

Notes from SSCP Board Call

Time and Date: Wednesday March 19, 2:00-3:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone)

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Board members present: Bethany Teachman (President, bteachman@virginia.edu); Michelle Craske (Past President, craske@psych.ucla.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, rbreaux@psych.umass.edu).

Board members absent: Victoria Smith (Student Representative, vsmith@umd.edu); Mitch Prinstein (President-elect, mitch.prinstein@unc.edu)

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

DISCUSS: The group discussed different ways we might honor Varda Shoham's many contributions to clinical science. The group elected to name the clinical science training grant program in her honor, and we will invite a close friend/colleague of Varda's to write a piece on her life and work for the SSCP newsletter. Further, Bethany will talk to Alan Kraut about options for a symposium in her honor at APS, for either this year or next.

II. Reports

a. Secretary/Treasurer – Stew Shankman

Report:

CONSENT: Past Month Financial Highlights

-Expenses: Two SCP (Div. 12) processing fees of our dues/paperwork (-\$431.47; -\$119.55); five dissertation winners (\$500 x 5=\$2500); SSCP early career award (\$-1000.00)

-Income: two dues checks from SCP (\$170.00, \$1575.00); returned check from Northwestern for their institutional award (\$1500)

-Pending: 5 dissertation award winners travel to APS (-\$1500); Delaware project (-\$2000...Michelle. No one has contacted me about that yet.)

-Bank Balance on 3/13/2014: \$32,012.96

Notes:

-CONSENT: Tom Olin (list manager for the SSCP listserv) and I compared the list of folks whose dues were up to date with those signed up for the listserv. The lists of people who were on one but not the other were quite long. Tom contacted the listserv members whose dues weren't up to date to let them know to renew so they don't get removed. I contacted the several hundred people whose dues were up to date and who were not signed up for the listserv. I reminded people that they had to OPT IN to join the listserv. According to Tom, many people did, so that was time well spent.

-CONSENT: I contacted the person who makes our award plaques (Yogi Morgan) and sent the names of the distinguished scholar and early career winners. Once I know the mentor award winner, I'll send her that. She said that this would give her plenty of time to have the plaques ready by APS.

-DISCUSS: This May, I'm going to look into changing how our membership data are stored and our dues are collected. There are various issues with the procedures and systems now and we're going to give a serious look into the costs and benefits of switching from having the Division 12 office manage this to us managing this on another website and with another company. More on this in the coming year...

b. Membership Issues – Dave Smith

Report:

-CONSENT: As noted above, Dave, Stew and Bethany spoke about options to switch to a new membership data and payment system to more easily manage membership sign-ups and give us more flexibility.

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

Report:

-CONSENT: External nominations committee has nominated outstanding candidates for a variety of APA committees. Currently, we are seeking input and suggestions on other awards and committees for whom we can nominate excellent clinical scientists.

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

Report:

-CONSENT: Student Listserv Facilitator. We have a new listserv facilitator, Andrea Niles. She will be responsible for facilitating discussion among students on the listserv.

-DISCUSS: SSCP Student Poster Judges. We are working closely with Tom Olino to select judges for the SSCP Student Poster Competition. We have 78 accepted posters, and were thinking of recruiting 5-6 judges. We were wondering whether any members of the board would be interested in volunteering as a judge.

-Sara and Bethany will serve as judges, Stew is a maybe, and Bethany emailed with Tom Olino about inviting a handful more judges.

-We have also begun the process to check whether poster presenters are SSCP members. Of the 78 accepted posters, only 29 were student members. We are currently working with APS to obtain the email addresses of the 49 non-members to encourage them to become members.

-DISCUSS: Student Spotlight Award. We would like to implement a new student award, if the board approves it. The award would feature/spotlight one outstanding graduate student in clinical psychology in each newsletter. One student would be selected based upon his/her interest in clinical psychology and their contributions to the field. They would be recognized in the SSCP newsletter. We have written up a draft of guidelines for the award (see attached). We had a few questions, including what the title of the award should be, how many students could receive the award, who would be involved in selecting recipients of the award, and timeline of nominations. We were also hoping to get feedback from the board on the guidelines (over email would be fine).

-The group offered suggestions about how to target the award, and a decision was made to offer one award per newsletter, with one focused on excellence in research, one on service/clinical work, and one on teaching.

-CONSENT: Student Journal Club. In response to our Journal Club Interest Survey, only 9 students expressed interest in participating in the journal club, with only 3 saying they were willing to present an article. There seemed to be a preference for doing the journal club over the summer, rather than in the spring. Therefore, we will resend the Journal Club Interest Survey in May in order to hopefully gain further interest in presenting and participating in the club.

