

Notes for SSCP Annual Meeting of Members

Time and Date: Friday May 25, 2012, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time Zone)

Participating Board Members: Rick Heimberg (President, heimberg@temple.edu); Michelle Craske (President Elect, craske@psych.ucla.edu); Varda Shoham (Past President, varda@email.arizona.edu); Dave Smith (Secretary-Treasurer, david.a.smith.367@nd.edu); Sherryl Goodman (Member at Large, psysg@emory.edu); Lea Dougherty (Newsletter Editor, ldougher@umd.edu); Kristy Benoit (Student Representative, benoit@vt.edu); Sara Stasik (Student Representative, sstasik@nd.edu).

Also attending: Howard Garb (Past President, SSCP Representative to the APS Program Committee, howard.garb@us.af.mil); Elizabeth Hayden (Membership Committee Member, ehayden@uwo.ca); Thomas Armstrong, Amanda Morrison, Matthew Rouse (2011 SSCP Dissertation Award Winners).

Board Members Not Participating in This Meeting: Bunmi Olatunji (Member at Large, olubunmi.o.olatunji@vanderbilt.edu); Doug Mennin (Representative to Div 12, dmennin@hunter.cuny.edu).

I. Review of /corrections to notes from previous meeting.

Minutes of the April, 2012, Board Meeting were reviewed.

- a. Notes were approved.
- b. The notes will be posted to the Website.

II. Reports

a. Secretary/Treasurer

BANK BALANCE 4/30/12: \$34,232.85

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

EXPENSES: Dissertation award (-\$500.00), credit card server (-\$17.25), stamps for Div12 (-64.00).

INCOME: Div12 tax contingency (+\$500.00), dues renewals (+\$290.00), interest (+\$3.65).

PENDING: newsletter software (-\$141.00), Distinguished Scientist Award plaque (-\$500.00), credit card server (-\$12.75), dissertation award certificates and mailing (-\$119.94), Distinguished Scientist Award financial award (-\$1,000.00), Training program awards (-\$6,000.00), SSCP student social at APS (up to -\$300), Travel for three award winners attending APS (up to -\$900 total).

NOTES

1. Upcoming APS expenses will include the Board dinner, up to \$900 travel expenses for dissertation award winners, and up to \$300 for the student social.

2. New Secretary-Treasurer election this fall. The past-president (Varda Shoham) is responsible for arranging nominations, etc., for this position (in addition to President-elect and Member at Large positions)

3. Addition to Yearly Rounds: "August: Request free one-year's APS membership and conference registration fee waivers for poster and dissertation award winners (via Alan Kraut, Executive Director) so respective Calls for awards submission can include this information (Secretary-Treasurer)." Rick Heimberg will ask Alan Kraut whether APS will provide these waivers on a permanent basis.

4. Three Year Summary: In 2010, SSCP balance increased by \$4,848.59. In 2011, SSCP increased various awards by \$5,000.00, and balance increased \$1,685.88. In 2012, we have increased awards by an additional \$2,700. Finances remain positive despite increased expenditures due to effective Membership Committee. There has been discussion of whether to include the Chair of the Membership Committee on the Board. Decision was to revisit this issue at a subsequent Board call.

b. Membership Issues – Rick Heimberg

i. The Membership Committee is in need of reconstruction. Elizabeth Hayden, who was expecting to take over the Chair position from Doug Mennin, has recently accepted a position with the Society for Research on Psychopathology that will prohibit her from also serving as Chair of the Membership Committee. Bob Knight is no longer active on the committee, and the student representative (Ashley Hart) has since graduated and cannot continue to serve as the student member. Several names were suggested, and a general request was made for the past or current Treasurer to be involved as a member or as a consultant to the Membership Committee. Elizabeth, Rick, and Doug will work on forming a new committee. Board members are encouraged to submit additional names for further consideration to Rick.

ii. Discussion of ways to increase SSCP membership:

1. urge faculty and students of Academy for Psychological Clinical Science programs to join SSCP once to twice per year;
2. place advertisement in *Clinical Psychological Science* (the new APS journal);
3. add links to SSCP membership on the Delaware Project website;
4. add links to SSCP membership on individual SSCP member websites

