

Society of Indian Psychologists Executive Council Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2017

A conference call with the Executive Council of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held on Friday, November 17, 2017. The meeting convened at approximately 1:00pm (CST).

Members in attendance: Joanna Shadlow, Iva Greywolf, Carolyn Morris, Gayle Morse, Melinda Garcia, Carolyn Barcus, Melissa Teehee, Margaret (Marge) Smith, Chris Morris, Dan Foster, Mark Daniels, Art Blume.

Agenda items:

October Minutes accepted and unanimously approved.

President update

- Discussed conference organization to move towards circles versus chairs lined up. Goal to establish relationships and working together. Questioned posed on if we agree on the goals about inclusiveness and relationships? Discussion related to goals of SIP of being more scientific or more inclusive. Worries about people feeling alienated from SIP. A discussion will emerge regarding the vision of the SIP conference. We will move this topic to the longer January meeting (on January 19th 12pm-2pm EST).
- Work group to create a potential survey to reach out to others related to conference organization. Melissa Teehee will send out the results from conference evaluations last year. Melinda Garcia, Marge Smith, Carolyn Barcus, and Iva Greywolf will be on the work group for this task. –See attached notes
- Melinda Garcia reported that Stephanie Fryberg will be doing the diversity training for council. And it will be an all-day training. And new member orientation will also have diversity training for the first time ever. Melinda Garcia is resigning as the SIP counsel delegate at the end of November and Art Blume has agreed to fill that vacant slot.
- Gayle Morse reported that no one has updated her on the ethics committee creation from APA.

Treasurer report

- Chris Morris gave a report. Chris will send a SIP “Budget” for review so we can talk about increases or decreases in the budget.

Committee Reports

- Ethics Commentary Dissemination Committee (Kee Straits): No report.
- Membership (Committee) (Mark Daniels):
 - Mark reported still in process of working on tasks.
- Mentoring Committee (Anita Mihecoby): No report.
- Research (Gayle Morse): No report.
- Web master and Web committee (Wendy Peters): No report.
- Nomination for Awards (Jacque Gray): No report.
- Continuing Education Committee (Joanna Shadlow): Joanna Shadlow gave update of the plan for getting the CE application completed and submitted by January 4th for review by the APA CE committee.

Next conference call is scheduled for December 15th 1-2pm (CST).

Meeting adjourned at 2pm (CST).

Critical and Supportive Evaluation of SIP:

How do we want SIP to grow? What environment do we want to have?

Melinda, Marge, Iva, Carolyn Morris, Art

1. SIP EC to review these notes, suggest additions or re-framings
2. The committee will then suggest survey questions to go out to the listserv
3. Gayle will put the questions into survey software and send out

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Whom do we include in SIP?

How do we create Identity Safety for everyone in SIP?

- We aren't scientific enough for some folks
- Some people want SIP to be more social and supportive
- What are "the old ways" of SIP vs "the new ways"?
- How do we keep people "at the table"?

Rules of Engagement for the Conference – as we are doing our work

What is the vision of the conference?

- Is it mainly to support graduate students?
- How do we include more mid-career SIP members, who tend to not come to Convention?
- How can we also include the researchers who are not clinicians?

Carolyn M: We are not using valuable information collected at the end of the conference.

Melissa will send that out to the EC.

Rules of Engagement for the Listserv – as we are doing our work

- Whom do we include on the listserv?
- Do we introduce new members to the listserv?
- What are appropriate topics for the listserv (Cultural competence, health disparities, what else?)
- Should we have a training or protocol for allies?
- If so, does that get posted on the website?
- Should we have 4 -5 Rules of Engagement for the listserv that are posted on the website?

Survey demographics:

1. Age (Under 20 y/o, 20 – 30, 30 – 40, 40 – 50, 60+)
2. Gender (self describe)
3. SIP member?
4. Tribal Affiliation?
5. Professional vs Students? (If student, which year?)
6. Where do they work? Clinical, research, academic, informal on reservation, urban community, with Indian People or not.
7. Psychologist, yes or no or affiliated field

How would you put the questions above into the following format?

GOALS (Suggested)

Make the different constituencies in SIP feel included

Establish relationships, establish collaborative ways of working together

How to run the Convention (and listserv) according to Indian Ways of Knowing or Being

OBJECTIVES (Suggested)

Set the tone for people to examine positions and issues in a way that facilitates their understanding of contrasting points of view

Have constructive dialogues about potentially contentious issues

Learn from one another in a good way

STRATEGIES (Suggested)

Begin the Convention in a certain way

Seating during Convention