

1. Meeting with APA and other EMPA Presidents, Saturday, October 7, 2017

1. NLPA President, Evie Garcia: Overall tone was respectful and the Board seemed invested in listening but am not sure they are committed to addressing problems largely in APA's camp. Viewed as "a beginning" with no clear plans for continuation. We discussed some concrete ideas of how we might collaborate as APA actively works to be inclusive of NLPA and other NEMPAS on issues that affect all psychologists whether APA members or not, including guidelines and standards, control of CE activity, issues around licensure, accreditation/training/curriculum, and assessment. More effective use of NEMPA delegates to APA's Council of Representatives is required.
2. Society of Indian Psychologists President, Gayle Skawennio Morse: Need for systemic changes at APA and suggested looking to Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) as a model of how to make systems changes. Their inclusivity makes it a really rich directorate but they should not be burdened with the task of being the only directorate or Board that is focused on inclusiveness.
3. American Association of Black Psychologists President, Huberta Jackson-Lowman: a first step in any collaborative effort between APA and ABPsi would be the acknowledgement by APA of its role in perpetuating policies and practices that promote the myth of Black inferiority and the lie of White superiority. This myth is perpetuated by a curriculum that fails to refute the racist origins of psychology, for example, the role that the founder of APA, G. Stanley Hall, played in its creation; the exclusion of the contributions of people of Afrikan ancestry to the discipline along with the contributions of other racial/ethnic groups; the use of culturally biased tests and assessments; and the misrepresentation of APA as the singular and only legitimate voice of the discipline manifested in APA's dominance over the credentialing and licensing processes and the exclusion of the ethnic associations as equal players in these process. After APA addresses these issues, then the desired collaborations can go forward.
4. APA Official Minutes: The Board and the Presidents of three National Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations (NEMPAs) met to discuss topics of mutual interest and concern. The Board and NEMPA Presidents will continue discussions to determine if there are areas in which the NEMPAs and APA can work together in the future. NEMPA Presidents in attendance included Huberta Jackson-Lowman, PhD, Association of Black Psychologists, Yolanda Evie Garcia, PhD, National Latina/o Psychological Association and Gayle Morse, PhD, Society of Indian Psychologists.