- c. *External Nominations Committee – Rick Heimberg presented report submitted by Bunmi Olatunji*
 - i. The Committee is identifying potential nominees for the APA Treatment Guideline panels for PTSD and Obesity.
- d. *Students' Website/Listserv/Other Issues – Kristy Benoit and Sara Stasik*
 - i. Student Social at APS: 33 students responded. The student representatives plan to use this event to discuss ongoing initiatives (listserve, website, Facebook page, and submissions to newsletter). They will publicize a student get-together at APA in conjunction with president of APA Div 12, Section 10.
 - ii. Internship committee
 - 1. A summary of results from the second Internship Survey was presented (see Topics for Discussion below)
 - iii. Outstanding Mentor Award: the draft guidelines for the award were distributed to student members for feedback; students were enthusiastic about the award; feedback was summarized by the student representatives and given to Rick Heimberg.
 - iv. Further development of student website and SSCP Facebook to contain more valuable resources
 - v. Students contacted Alies Muskin of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (now called the Anxiety and Depression Association of America) to discuss possible collaboration for early career and student development; possibility of a joint webinar between ADAA and SSCP
 - vi. Clinical Science Newsletter: students have submitted two articles highlighting initiatives for the year and progress; intend future articles to focus on student research or student perspectives and to invite other student members to contribute to the Newsletter
 - vii. Student membership: aim to make more progress on this by establishing a network of campus representatives and sending emails to relevant listserves, describing the benefits of SSCP student membership
 - viii. Student representatives will arrange for Fall ballots for a new student representative (position starts January 2013).
- e. *D12 Representative – Doug Mennin not present*
- f. *Newsletter Report – Lea Dougherty*
 - i. Upcoming newsletter items include the Delaware Project, internship crisis, and career development.

- g. Update on SSCP-APS Joint Initiative on Mentoring for nontraditional clinical science career paths – Rick Heimberg presented report submitted by Bethany Teachman*

Committee members: three representatives from APS (Sara Hitzig, APS Director of Membership, and Yvonne Asher and Tatyana Kholodkov, APS Student Caucus representatives) and three representatives from SSCP (Bethany Teachman, Sara Stasik and Becca Brock).

In collaboration with APS, SSCP is developing a new initiative to support job mentorship for our graduate students and post doctoral members. Specifically, this joint program is designed to connect psychological scientists working in non-traditional jobs with students looking beyond university departments of psychology for employment opportunities. The committee is developing a searchable database that will connect students with psychological scientists working in a variety of roles so the students can learn from the psychological scientists directly how they attained their jobs and what the jobs involve.

The goal for the initiative is to connect students wanting to learn about non-traditional psychological scientist jobs with people in those jobs. Over the past few months, the joint APS & SSCP committee has been working on developing and revising the web site and database materials. We have solicited feedback on our materials, and our next step will be to contact a list of “pilot mentors” that work in a broad range of psyc-science-relevant disciplines; we will contact these individuals to ask them to serve as an initial group of prospective mentors to test the system and insure that we have an adequate base of mentors before the program is launched more widely. Before taking this step though, we are working with the APS programmers to determine how to set up a beta version of the database.

- h. Update on Clinical Scientist Training Award Initiative - Rick Heimberg presented report submitted by Bethany Teachman*

Committee members: Bethany Teachman, Matthew Lerner, Matthew Nock, Julie Wetherell

SSCP ran the second annual “Clinical Scientist Training Initiative” grant program. Applications were invited for small, non-renewable grants for training programs at the predoctoral, internship, or postdoctoral levels to launch new projects or support ongoing initiatives designed to more effectively integrate science and practice into their training program. We received 36 proposals this year for the training grant, and four proposals were selected for funding. Each will receive \$1500 to support their project. Awardees will contribute a progress report to the Newsletter at completion of the year.

