

Fall 2018 Council of Representatives Meeting
August 8-11, 2018

Regan Gurung and Maureen McCarthy, Division 2 Representatives to APA Council

Note: items approved on the consent agenda:

- Amendment to Association Rule 210-12.1: Division Dues and Assessment
- Representatives of Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations Attending Council meetings
- Renewal of Recognition of Sport Psychology as a Proficiency in Professional Psychology
- Renewal of Recognition of Family Psychology as a Specialty in Professional Psychology
- Renewal of Recognition of Clinical Health Psychology as a Specialty in Professional Psychology
- Renewal of Recognition of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy as a Specialty in Professional Psychology
- Extension of Recognition of Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology as a Specialty in Professional Psychology
- Extension of Recognition of Clinical Neuropsychology as a Specialty in Professional Psychology
- Resolution on Mature Minors Ability to Participate in Research – please note this item is **particularly relevant to Division 2 members**. The resolution offers specific guidance for IRBs. We recommend sharing the entire resolution with our members.

Remarks from Arthur C. Evans, PhD

He provided his perspective on what he is hearing from members. He noted that most psychologists in higher education are not members of APA because APA is not relevant, or because council is not attending to the most important and relevant issues facing our members today.

Reframe psychology for the public.

- Wants to help the public understand that the field is more than just practitioners.
- Help the public to understand the value of psychology. For example, psychological research is not viewed as valid as other disciplines. There is a real challenge distinguishing between a counselor and a psychologist.
- Understand that psychology is a science (e.g., museums, partnerships with many non-profits.... YMCA, American Diabetes Association, National League of Cities). The partnerships should extend beyond mere mental health (e.g., economic development relative to behavioral economics).

Changes at APA (staff rather than membership). The association does not do a good job of responding to applied psychologists. So we need dedicated staff to address these issues. There will be a dedicated group of staff to address the issues of applied psychologists.

He wants to apply our training to the way we run the organization. He is moving forward with the strategic plan.

He is advancing advocacy for impact on immigration. The organization is trying to work on the hill to help with immigration. APA has been active in their advocacy on this issue. This resulted in psychologists being quoted in 30 articles reaching more than 70 million people. APA is connecting members to people with need in a volunteer capacity.

Reimbursement codes is a complicated process. We got an increase in reimbursement for testing rates through medicare. For the first time, there will be a dedicated office for this type of advocacy.

Strategic plan is important.

Finance update:

Anticipates a final deficit to be \$3.3 million dollars.

Buildings are leased at 95% and 85%. The combined equity is 137 million dollars.

Long term investments are stable.

Standard and Poor's credit rating is BBB+

Audited net assets for 2017 increased from \$51.8m to \$59.5m

Item 7 – Report and recommendations from the Presidential Work Group on an expanded APA Advocacy Model.

Principles to guide the APA in priority-setting were presented to council. The emphasis was on how to be nimble and respond to issues of advocacy quickly.

APA will seek input on priorities from many different groups (e.g., members, council, etc.). Staff will synthesize feedback and develop an advocacy plan.

A new advocacy coordinating committee will be formed. No fewer than 12 members will be on this committee. Nominations will go to the APA president, who will select members for the committee. Members will serve 3 year terms (staggered). Board of Directors will approve the appointments.

Dues will be allocated as follows: 60% will go to c6 and 40% to c3. The APAPO is currently running at the deficits.

The Committee on ECP Recognition noted that ECP membership was up and called on Council to have their divisions do more for ECP psychologists. **NOTE: Div 2 has a very active ECP group and shows past accomplishments that STP leadership may want to highlight and pass on to APA.**

The Diversity and Inclusion group provided an update on the process to hire a Chief Diversity Officer. The position description will be ready by OCT 1 and the framework will be ready Nov. 1.

The Council participated in a strategic planning activity. CoR members will participate in calls and divisions are urged to get members to complete the Strategic plan survey. **NOTE: STP leadership may want to email members/use the FB page to get members to complete survey and talk education.**

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Item 20- Request for amendments to Association Rule 210. A) Update language to match how APA currently functions. B) Increase the amount of draw from endowment earnings of up to 5%. This is current practice, so the approval of this item is merely a formality. C) Update metrics for evaluating financial health to reflect current practice.

Presidential citations

Raymond Fowler award – Merry Bullock

Announcement of the new CEO for APF – Lisa Strauss retired.

Policy-Related Votes

Receive the report from the work group. [passed]

Support the concept of a unified Finance committee for a single Board of Directors that serve both the C3 and C6. [passed]

Approve that the 2019 member dues allocation be 60% to the c6 and 40% to the c3. [passed]

Approve amendments to the APAPO bylaws to reflect an organizational name change and broader mission, and to create the Advocacy Coordinating Committee. [passed]

Council rejected Item 2, NBI #35B after considerable discussion. The APA press release provides a comprehensive explanation of this action.

Council approved Item 16 Principles for the validation and use of selection procedures after considerable debate.

Item 6 – Transparency of Decisions. A substitute motion was introduced. Council approved the motion to require CLT, BOD to record votes by member. Council will vote at the beginning of each meeting whether to record votes by member. This item has been approved for a 3 year period.

Item 5 Amendment to Association Rules: Strategic planning. This codifies council's involvement with the strategic plan. Approved.

Item 15 Guidelines for Psychological practice with boys and men. Approved

Item 8 to Remove the Public Posting of the Hoffman report. A substitute motion replaced the published motion. The substitute motion was approved.

Item 17 Creation of a Taskforce to reassess data in the 2015 Resolution of Violent Video games due to Inconsistent Evidence Based on Effects - Approved

Item 19 Differences in Sex Development task force - Approved

Item 13A Use of the term patient where appropriate – Approved.

Appendix Summary of vote on c3/c6

Dear Council Members,

Congratulations on making history this week and moving APA forward to a stronger future. We commend you for all your work, thoughtful deliberations and actions to create and transition our association to a new combined c3/c6 advocacy model.

Your votes established a pathway to enhance APA and build a robust advocacy agenda for all psychology. This transformational change ensures the following:

- A comprehensive process to gather broader input from all constituencies within the association to help set advocacy priorities annually.
- A larger and important voice for Council in shaping APA's advocacy agenda.
- Increased resources for advocacy initiatives spanning science, education, public interest, practice and applied psychology.
- All psychologists who join APA will be members of a combined c3/c6 organization allowing membership dues to be allocated to both entities for advocacy initiatives.
- A unified Finance Committee and a single Board of Directors serving both c3 and c6 entities.
- A new approach to the development and delivery of professional member benefits.

Most important, our many voices will be reflected as "One APA".

We thank you and the Presidential Work Group on APA Expanded Advocacy Model for your dedication to this endeavor and bringing it to fruition. As implementation steps follow, we will work with the APA Board to update Council and all APA divisions, boards, committees and SPTAs.

We encourage you to share this positive news with your boards, committees, divisions and SPTAs.

Sincerely, Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP

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