- e. SCP (D12) Representative – Doug Mennin

Report:

-CONSENT: David Tolin requested names of SSCP members who might be interested in serving on the SCP CE committee. We suggested a couple of options.

- f. Newsletter Report – Sara Bufferd

Report:

CONSENT: I am preparing the Spring (May) issue. We have two early career contributors and two students planning to submit pieces, and a clinician planning to submit a piece for our first practitioner column. In addition, we will be receiving brief summaries from recipients of the SSCP Clinical Training Grant. I would like all submissions sent to me by mid-April. During our April call, it will be helpful to discuss names of possible early career individuals, students, and clinicians who may be able to provide submissions for issues in the upcoming year.

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

Report: Nothing to report (next meeting is March 18)

- h. SSCP/APS Job Mentorship Database Update – Bethany Teachman

Report:

-CONSENT: Bethany contacted Dick McFall to ask if he would send out an announcement to the DCTs of PCSAS-accredited programs requesting their alumni sign up as potential mentors. The announcement went out last week, so we will monitor how effectively that increases sign-ups.

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

Report:

CONSENT: The group continued to draft a sample list of potential future objectives and tasks that could be relevant for affiliation with APA. We scheduled meetings with Alan Kraut at APS and with legal counsel at APA to discuss future collaborations with APS and the APA “gag” order, respectively. Our call with Alan Kraut suggested that: a) APS remains extraordinarily committed towards SSCP and its objectives. They are willing to partner with us on a wide range of activities and initiatives with financial support, convention time, etc.; b) APS does not see our current affiliation with APA as a current or potential future impediment to ongoing collaboration with them; c) APS is not especially concerned with all of the policy matters that SSCP may wish to address, but can offer support to help us achieve our policy-related objectives in other potential ways. This would require further specifics and discussion, of course. The call with APA counsel will occur March 24th.

- j. Diversity initiatives – Stew Shankman/Doug Mennin/Bethany Teachman

Report:

-DISCUSS: Stew prepared a survey to assess various aspects of the diversity of the SSCP membership (e.g., age, race, ethnicity), and solicit interest in serving on a diversity committee and solicit ideas for possible SSCP diversity-oriented initiatives. Only about a third of the people responded to this survey (184 out of 545). This response rate is a bit low, but the data are pretty clear that we need to do more to increase the diversity of our membership. Approx. 20 people noted a willingness to serve on a diversity committee. The Board needs to discuss how we would like to form a committee, the committee’s primary objectives, and establish who will chair the committee.

-Bethany will email those who mentioned interest in participating on a diversity committee to ask them to send in their CVs so we can form a committee with some diverse background and interest in the area.

- k. Reaching out to clinicians – Bethany Teachman/Jackie Persons

Report:

-CONSENT: Jackie is inviting people to serve on the committee.

III. Awards and Grants

- a. Student Dissertation Award (Chair of Committee – TBA)

Report: Nothing to report

- b. Clinical Scientist Training Initiative Grant (due March 31) – Bethany Teachman

Report:

-CONSENT: The grant has been advertised on a variety of list serves and submissions are due at the end of the month.

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

Report:

-CONSENT: The Committee (Ben Hankin, Mitch Prinstein, and me) reviewed 7 truly outstanding candidates for this award and had a very tough decision. We selected Kate McLaughlin as the first winner of this award. Kate and her nominators were notified by me. The nominators of all the other candidates were also notified by me and many were encouraged to nominate their candidates again in a subsequent year. The award was announced to SSCP members by Bethany. Kate will receive her award at the May APS meeting.

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

Report:

-CONSENT: The committee received 7 applications, which are currently being rated, with a final decision expected by Friday March 21st.

IV. New Business

a. Upcoming APS convention

-DISCUSS: Bethany spoke with Alan Kraut at APS and he has agreed that we can administer the Distinguished Scientist, Outstanding Mentor, and Early Career Research Awards during the APS awards ceremony, though presentations need to be brief. Bethany proposed that the Student Dissertation Award winners have their awards presented at the start of the SSCP Presidential Address. We need to work out who is inviting the various award winners to APS.

-Bethany will invite the award winners to attend the relevant award ceremonies and will present the awards at APS.

-DISCUSS: Bethany spoke with Nathalie at APS to obtain scheduling info for the SSCP events and Board meeting. Also, given the very sad news about Varda Shoham's death, her position as the SSCP program chair at APS needs to be filled. (Note, the SSCP program chair position is distinct from running the SSCP poster session, which is being led by Tom Olino, with Victoria, and Rosanna.)