III. *Awards – Rick Heimberg*

- a. 7 Dissertation Awards were awarded: Certificates were presented to 3 awardees in attendance (Thomas Armstrong, Amanda Morrison, Matthew Rouse). Certificates for other winners (Joanna Chango, Debra Glick, Stephanie Rabin, Erin Ward-Ciesielski) have been mailed.
- b. Distinguished Scientist Award winner: William E. Pelham
- c. Clinical Scientist Training Award winners were announced:
 1. Mississippi State University Department of Psychology
Title: Disseminating and Measuring Empirically Supported Treatments in a Rural Area
 2. Center for Palliative Care at the James Cancer Hospital and Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University
Title: Inpatient psycho-oncology and palliative care distress screening: Utilizing technology to enhance screening, intervention, and outcomes assessment
 3. University of Rhode Island Department of Psychology
Title: Enhancing therapy and clinical training through evidence-based assessment of psychotherapy progress and outcomes: A three-pronged plan.
 4. Texas A&M University Psychology Clinic & Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program
Title: Marrying Clinical Practice & Research at Training Clinics: Real-Time Feedback on Client Psychotherapy Outcome

IV. *Topics for Discussions*

a. *SSCP relationship to APA and APS*

Rick Heimberg updated members present about the prior discussions and Board consensus for SSCP to remain affiliated with both organizations (APA and APS).

Points for further discussion were raised:

- a) should the membership be informed about the Board decision?
- b) should the membership be surveyed about their opinions?
- c) what is it that we would like APA to provide to SSCP?
- d) aim to develop a specific mission statement for activities within APA over the summer months.

b. *Internship Match Situation and the Role of the Internship in Clinical Science Training*

A summary of results from the second Internship Survey was provided (to be posted on SSCP member and student websites). This survey addressed

experiences with Phase II Match, as well as perceptions on the effectiveness and feasibility of several suggested potential solutions to the internship crisis, including solutions that had been suggested by previous respondents. N=501. Approximately 20% of postdoctoral fellows and interns did not match to an internship on their first application; the solution judged to be most effective (but least feasible) was to eliminate the predoctoral internship requirement; the solution judged to be most feasible was for a Phase II to match students who did not match during the initial phase, although this was regarded as only somewhat effective. Initial experience with this solution, which was implemented this year, was mixed.

c. Outstanding Mentorship Award

The Board approved this new award.

d. Treatment Guidelines Advisory Steering Committee – report by Michelle Craske

Michelle provided an overview of the mission of the APA Treatment Guidelines and the approach.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle G. Craske
President-Elect 2012, SSCP

Yearly Round Reminders
Key: Item (person responsible)

Recurring throughout year

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

Liaison to APA Science Directorate reports

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 renew membership (Membership Committee)

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

February

Order plaque for Distinguished Scientist Award winner (to be given at APS or APA) (Secretary/Treasurer). If it's done this month, the order will be complete in time for either the APS or the APA meeting.

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)

March

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

Confirm that poster presenters are SSCP members (SSCP representative to APS program 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 (Secretary-Treasurer)

May

APS – 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.” 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-\$1,000.

Check SSCPnet subscribers against membership list and unsubscribe persons who have not paid membership dues (Secretary/Treasurer and /or President with Listserv Manager)

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

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

Consider putting together a 1-page document for distribution by Division 12 at the APA meeting: Front side = SSCP events at APA, back side = brief description of SSCP and membership information (President, or designee)

June

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

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.

July

August

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

SSCP Dissertation Award Winners are presented their certificates during the Division 12 Awards Presentation/Social Hour. 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. (see Dec)

Request free one-year's APS membership and conference registration fee waivers for poster and dissertation award winners (via Alan Kraut, Executive Director) so respective Calls for awards submission can include this information (Secretary-Treasurer).

Call for nominations for 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 or Chair of Student 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; Sec/Treas reminds Membership Cmte.)

Discuss/decide whether to hold the next Annual Board/Members meeting at APA or APS.

October

Elections; notify candidates and members of outcome (President)

Call for submissions for student posters at APS (President).

First reminder to renew membership (Membership Committee; Sec/Treas. sends current database to Membership Cmte.)

Selection of Distinguished Scientist Awardee (Board)

Notify (a) selected awardee of Distinguished Scientist Award, asking him or her to send his or her social security number and home address to sec. treasurer so payment can be processed; (b) nominators of unsuccessful candidates; (c) members of selected Awardee (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 Student Dissertation Awards Committee, with/without Board input, depending on number and quality of submissions).

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

Invite the Dissertation Award winners, in order until one accepts, to present a poster at the Division 12 Social Hour, which comes with a \$100 award from D12. 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, Division 12 Representative)

Reminder to members to renew membership (Membership Committee)

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