

Notes from SSCP Board Call

Time and Date: Wednesday January 22, 2:00-3:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone)

Board members present: Bethany Teachman (President, bteachman@virginia.edu); Michelle Craske (Past President, craske@psych.ucla.edu); Mitch Prinstein (President-elect, mitch.prinstein@unc.edu); Stewart Shankman (Secretary-Treasurer, stewarts@uic.edu); Lauren Alloy (Member at Large, lalloy@temple.edu); Ben Hankin (Member at Large, ben.hankin@psy.du.edu); Doug Mennin (Representative to Div 12, dmennin@hunter.cuny.edu); Sara Bufferd (Newsletter Editor, SBufferd@csusm.edu); Rosanna Breaux (Student Representative, rbleaux@psych.umass.edu).

Board members absent: Victoria Smith (Student Representative, vsmith@umd.edu)

CONSENT ITEMS

Past Month Financial Highlights

Expenses: none

Income: dues from Division 12 (+\$2286.00), dues from Division 12 (+\$130.00),

Pending: 5 dissertation award winners (+\$2500...plus \$1500 [total] if we agree to help pay for their travel to APS).

Bank Balance on 1/16/14: \$29,346.48

Notes: I sent Div12 our tax stuff for 2013 on January 8th and they confirmed receipt. We're all good with that. In case people are curious....our bank balance on Jan 1, 2013 was \$28,602.04 and our balance on Dec 31, 2013 was \$29,216.48 (a tiny increase of only 2% over the course of a year). I think this stability is a good sign.

External Nominations Committee

Ben Hankin will serve as the 2014 chair of the External Nominations Committee.

**please email Ben names for folks to join his committee

Post Doc Listserve

We recently completed a listserv Q&A regarding postdoc positions. Discussants included those who currently are completing/have completed a range of postdocs: research postdoc funded through a PI's lab, research postdoc funded on an institutional T32 grant and/or their own F32 grant, clinical postdoc, VA or other military-funded postdoc, postdoc at NIH, and someone who skipped postdoc and went straight to a faculty position. For the Q&A, we collected questions from student members and then distributed these questions to the discussants to comment on independently. Answers were compiled anonymously (at the request of several discussants) before posting them as a resource on both our listserv and website.

Division 12

Doug will attend the D12 board meeting in Ft Myers on the last weekend of January.

Newsletter

Submissions for the Winter 2014 newsletter (due out around mid to late February) have been coming in. I already have our student submissions and one early career piece; I am waiting on one more early career piece which should arrive by the Jan 20 deadline for submission.

**I still need the following reports, ideally before Jan 24 when I start to put the newsletter together:

-Stew: Treasurer's report

-Doug: Div 12 report

-Victoria and Rosanna: Student report

-We are planning to incorporate a clinically-oriented column geared toward practitioners in future newsletters. See New Business below.

Delaware Project

The Delaware Project Team (Marc Atkins, Michelle Craske and Ryan Beveridge) meets monthly, and has accomplished the following: (1) confirmed financial contributions from SSCP (\$2000) and APCS (\$6000)

to fund a 50% RA position at the University of Delaware to oversee, manage and update the DP Website; a search is currently underway, (2) developed a survey for APSC clinical psychology graduate programs to identify their needs and the resources they have available and are willing to share for training in implementation science – the survey will be circulated shortly, (3) requested three graduate students from their own programs to join the Delaware Project Team.

SSCP/APS Job Mentorship Database Update – Bethany Teachman

The site appears to be working well, but sign-ups by potential mentors are too slow. I will discuss this initiative in my Presidential column and will email the SSCP, ABCT & CUDCP list serves to try to get more participation. Please spread the word and encourage sign-ups as well.

APA CE credits

Dave Tolin, President of Div. 12 asked if SSCP would help them work on the problem of APA certifying non-evidence-based CE courses following APA's statement that "APA approval of a CE provider is not an endorsement of any particular course content or therapy technique." This was in response to Jerry Davison's inquiry about APA's certification of energy psychology CE offerings. A call has been set up among David Tolin (president of Div. 12), Dean McKay and Jon Abramowitz (current president and president-elect of ABCT), Mitch and I (as current president and president-elect of SSCP) and Jerry Davison for Jan. 24th to discuss whether it makes sense to do a coordinated effort in response to this issue. Mitch and I will update the Board following that call, and solicit input on possible courses of action.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Student Listserv Facilitator Opening

We have begun recruitment for a new student listserv facilitator, but have not yet received as much interest as we would have anticipated. Does the Board know of any students that may be interested in serving in this position? If so, we can send information about the position to the student to see if they are interested.

