

Notes from SSCP Board Call

Time and Date: Monday December 15, 11:00-12:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone)

Conference Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300, Participant Access Code: 948357#

Board members present:

Bethany Teachman (President, bteachman@virginia.edu); Mitch Prinstein (President-elect, mitch.prinstein@unc.edu); Sara Bufferd (Newsletter Editor, SBufferd@csusm.edu); Lauren Alloy (Member at Large); Rosanna Breaux (Student Representative, rbreaux@psych.umass.edu); Steven Hollon (2015 President-elect, steven.d.hollon@vanderbilt.edu)

Board members absent:

Michelle Craske (Past President, craske@psych.ucla.edu); Doug Mennin (Representative to Div 12, dmennin@hunter.cuny.edu); Stewart Shankman (Secretary-Treasurer, stewarts@uic.edu); Victoria Smith (Student Representative, vsmith@umd.edu); Ben Hankin (Member at Large, ben.hankin@psy.du.edu)

- I. Greetings (check if there are any CONSENT items that someone wants to discuss)

Mitch will request reports for 2015 meetings. Steve to take notes.

Thank outgoing Board members – Michelle, Lauren, Victoria, Doug (switching roles)

****Note:** Action items to be discussed during the call include Reports d3, j2, Awards b, New Business a, c

- II. Reports

- a. Secretary/Treasurer – Stew Shankman

Report:

1. CONSENT: Past month financial activity

- Expenses: none;
- Income: \$150 (checks of membership dues [i.e., deposits not from paypal]); \$9000 (membership dues from paypal)
- Pending: none
- Bank Balance on 12/10/2014: \$42,047.68

2. CONSENT: The Vanguard account for the Varda Shoham endowment is still in process. There was a bit of a hiccup in the setting up of the account, but that should be remedied soon.

3. CONSENT: I will be completing the 2014 taxes for us sometime between now and January 10th (when they are due to Div 12).

- b. Membership Issues – Dave Smith/Stewart Shankman/Evan Kleiman

Report: No report submitted.

- c. External Nominations Committee – Ben Hankin (committee members: Bonnie Spring, Sherryl Goodman, Sheri Johnson)

Report:

-CONSENT. We continue to work on nominating excellent clinical scientists for important APA positions and supporting awards for clinical scientists. Currently we are supporting a nomination for APF Gold Medal Award for Lifetime Achievement in Practice of Psychology. If there are any suggestions for nominations for this committee, or any other committee or award, please contact us.

- d. Students' Website/Listserv/Internship/Other Issues –Victoria Smith & Rosanna Breaux

Report:

1. CONSENT: Outstanding SSCP Student Teacher Award. The first round of reviewing the 9 applications is currently in progress. The review committee consists of the two student representatives, and Stew Shankman. From the first round of review, the top 3-4 applicants will be determined. A second round of review will occur in mid- to late-December, in order to select our 2 winners.

2. CONSENT: Transitioning Student Representatives. We recently had a video phone meeting with Andrea Niles to discuss the Student Representative position and to discuss initiatives we had put on the backburner, ideas she had for the position, and to answer any questions she had.

3. DISCUSS: SSCP Campus Representative Initiatives. The three Campus Representative committees have each selected the two or three initiatives that they would like to work on. These initiatives have been summarized in the attached document. We are trying to determine what will give these committees the most utility. They came up with a bunch of great ideas, many of which they cannot really implement as a committee, so we are bringing them back to the board as suggestions the committees came up with. Therefore, we are reaching out to the board to see if you have any suggestions for how these motivated students can help within SSCP, to feel like they are making a difference rather than just generating ideas. A couple ideas that came to mind, is man power for representation at a table at regional and national conferences; using student voices to try to increase faculty membership in SSCP; having these students serve on different SSCP committees (e.g. Membership committee, Clinical Science Educational Resources and Advocacy committee).

The Board discussed ideas for draft letters about joining SSCP from students to faculty, and from students to students, at Canadian and other international programs, as well as U.S. programs that do not have strong SSCP membership. The Board also discussed using SSCP funds to help purchase clinical science materials as a reward for the program with the greatest proportion of graduate students joining SSCP.

e. SCP (D12) Representative – Doug Mennin

Report:

-CONSENT: The SCP/D12 board chose not to join SSCP in their joint response to Insel's NIMH Strategic Plan and, instead, submitted their own plan that removed mention of the PCSAS accreditation system, which some members of the board felt should not be highlighted.

f. Newsletter Report – Sara Bufferd

Report:

-CONSENT: Dick McFall, Teresa Treat, and possibly others will prepare a tribute to Dick Bootzin for publication in an upcoming newsletter.

g. SSCP collaboration with APCS re Delaware Project – Michelle Craske

Report: Nothing to report

h. SSCP/APS Career Mentorship Database & "How Did I Get Here" video interview series – Bethany Teachman/Sara Bufferd

