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## Society of Indian Psychologists

October 31, 2012

Dr. Annie Slobig  
Dr. Robert Marshall  
The Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University Chicago  
225 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1300  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Drs Slobig and Marshall:

Dr. Margaret Smith-Zoeller has served Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP) in the capacity of an Advisory Committee member for the Leadership Development Institute. In SIP board and conference discussions, there is a desire to develop a mentoring program within our organization for American Indian graduate students in psychology in order to further their growth and development. Within our membership, we have had a number of senior American Indian psychologists step forward who are willing to be mentors.

Dr. Smith-Zoeller noted that in order to have sustainability of both our involvement with LDI and the development of SIP's own mentoring program, we would want to develop partnerships with other American Indian professionals. She proposed an idea of contacting American Indian entrepreneurs in order to request funding for SIP's mentoring program. In return, those graduate students who benefited from the mentoring program would agree to assist with program development or participate in mentoring programs to American Indian communities that are currently being funded by the entrepreneurs. Dr. Smith-Zoeller would like to attend a 2 day United Global Shift workshop held in New York on February 9 and 10, 2013 in order to develop this proposal for SIP further. As we do not have the funds to support her attendance, we would request that you assist her travel expenses. She would be going as our representative for the purposes of developing a sustainable project proposal for the SIP mentoring program. In return, she would be expected to submit a completed proposal to SIP by no later than May 1, 2013. She has agreed to serve on the project in whatever capacity we determine. Additionally, she agrees to share the information provided by United Global Shift with SIP membership in order to help with other future projects.

Your support and encouragement with this effort would be of great help to the Society of Indian Psychologists and the development of more American Indian professional psychologists. If I may provide further information please contact me at [JacqueGray@aiansip.org](mailto:JacqueGray@aiansip.org) or 701-777-0582.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jacqueline S. Gray, President