****Rosanna will send info to the board for broader dissemination.**

SSCP Student Poster Reviewers

Victoria and Sarah have been working closely with Tom Olino throughout the review process. To date, we have posted information as well as reminders about the award on the main SSCP listserv, the Student SSCP listserv, Facebook and Twitter. As of 1/11/14, we have received a total of 14 submissions. We would like to increase awareness of the award and promote more submissions. Thus we were wondering if the board had any other suggestions as to how best to publicize the award. For example, would it be appropriate to post information about the award on the ABCT listserv. Although only SSCP members qualify to apply for the award, this could encourage students to sign up for SSCP and bring greater awareness of SSCP at the student-level.

****will publicize more broadly, including the ABCT list serve**

Task Force to examine affiliation of SSCP with APA – Mitch Prinstein

The task force includes Scott Lilienfeld, Ken Sher, Lee Anna Clark, Doug Mennin, and Victoria Smith. The committee began its discussions thinking about how to change the conversation from one that is reactive and emotionally-driven to one that is focused on strategic, planful discussions to address SSCP's needs and future aims. There also was discussion regarding ongoing communication with the membership regarding this task force's process and progress, and we will insure there are ongoing opportunities for the membership to provide input.

Diversity initiatives

Is there a volunteer on the Board who would be willing to work on this issue, or should we invite participation via the list serve or target a particular individual? Does the group have ideas about what we can do to make our membership more diverse? We need some baseline data! Stew or Dave, do you have info on the age, gender, nationality, racial and ethnic diversity of our membership?

****Division 12 has an initiative that will offer an opportunity for SSCP to offer input. Doug will solicit ideas for how Division 12 would like us to help and send them to Bethany.**

Awards and Grants

Student Dissertation Award (Chair of Committee – Jason Prenoveau)

The committee selected 5 winners. They have been notified and Michelle announced the winners on the list serve. They will be invited to APS to receive their plaque at our Board meeting at the conference. In addition, one of the Student Dissertation Award winners, Katie L Burkhouse, has agreed to be the SSCP rep presenting a poster at the Division 12 social hour at the APA conference in August. In prior years, we have offered the students \$300 each to help cover their travel expenses to attend the APS convention to receive their award. Stew has said the budget can accommodate the (max.) \$1500 expense should all 5 choose to attend. Please note if you feel we need to discuss this approval; otherwise, Stew will let the winners know about this opportunity for travel support should they attend APS.

Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant (due March 1) – Bethany Teachman

Doug Mennin, Lea Dougherty, Matt Lerner, and Rosanna Breaux have all agreed to serve on the grant review cmt. The announcement soliciting proposals has been sent to a number of list serves, posted on the web site, and will appear in the upcoming SSCP newsletter. One of our prior grant winners, Jason Washburn from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, wrote that they would be returning the SSCP Clinical Scientist Training Initiative grant money (\$1500) because they were able to execute the project without using the funds. I propose that this money be reallocated for the grant, so we can offer 3 awards this year (as we have in the past), rather than only 2 awards (as we did last year).

***Returned funds from Jason Washburn will be reapplied to this fund.**

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

Nominations for the Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Award are due in to Michelle Craske by February 1, 2014. Michelle will then forward all of the nominees' materials to Lauren Alloy, Chair of the Selection Committee. According to the Award Guidelines, we need two additional members of the SSCP Board to join Lauren as the Award Selection Committee. Thus, we should select these additional Board members at this SSCP Board phone meeting. Once the Selection Comm. is formed, we will follow the guidelines and select a winner during the month of February.

****Ben and Mitch volunteered to help**

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

Michelle will publicize the award to solicit nominations.

New Business: Reaching out to clinicians

I'd like SSCP to do more to reach out to clinical scientists who are working as practitioners. As one step along those lines, Sara and I would like to incorporate a column geared toward practitioners in the newsletter (akin to the early career column that has been added). Sara will solicit contributors (though she would appreciate recommendations) and invite them to contribute articles. Possible topics include articles on the scientist-practitioner gap from a clinician's perspective, tips on being an effective clinical scientist in practice (e.g., how to incorporate outcome assessment in private practice), or a topic of their choosing. More generally, I had a helpful discussion with a friend and colleague who works in private practice (Kim Wilson, who is a former Dianne Chambliss student) about what she felt SSCP could offer that would be helpful for science-oriented practitioners. Of course, it's just 1 person's input, but she had a number of helpful ideas. She proposed that one service we might provide to practitioners who want to stay up-to-date with the science but find that hard to do would be to provide a monthly list of ~5 treatment or assessment-relevant articles that they could use in their practice. The idea would be to choose articles that were quite applied, or could be readily translated. Given one barrier for practitioners is access to the published literature (if no longer affiliated with an institution that holds subscriptions, the articles are prohibitively expensive), we could potentially choose articles that are open access and/or just ask the