Report:

1. Career Mentorship Database – Bethany Teachman
-Nothing to report

2. How did I get here video series Report – Sara Bufferd

-CONSENT: Please let me know if you know anyone that may be a good addition to the video project so we can add videos to broaden the range of the types of career paths we cover.

i. Diversity initiatives – Ben Hankin/David Rosmarin

Report:

-CONSENT: This month, the diversity committee designed a strategy to capitalize on the potentially high-profile SSCP-sponsored panel at APS next May. Specifically, we will be doing an outreach and marketing campaign to diversity-focused groups in clinical psychology (e.g., Division 12, Section 5) as well as CUDCP to notify others about the program. The broader hope is that this will send a message that alongside our core values, SSCP is committed to diversity science and welcomes scholars from diverse backgrounds. We also discussed approaching Alan Kazdin to assess whether there may be interest in pulling together a small special issue of Clinical Psychological Science based on brief reports from the 4 talks in the panel (Ben Hankin will be following up with Mitch Prinstein about how to proceed). In other news, Joye Anestis agreed to head our communications/media sub-committee and created a schedule of Diversity Committee members who will locate appropriate media posts and contribute to the Diversity Corner column in the quarterly SSCP newsletter. Relatedly, Susan Lin identified a brief video featuring our very own Joe Gone regarding cultural competency, and she wrote a Tweet about it as well - this will serve as our first media post for the SSCP website.

j. Committee on Science in Practice –Jackie Persons/Bethany Teachman

Report:

1. CONSENT: The Committee on Science in Practice met on Dec 2, and Bethany attended for the first half of the meeting in her role as board liaison, and we got very useful input to help us continue to think about steps we might take to move forward to establish a virtual journal club that would help clinicians learn about findings in the scientific literature that have clinical application. We are still in the information collection and brainstorming stages of this project.

2. DISCUSS (added by Bethany): David Tolin raised an interesting possible collaboration...

“We want more outcome research being done. Not just on cbt but on everything. And we want effectiveness research in real world settings. So... What if D12/SSCP offered an outcome research consultation service? You're at a community mental health center and you want to study your outcomes, so you call us and we walk you through the process, soup to nuts. Maybe we charge a fee, maybe not.”
-we could consider charging on a sliding fee basis, so people are not turned away bc of no funds
-Jackie suggested focusing the consultation on research of all sorts that clinicians might want to conduct in their clinical setting. Clinicians are ideally suited to carry out single case studies and process-outcome studies of mechanism...

-We are scheduled to have a call to discuss this idea on Dec. 16. At this stage, just want to hear ideas from the Board and general level of interest.

The Board was enthusiastic about this idea. A plan would be needed to ensure that students who may assist as consults could get appropriate supervision (e.g., pair a senior scientist with 1-2 graduate students). A first step may be a needs-based assessment to determine whether this type of consultation would be requested by anyone, and whether folks would be interested in paying.

k. Committee on International Dissemination and Implementation of Clinical Science – James Maddux/Bethany Teachman

Report:

-CONSENT: I am still waiting for more detailed information (that cannot be found on their websites) on the clinical programs I've been in touch with in Portugal and Romania. As I've said before, things move slowly in these countries and people ignore emails for weeks and often don't respond at all until you email them a second or third time. But I will keep trying.

l. Public Education and Media Committee – Scott Lilienfeld/Mitch Prinstein

Report:

-CONSENT: Dean, along with help from a few of us, put together an excellent piece on CBT in reaction to a silly article in the U.K. Dean and I plan on putting together a more proactive piece on why people are drawn to ineffective therapies, ideally for a popular outlet.

m. Clinical Science Education Resources and Advocacy Mike and Joye Anestis/Mitch Prinstein & Lauren Alloy & Rosanna Breaux

Report:

-CONSENT: Our committee roster includes: Joye & Mike Anestis - Co-Chairs, Mitch Prinstein, Lauren Alloy, Dean McKay, Gerald Davidson, Jed Siev, Rosanna Breaux, Eugene Botanov. We'll be having our initial conference call on Monday 12/15, with more formal calls beginning in January.

III. Awards and Grants

a. Student Dissertation Awards - Lauren Alloy

Report:

-DISCUSS: We received 21 nominations for this award and the Comm. members (Hankin, Prinstein, McLaughlin, and me) are supposed to have ratings of the 10 or 11 applications they were assigned to me on Dec. 15. My ratings are done and I'm waiting for the ratings from the rest of the comm. members. Based on the ratings, I'll select the top 8-10 applications and assign those to additional comm. members to get to a top 5 winners. I will send the other comm. members a reminder on Dec. 8 to get their ratings in by the 15th.

