

Society of Indian Psychologists Business Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2011

The business meeting of the Society of Indian Psychologists was held in Logan, Utah on June 27, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President- Pam Deters at approximately 3:40pm.

Approval of Minutes: The meetings of last year's meeting were provided by Tamara Newcomb - Secretary, and available to be read throughout today's conference.

Motion was made by Gayle Morse and seconded by Kim Miller to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Officers' reports:

Presidential Update: Pam Deters presented year update.

- Legislation authorized a total of 9 INPSYCH programs. The current funded programs are University of North Dakota, Montana State University, and Oklahoma State University. Funding was approved for Utah State University and the University of Alaska as established programs. Funding has not yet been appropriated.
- Utah State University has established The Carloyn Barcus Diversity Scholarship. Contributions to this fund can be made via the Utah State University Psychology Department.
- Division 35 has approved Section 6 for Indigenous Women. Gayle Morse read the statement from Division 35. Iva Greywolf should be contacted for more information. SIP was invited by APA to give testimony on behalf of the Friends of Indian Health before the Congressional Interior Appropriations Committee in May 2011 regarding the IHS budget. Pam Deters gave testimony.
- CNPAAEMI met in June of 2010 and January of 2011 and will meet in August of 2011 at APA. Jacque Gray will represent SIP at this meeting.
- Gayle Morse is the delegate for SIP on the APA Council.
- SIP has written several letters of support for issues related to ethnic minority affairs.
- SIP received monetary support from Division 45. SIP slated to provide breakfast at APA August 2011 for CNPAAEMI.
- SIP Conversation Hour at APA is on August 5th from 12:30-2pm in the Division 45 Suite.
- APA presentation information should be sent to Jacque Gray.
- Teleconference for officers and executive committee set up for 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- SIP newsletter will be an annual newsletter.
- Updates to the website are being explored by the Executive Council.
- Discussion regarding how to include Counseling Psychology programs under the IHS scholarship was held. Carolyn Morris reported that if given justification from tribe for reasons to include Counseling and Clinical Psychology program, IHS will consider awarding scholarship.
- Discussion regarding INPSYCH programs giving annual report at SIP was held. No decisions were made.

Treasurer: Patricia Alexander presented year update:

Expenses for 2010-2011 \$4,914.22

Revenues for 2010-2011 \$4,529.60

\$1,257.50 designated for scholarships

Balance forward from last year \$10,735.45

Total as of June 27, 2011 \$10,350.83

***Changes will be made to grocery expenses for retreat and conference, so this balance will be updated.**

- John Peregoy requested we ask for more monetary support from OEMA. Discussion regarding if we should ask CNPAAEMI to attend next year's conference.

Motion was made by John Peregoy and seconded by Syd Davies to approve the Treasurer's report of the June 27, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Student Representative Report:

- Report given by Angela Enno. University of North Dakota has the first official SIP Chapter. SIP Facebook page is successful. Students interested in information on how they can go into academia and still contribute to Indian Country. First SIP Student Night will be held tonight on campus. Angela Enno and Kyle Hill will be responsible for T-shirt design for next year's SIP conference.

Motion was made by Nancy Moon and seconded by Kim Miller to approve the Student Representative report. Motion carried.

APA Council Delegate Report:

Report was given by Gayle Morse. 3rd vote for ethnic minority voting seat at APA has been tabled for now. Gayle Morse read statement from the APA meeting. Goal is to have a presence on the board. Moving towards a time and place for boards to hear our voice.

John Peregoy requested that we do more lobbying to other divisions to inform them of SIP's mission.

Pam Deters discussed the need for more information given to the electorate on ethnic minority issues.

Motion was made by Art Blume and seconded by Gyda Swaney to approve the APA Council Delegate report. Motion carried.

Business:

- SIP Chapter Committee Report: Jacque Gray reported University of North Dakota SIP Chapter will coordinate the American Indian Health Research conference. Paula Carter will take over as chair of the SIP Chapter Development Committee. Other groups encouraged to develop SIP chapters.
- Ethics Committee Report: Carolyn Barcus reported that APA Ethics Committee will hopefully continue to be involved in the development of a SIP Ethics Code.
- Finance Committee Report: Reported by Pam Deters. Steve James is Chair of this committee; need to get 501(c)3 up on website and Guidestar® online as well. John Peregoy will contact Steve James to see if he is still interested on serving as Chair and discuss other issues.
- Technology Committee Report: Reported by Jacque Gray. Reported listserv is working well. Need to update email addresses for listserv. SIP Facebook page has over 130 members. Native public health doctoral student has started a Facebook page (Native Student Research) posts things on grants, scholarships. Reported need to get material from SIP members to develop annual newsletter. Secretary will take on responsibility of annual newsletter. BJ Boyd suggested PDF newsletters to email to reduce paper waste. Gail Mason agreed to serve as Chair of the Technology Committee which will include: Angela Enno, Michael Caesar, Margerat Lubke, Charley Sitting Bull, Michael Mudgett, and Kyle Hill.
- INPSYCH Action Committee Report: SIP president will take on the role of forming a relationship among APA, IHS, and SIP. John Peregoy, Gayle Morse, Carolyn Morris, and Pam Deters expressed desire to help SIP president in this role.
- Membership Committee Report: Jacque Gray reported that electronic forms of communicating are helping increase membership. Kim Miller agreed to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee. Carolyn Barcus and Mark Daniels offered to help Kim in this new role.
- Leadership Development Institute Report: Marge Smith-Zoeller was not at meeting to give an update. Jacque Gray will contact her for report.
- Journal of Indigenous Research Report: Gayle Morse conducted a trial run for two articles (750-1000 words per article) and reported a good response. Articles are peer-reviewed and address issues that are important for Indian people. Will begin to encourage others to submit articles to the journal. John Peregoy requested that articles be accessible via the SIP website. BJ Boyd encouraged students and full members presenting posters to translate those into potential articles.
- Carolyn Thomas talked about a desire for non-academics to do research. Discussion focused around developing a research arm of SIP, which can have partnerships with universities. Syd Davies and Carolyn Morris will explore this idea.

Elections:

- A nomination for Carolyn Morris as President-Elect was made by Nancy Moon and seconded by John Peregoy. Motion was made by Jacque Gray and seconded by Kim Miller to elect Carolyn Morris as President-Elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15pm.