authors to send us the last non-typeset version of the manuscript, because I believe we can post that version legally. We could then create a mini library on the web site featuring important advances in clinical care. Other ideas included an online journal club for practitioners, akin to the one hosted by the student list serve. (I'd want to see if there was actually interest in this, but she felt there likely would be.) She also noted that the language on our web site was currently not very inclusive of practitioners, so that will be something to review. It might also make sense to do a survey of clinicians' needs if we want to more seriously reach out to this group. She also brought up the possibility of workshops, which were also mentioned recently by Timothy Miller on the SSCP list serve.

There are clearly lots of potential directions – my questions for the group at this stage include: a) is the Board interested in trying to do more to reach this part of our constituency; b) is everyone happy for Sara to work on incorporating a clinically-oriented column into the newsletter; c) would it make sense to appoint a committee that focuses on how SSCP can better meet the needs of practitioners, and if so, who might we ask to chair it?

****Adding a column in the newsletter; soliciting very relevant journal articles, collaborating with other associations all were raised as good ideas for moving this initiative forward.**

****Several names were suggested for Chair and members of this committee.**

New Business: SSCP Task Force Statement on Prescribing Privileges (RxP)

Elaine Heiby has asked that we re-post the 2001 SSCP Task Force Statement on Prescribing Privileges (RxP) to the SSCP web site.

****The Board noted that the topic is extremely important, but decided that SSCP would not re-post the statement at this time. One concern is that the statement would need to be revised given how dated it is and a new poll of membership would be required, so this would require some investment of time and resources. The Board felt that our resources were better allocated elsewhere at this time. However, we will plan to assess members' evaluation of the current importance and support of this issue in an upcoming members' poll.**

New Business: Board nominee for award

A situation has come up where someone who is currently on the board has been nominated for one of our awards. How do we want to handle this (concern is that we don't want to penalize someone for serving on the Board but we also don't want to appear to be showing favoritism...)?

****It was decided that current board member cannot be considered for awards while they are serving. Nominations of current board members can be deferred and reconsidered when the board member's term ends.**

DID NOT DISCUSS

New Business: Communications rep

When there was so much activity on the list serve at the end of last year, we discussed the idea of having a Communications rep who could help make sure the Board was aware of the concerns raised on the list serve and help make sure the membership was updated on our current work (e.g., they would add and maintain a "Current initiatives" link on the web site). Is this something we still want/need, and if so, do we have a volunteer from the Board or do we want to invite someone for this role? The alternative is that we don't appoint someone, but all take more initiative to regularly report to the membership on our efforts and solicit feedback.

New Business: Note from Cynthia Belar, Executive Director of APA's Education Directorate

Following our response on the list serve, we received the following email from Cynthia:

"With respect to your initiatives for SSCP, I wanted to tell you that we recently launched live webinars and video on demand programs for grad programs. We had one on competencies for primary care last week and one on report writing in November. One that is available free until the end of the year is on the ICD and yet another one is on QI methods by Bill Donohue. These are all part of the APA Online Academy for which we are experimenting with models for grad ed that are different than the usual CE model.

We would welcome exploring co-sponsorship by SSCP on specific programs related to evidence

based practice. Thus far our topics have been quite generic, but we are committed to dissemination of ESTs to grad ed programs and those goals seem compatible with our section and your goals. Let me know if you want to talk more about this idea. As I said, although we have done a couple already, this initiative is "in development".

I don't have any other info on this right now, but am sharing it with the group to see whether there is interest in us gathering more info, and to ask for a reminder about how we left our discussion about SSCP getting involved in CE workshops at the Board mtg held in May at the last APS.

Yearly Round Reminders 1-10-14 Update

Key: Item (person responsible)

Recurring throughout year

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

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

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)
Order plaque for Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award (to be given at APS or APA) (Secretary/Treasurer)

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)
Select winner of Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (Committee)
Notify Winner of Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor 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)
Order plaque for Lawrence H. Cohen Outstanding Mentor Award (to be given at APS or APA) (Secretary/Treasurer)

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)

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)

Call for nominations for following year's Distinguished Scientist Award (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 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)
Selection of Distinguished Scientist Award Winner (Board)
Notify (a) winner of Distinguished Scientist Award, 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 winner (President)

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)

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)
Invite the Dissertation Award winners, in order until one accepts, to present a poster at the Division 12 Social Hour. If none are going to APA, invite APS poster competition winners and then Distinguished Contributions, again in order until one accepts. If there still are no takers, invite the SSCP student reps. (President-Elect)
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)