The Board decided to give 6 awards this year, pending approval from Stew (as treasurer).

b. Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant (due March 31) – Matt Lerner/Bethany Teachman

Report:

-DISCUSS: The SSCP Varda Shoham Clinical Science Training Initiative Committee met to discuss a revamping of the application process to ensure prioritization three core domains (integration of science & practice, innovation in clinical science training, and value-added contribution) and fair distribution among them. There was much vociferous discussion on the best way to do this, and the Committee ultimately agreed on an experiment in which three separate application "tracks" would be created, with applicants self-selecting the track that best represents the unique strength of their individual application. The revised application guidelines have been submitted to the Board for consideration.

The Board liked the idea of listing the different tracks, and will look over the revised application guidelines over next couple days to offer edits.

c. Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award (due Feb 1) – Lauren Alloy

Report: No report submitted.

d. Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (due March 1) – Michelle Craske

Report: Nothing to report

e. Distinguished Scientist Award (due October 31) – Bethany Teachman

Report:

-CONSENT: Stephen Hinshaw was notified of the award and invited to give an award address at the upcoming APS convention in May.

IV. New Business

a. Advocate for stronger role for science in EBP definition and implementation – Bethany Teachman/Mitch Prinstein

-DISCUSS: Steve Breckler will be leaving his position as executive director of APA's Science Directorate. Howard Kurtzman will be the acting director. We should consider how we want to move forward to try to encourage the promotion and dissemination of the new APA Treatment Guidelines as an opportunity to simultaneously promote implementation of the EBP definition in a way that emphasizes the empirical support 'leg of the stool'. Will be helpful to talk with Steve Hollon about strategies, given his roles with SSCP and the Treatment Guidelines taskforce.

Steve Hollon will look for opportunities to integrate promotion of EBP science-focused implementation with the plans for dissemination of the treatment guidelines.

b. APA CE Approval Committee – Bethany Teachman/Mitch Prinstein

-Nothing to report.

c. Response to NIMH Strategic Plan– Bethany Teachman/Mitch Prinstein

-UPDATE: The call with Tom Insel and NIMH leadership was useful, and we were able to get ~10 groups to sign on to our public comment. We are discussing next steps, including using the media and gathering data on changes in funding for psychosocial research over time.

d. SSCP web site management/transition – Evan Kleiman/Stew Shankman

-CONSENT: I'll be doing some maintenance on the membership part of the website later in the month, afterwards we should have all of the membership information accessible (e.g., demographics, APA/div12 membership info, etc.). The international and multi-year discounts are ready to be advertised. We're working on finalizing the emails to go out to those who have lapsed with last payments in 2011 and 2012.

V. Preparation for December and January tasks (from notes at end of this document):

December:

Selection of Student Dissertation Award winners (Chair of Dissertation Awards Committee, with/without Board input, depending on number and quality of submissions).

Announce Student Dissertation Award winners to winners and membership (President)

Submit APA Program (major time blocks only; details due in mid-late January) (President-Elect, Division 12 Representative)

Reminder to full and student members to renew membership (Membership Committee in conjunction with Secretary-Treasurer)

Prepare tax forms for Div 12 office (due early Jan) (Secretary/Treasurer)

Call for nominations for Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (Past-President)

January:

Transfer of office - Jan. 1

Submit tax forms to Div 12 office (deadline early in Jan) (Secretary/Treasurer)

Attend Division 12 meeting (Div. 12 representative)

Send reminder to full and student members to renew membership (Membership Committee in conjunction with Secretary/Treasurer; Student Listserv Facilitator or Student Reps to send a general reminder to the student listserv)

Send reminder on deadline for submission of posters for APS; determine which posters are accepted. Notify submitters of their acceptance/rejection. Students need to be SSCP members to submit poster (SSCP representative to APS program committee)

Constitute committee for Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award so that evaluation of applications for the award can begin immediately after February 1 (selected Member-at-Large)

Publicize Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award to solicit nominations for March 1 deadline

Form committee for Varda Shoham Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant and publicize grant to listservs (send monthly reminder)

Review list of committees to check whether Chairs and committee members want to continue in positions or need to be replaced. Update list of SSCP officers on web site. (President)

Yearly Round Reminders 6-27-14 Update

***Key:** Item (person responsible)*

Recurring throughout year

Newsletter submission and publication dates (Newsletter Editor, President, Secretary/Treasurer)

Monthly Board call

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February

February 1 – Deadline for receipt of applications for nominations for Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award

Order plaque for Distinguished Scientist Award winner (to be given at APS or APA) (Secretary/Treasurer)

Request \$500.00 tax contingency from Lynn Peterson at Division 12 office. This could be done in other months, but Feb-March is modal. (Sec-Treas or Div. 12 rep)

Constitute committee for Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award so that evaluation of applications for the award can begin immediately after March 1 (Past-President)

Select winner of Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award (Committee)

