

## **Society for the Teaching of Psychology / Division 2 of the American Psychological Association**

Minutes of the Business Meeting

STP Business Washington, DC

August 7, 2014 (Approved October 16, 2014)

### **Thursday, August 7th, 2014**

The Business Meeting was called to order at 302pm.

#### **Special Recognition**

Eric Landrum recognized several members:

- Jamie McMinn as the chair of the APA program and lauded his effort on behalf of the society.
- Victor Benassi, Janie Wilson, and Scott Bates as they completed the terms in service of STP.
- Rick Froman for service to STP on the listserv.
- Randy Smith and Charles Brewer, on their retirements.

Eric Landrum recognized and acknowledged two members with presidential citations in recognition of career contributions to STP and the teaching of psychology:

- Dr. Maureen McCarthy. Dr. Landrum noted her professional acumen and for being the “kind of colleague who can give you stellar advice and a kick in the butt in the same sentence.”
- Dr. Dana Dunn. Dr. Landrum noted the level of service and dedication across multiple domains, and over time, in service to STP.

#### **Brief Reports from the Executive Committee**

Ted Bosack (Executive Director): STP membership continues to grow slowly. We are as big as we have ever been. Members are happy with the services that they are getting.

David Kreiner (Treasurer): STP is in very good fiscal shape. Externally held accounts will be transferred into the STP main account. So we will see changes in assets but it is simply an issue of accounting. Our assets have been increasing over the last decade or so. We are both literally and figuratively a million dollar organization.

Scott Bates (Secretary): The secretary had no report.

Susan Nolan (VP for Diversity & International Relations): Diversity resources are being created and posted. The work of the International Relations Committee is intensifying: STP was a co-sponsor of the International Conference on Psychology Education.

Janie Wilson (VP for Programming): There is a wealth of ongoing programming. The Best Prac-

tices Conference has changed its name to the STP Annual Conference on Teaching (ACT). ACT will be held 10/10-10/11 in Atlanta, GA.

Beth Schwartz (VP for Recognitions and Awards): Beth Schwartz wanted to make sure people are aware of the many grant opportunities and asked members to please look at the get involved link and we are looking for new members on committees. People may only serve two terms of three years. Mary Kite chairs the Fellows Committee and this year Grant Rich is being recognized for his fellow status.

Diane Finley (VP for Recruiting, Retention, & Public Relations): Our committees completed the membership survey and we were pleased at the positive response. In October TOP you will see an insert that describes the programs and resources available from STP. The GSTA is now at CUNY. We have increased our social media options.

Sue Frantz (VP for Resources): We have resources. Many of you are familiar with TOP, but there are many more resources--the webpage has been recently redesigned and now includes a "getting involved" page. Just to name a few, on the webpage members can find our collection of E-books, links to departmental consulting services, the "this is how I teach" blog (a fantastic way to get a glimpse at what people are doing for their teaching lives), and we have a newly minted STP resources brochure.

Fund for Excellence (Randy Smith): The fund for excellence is quite healthy. The committee decided to transfer investment decisions to a professional organization (TIAA-CREF) within which expertise exists.

### **Victor Benassi: Election Results**

The committee members want to thank all of the candidates for office. There were a number of elections. Janie Wilson has been elected as president elect. Sue Frantz was reelected as VP for Resources. Tom Pusateri was elected as secretary of the division. The new VP for programming was elected: Aaron Richmond. Two members on the APA council: Mary Kite, and Barney Beins were elected.

### **Sue Frantz: The Associate BA Committee (Sue Frantz)**

In the APA Education directorate, Psychology Teachers at Community Colleges (PT@CC) represents psychology teachers at community colleges. Before that, Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) was formed. That was pretty much it for formal representation of teaching within APA structure. That is, there was no formal committee addressing the needs of the baccalaureate-granting teachers or institutions.

So, PT@CC was approached and asked if they would be willing to let the committee disband and form a part of the new, larger group. The new committee was formed: 4 people representing community colleges and 4 people representing baccalaureate-granting institutions would form the new committee (does it have a name?).

### **Pass the Gavel and Adjourn**

Eric Landrum ceremoniously passed the gavel to president elect Suzie Baker.

President Baker was happy to accept to the gavel and indicated that it was with a great deal of gratitude that she takes on the role of president of STP. Further, she said "to be in the company of mentors and academic heroes is really important to me" and praised the work done by members throughout the organization, specifically members of the Executive Committee, who "do tremendous work and a tremendous amount of work" on behalf of the organization.

She also invited members to get involved and noted the “Get Involved” link on the [teachpsych.org](http://teachpsych.org) webpage.

Finally, she acknowledged Eric Landrum for “the tremendous energy and passion that he as brought to STP as president” and indicated that she hopes to model his collaborative style, passion, and enthusiasm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 328pm.