18, Sec 4 has been not as robust; needs time of growing; Tina & Royleen assist
    - c. Provided example of collaboration in Div. 18 in VA section, worked to build membership & connect with VA psychologists
    - d. Series of webinars – offer CEs; SIP cosponsor – no financial need from SIP; discussion on CEs, blending programs, member benefits, and revenue sharing. Potential for free SIP CEs if member of Div. 18
    - e. Charlotte familiar with process; Div. 18 has process already set
      - a. Discussion on Div. membership in Div 18 and student members
      - b. Member overlap with Div 18; building this year – initially started for IHS; can be connected with intertribal pan-tribal; Native Vets; fed/state agencies

- c. Support can be difficult for attending conferences & meetings; Tiffany incoming Div. 18 chair and good working relationship with Gayle Iwamasa

**Next conference call is scheduled for September 18, 2020 from 3-4pm (CST).**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:58 (CST).**