Notify a) winner of Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award by end of month, asking him or her to send his or her social security number and home address to secretary/treasurer so payment can be processed; (b) nominators of unsuccessful candidates; (c) SSCP membership about the selected Awardee (President)

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March

March 1 – Deadline for receipt of applications for nominations for Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award

Select judges, including at least one Board member, for student poster awards competition at APS meeting (end of May) (SSCP representative to APS program committee)

Confirm that poster presenters are SSCP members (SSCP representative to APS program committee)

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March 31 - Varda Shoham Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant applications due (Committee)

April

Confirm receipt of Division 12 \$500.00 tax contingency that was requested in February and follow-up with Div 12 if necessary (Secretary-Treasurer)

Remind “lapsed” members to renew for current year (membership committee in conjunction with Secretary-Treasurer)

Remind “lapsed” student members to renew for current year (Student listserv manager, student representatives)

Plan Board mtg at APS – timing and setting of meeting, invite award winners, arrange for plaques, plan dinner (President)

Select winners of Varda Shoham Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant. Notify winners, SSCP treasurer and those not selected. Announce winners to listserv and post on web site (Committee)

May

APS – 1) select Student Poster presentations awardees (SSCP representative to APS program committee and selected reviewers). The winner(s) receives \$200 and “Distinguished Contributions” receive \$100. A year complimentary membership in APS is also awarded to “Winner(s)” and those making “Distinguished Contributions,” including all student co-authors on these posters. The number of such awardees is at the discretion of the reviewers, with the limitations that there is at least one winner. The total amount of cash awarded has varied from \$500-\$1,500.

2) Present SSCP Distinguished Scientist Award (optional) (President)

3) Present Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (optional) (President)

4) Present Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award (optional) (President)

Meeting of SSCP Board and Annual Meeting of Members at APS convention (optional)

If the Annual Meeting of Members is conducted at the APS convention, SSCP Dissertation Award Winners are presented their certificates during that meeting. If winners are not in attendance, their certificates are mailed to them (Dissertation Award Committee Chair or President)

Check SSCPnet subscribers against membership list and unsubscribe persons who have not paid membership dues (Secretary/Treasurer, Chair of Membership Committee, with Listserv Manager)

Update student listserv – remove those with lapsed memberships and those who have graduated from the listserv (Student listserv manager, student representatives)

Appoint a nominations committee (President in consultation with the Past-President). The Past-President serves as Chair and the remaining members typically are two full members and one graduate student member.

Begin consideration of nominees for open Board positions (Past-President, Nominations Committee, Board)

June

Call for nominations for open Board positions (Past-President).

July

No action items

August

Meeting of SSCP Board and Annual Meeting of Members at APA convention (optional)

APA – 1) If the Annual Meeting of Members was not conducted at the APS convention, SSCP Dissertation Award Winners may be presented their certificates during the Division 12 Awards Presentation/Social Hour. If dissertation award winners are not in attendance, their certificates are mailed to them. If they decline to travel to the APA Convention, then winners of the SSCP Student Posters Competition can receive their certificates at this awards presentation ceremony. Awardees can present posters at this meeting. (Dissertation Award Committee Chair, SSCP Representative to APS Program Committee or President) (see December)

2) Present SSCP Distinguished Scientist Award (optional) (President)

3) Present Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (optional) (President)

September

Select APA Program Chair and start work on program for upcoming year (President-Elect)

NOTE: Find out number of hours allotted from Lynn Peterson or D12 Rep.

Nominations for offices determined (Past-President and Nominations Committee)

Attend Div. 12 meeting (Div. 12 rep)

Select Chair of Student Dissertation Awards Committee (President)

Call for nominations for Distinguished Scientist Award Winner (President) - see description on SSCP web site

Call for nominations for Student Dissertation Awards; November deadline (President appoints the Chair of Dissertation Awards Committee). NOTE: Students need to be SSCP members.

Recruit new graduate students as members; contact DCTs of Academy Programs and on CUDCP listserv to encourage them to have their new students join SSCP (Membership Committee; Secretary/Treasurer reminds Membership Committee)

Discuss/decide whether to hold the next Annual Meeting of Members at APS or APA.

October

Elections (Past President)

Notify candidates and members of outcome (President)

Call for submissions for student posters at APS (President)

First reminder to full and student members to renew membership (Membership Committee; Sec/Treas. sends current database to Membership Cmte.; Student Listserv Facilitator or Student Reps also send general reminder over Student Listserv)

Reminder: Call for nominations for Distinguished Scientist Award Winner (President)

After October 31: Selection of Distinguished Scientist Award Winner (Board)

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November

Deadline for Student Dissertation Awards nominations

Collect schedules from Board members and determine time for monthly Board meeting calls in new year (President-Elect)

Submit Div. 12 year-end report (Div. 12 rep)

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