-Bethany will invite someone to take Varda's place as the SSCP program chair for APS.

Timing for the SSCP events at APS is:

SSCP Board Meeting, 8:00-10:00 AM

SSCP Posters, Poster Session III, 10:00-11:00 AM

SSCP Distinguished Scientist Award Address, 3:00-3:50 PM

SSCP Presidential Address, 4:00-4:50 PM

(Note, the Clinical science forum will occur on Thursday and there will be other clinical science symposium on Saturday as well. Timing for these other events to be announced later.)

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

-DISCUSS: As noted in the recent posting to the SSCP list serve, a statement was submitted to the APA Office of Continuing Education and to Cynthia Belar, jointly signed by the Boards of SSCP, ABCT, Division 12, and Jerry Davison. The APA CE committee members noted that our concerns and statement would be discussed at their April meeting. We will follow up then to evaluate how we can most effectively contribute to the CE re-evaluation process.

c. SSCP Response to COA Proposed Changes – Bethany Teachman/Mitch Prinstein

-CONSENT: SSCP may want to encourage the membership to comment on particular aspects of the COA proposed changes that we see as key to promoting science-based training. Given Mitch is not able to be on this call, we will postpone this discussion to the April board meeting. At that time, we will discuss key issues identified in the CUDCP summary of changes (which we will circulate prior to the Board mtg. - please read in advance), and consider to what extent we want to make specific recommendations.

d. Updated Division 12 website – Doug Mennin/Bethany Teachman

-DISCUSS: Division 12 is preparing to update its web site and would like more input from the sections. For instance, they will have a new “Clinical Bulletin” section that is designated for briefs written for the public and/or other members on various topics related to clinical psychology. These can be short, 1-2 page articles. These can be sponsored by a Section and present information that is relevant to that section. They would like us to sign up for a month to feature an SSCP article. Any volunteers to write a brief article, or ideas for topics?

-Doug will follow up on this to determine what role, if any, SSCP needs to take.

e. Communications rep – Bethany Teachman

-DISCUSS: Last year, we briefly 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. I am leaning toward this latter option, but want to check with the Board.

-The group decided that a formal communications rep is not needed, but we will all make an effort to communicate our work routinely to the membership and solicit feedback.

f. Adding an International Outreach committee to SSCP – Bethany Teachman

-DISCUSS: I would like to start a discussion of how SSCP can become more involved with dissemination of clinical science internationally (e.g., offering training and supervision in evidence-based approaches in regions where the practitioners typically have little opportunity to gain exposure to these approaches), and to consider opportunities to build more international connections and collaborations. For instance, Tom Ollendick and I (among others) participated in a trip to Romania organized by Jim Maddux where we presented workshops on evidence-based treatments to clinicians there. It was a remarkable experience, and while there are LOTS of logistical and funding challenges and open questions about how to support training efforts (and the follow-up, so the efforts can have some impact), I think there are also lots of opportunities. Jim has coordinated a series of these trips - if the Board agrees, I’d like to approach him about potentially partnering to grow his efforts and promote a ‘train the trainer’ approach. We have a large pool of potential presenters and supervisors among our membership, and I suspect APS might be able to provide some practical support on these efforts as well. At this stage, this is mostly just my ‘pie in the sky’ hope, but I’d like to hear from the Board whether there is support for investigating further and see if we can set up a committee.

-The Board liked the idea of looking into this further, so Bethany will contact Jim Maddux to determine his interest and hear his thoughts about ways to potentially work on these goals.

f. Discussion of SSCP Contributions to CE and other Education/Training Programs – Doug Mennin/Bethany Teachman

-DISCUSS: Periodically, SSCP considers if and how we want to be involved in CE and other education/training programming, either through Division 12’s efforts, or by doing our own independent programming, or by partnering with other APA initiatives (see email from Cynthia Belar below), etc. Clearly, we are interested in influencing the APA CE approval process, but our other interests (if any) are not as clearly articulated. It would be helpful to consider what our objectives are, both short- and long-term in this regard, so we can respond to these issues more strategically.

-Note from Cynthia Belar, Executive Director of APA’s Education Directorate. We received the following email from Cynthia a couple months ago:

“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".

-The Board decided that we will continue to push for change on the APA CE approval process and programming, and we will support others' efforts to develop strong clinical science programming (e.g., Division 12's programming), but we are not going to work toward creating our own CE programming at this stage.

Yearly Round Reminders 3-21-14 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 Distinguished Scientist Award Winner (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)

Call for nominations for Susan Nolen-Hoeksema Early Career Research Award (Committee)

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)

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