

**Society of Indian Psychologists Annual Convention Business Meeting Minutes**  
**June 24, 2019**

A meeting with the general membership of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on Monday, June 24, 2019. The meeting convened at approximately 4:07pm (MST).

Members in attendance: Gayle Morse, Iva GreyWolf, Joe Gone, BJ Boyd, Royleen Ross, Melissa Tehee, Jacque Gray, Art Blume, Carolyn Barcus, Joanna Shadlow, Julii Green, John Gonzalez, Tina Lincourt, Chris Morris, Carolyn Morris, Denise Newman, Dan Foster, Becky Foster, Melissa Wheeler, Alberta Arviso, Cameron McGeshik, Angela Enno, Devon Isaacs , Kim Miller, Erica, Anita Mihecoby, Melinda Garcia, Priscilla Manuel, Manuels?, Janet Thomas, Tamara Barrett, Steve Behnke, Brian McNeill, Desa, Jeff Mio, Charlie, Velia, Rosa, , Joseph, Sue Young, Jami Bartgis, Christina Cruz, Tamara Strong- Chavez, David Peterzell

**Business**

- Opening prayer, mentoring honoring
- Announcements:
  - o Volunteer work- healing convention/ New Zealand, December 2020
  - o Bee Bigfoot, Holly Echohawk, DC, 09.09-13.2019, International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership, Smithsonian
  - o Dr. A. Green, four year degree shifting education program for healing, University of Missouri and taking to Oklahoma
  - o University of New Mexico pre-doctoral internship and potential faculty position, no Native faculty, Department of Psychiatry opening Five Sandoval area opening next week
  - o Bemidji State University, advertising for faculty position
  - o San Carlos Apache Tribe, children's services and adults, seeking professional staff
- Budget – BJ Boyd
  - o Sales, Ethics Commentary (Steve Behnke), \$935
  - o Membership, \$4165
  - o Miscellaneous travel reimbursements
    - Gayle
    - Students – Melissa Wheeler travel to present at international conference
  - o Donation, \$580
  - o PayPal, Food is Life
  - o Expenditures:
    - Convention, USU \$5K, split cost with SIP
    - fees to PayPal \$5500
    - web hosting fee, website fees
  - o Savings account, CD -\$12K/ \$15K-\$16K estimated
  - o Checking \$15K
  - o Keeping pace with inflation
- CEs – Joanna Shadlow
  - o CEs approved

- o Made \$700 last year; profit ~\$3K+
  - o Webinars charging for CEs, generating money for SIP throughout the year
  - o Fees not as high as APA
- SIP Convention – Melissa Tehee
  - o Request to raise rates for convention registration one week before convention convenes due to meal count and planning. Suggested \$10 to \$20. Discussion including posting of convention dates (established Retreat 06.26-28.2010; Program 06.29-30.2020), student stipend disbursements and amount established depending on location. Recommendation for increase to \$40. Affirmed.
  - o Program booklet potential shortage
  - o Suggestion that those students receiving travel funds volunteer at the conference, “Symbiotic relationship,” and a date will be set for application for travel funds
- SIP EC Committees
  - o Awards Committee: Co-chair Dan, discussion on other members
  - o Membership: Co-chair Marsha, Kimberly advised she could help
    - Amileah Davis and Leah Rouse
- Elections for president-elect and student representative
  - o Student representative nominations; Devon Isaacs remaining member
    - Cameron McGeshik
    - Melissa Wheeler
    - Erica Ficklin
    - Discussion to retain all three nominees; various roles suggested and will be delineated; project options suggested as tee shirt design, merchandise, host event at convention, bridge to tribal colleges; affirmed by vote, no opposing votes
  - o President-elect nominations
    - Joe Gone
    - BJ Boyd, conceded to Joe Gone
    - Carolyn Morris nominated Joe Gone by acclamation; accepted, affirmed with no opposing votes
- President elect statement – Joe Gone
  - o Honored, 25years ago he was a student, allegiance to older members, used the metaphor of a sweat lodge, “Keeping our own on track,” mentioned having to be more directly engaged in Indian Country
- Medicine people
  - o Charlie introduced the topic of having a list of medicine people in the country for guidance
  - o Committee
  - o Gayle indicated she would work on that
- Presentation of gifts by Gayle

- Ceremonial relinquishing of president position from Gayle to Iva
  - Taking Past President Seat
  - Joe Gone taking President Elect Seat
  
- President statement – Iva GreyWolf
  - Expressed appreciation, emphasis on transparency and accountability
  - Introduced Tina Lincourt, CNPAAEMI LDI fellow and role, Royleen and secretarial role, electronic communication to notify membership about what is happening in the organization
  - Struggles other minority groups are facing/challenging, immigration, detention
  - Joanna appointed as SIP representative to APA Council of Representatives
  - Next convention discussion related to our identity, strong emotions and feelings
  - Every SIP Convention needs a healing ceremony
  - How do we move forward
  
- Brief discussion on service and “The People”

**Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm (MST)**