

## CDSPP: MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Phone Conference: 9/11/2006

Meeting began at 2:05 EST

Meeting ended at 3:10 EST

All members of the executive committee were present: Beth Doll (president), Jean Baker (president-elect), Mike Furlong (treasurer), Stacy Overstreet, Ed Daly, and Steve Peverly (secretary). Dan Tingstrom (past-president) also participated.

### 1. CDSPP Nominations for the CoA

Beth sent an agenda to members of the committee beforehand on 9/8/06. At Beth's recommendation we moved to item 6, CoA nominations, since Dan Tingstrom could not stay for the whole meeting. Dan's last official responsibility as president was to forward to the CoA 3 nominations to replace LeAdelle Phelps, who is going off the committee. The process was delayed because of difficulty in finding 3 individuals who would agree to be nominated; APA gave CDSPP an extension to 9/15 from 9/1 to forward the names.

Dan reported that 3 individuals agreed to be nominated: Bill Strein, Judith Kauffman, and Jeff Braden. CVs are needed for all nominees, and as of meeting time, we did not have Judith's. Steve volunteered to contact her.

Jean asked Dan if there were ways that the nominating process could be improved since CDSPP will be asking for nominations again in the future (Ed Gaughan is the next in line to be replaced). Dan stated that he was not sure he had a solution. One of the problems with the position, according to Dan, is the extensive amount of time involved with reading site visit reports and related documents, and the number of meetings. He contacted a number of individuals about being nominated and many said they did not have the time. LeAdelle, however, told Dan that the amount of time the position will require will be lessened considerably once the CoA implements its new review process.

### 2. Mid-winter meeting vote on the by-laws

General Question—Does the wording of the bylaws prohibit certain activities that CDSPP now engages in and is CDSPP adequately abiding by the processes outlined in the by-laws.

Beth found a number of anachronisms, such as meeting face to face (the by laws do not mention conference calls) and using regular mail to communicate with the membership (not email). Mike mentioned that there are a number of activities mentioned in the by-laws that we are not currently doing. For example, minutes of meetings are supposed to be circulated to the membership and membership applications to CDSPP are supposed to be approved by a majority vote of the executive committee. Neither has been adhered to in recent years. In addition, the CDSPP executive committee meeting is supposed to

occur during the APA convention. Meetings of the executive committee have not always been held at the convention.

Beth and Mike will continue to review the bylaws to make changes in wording to reflect current practice (e.g., email) and to raise questions about current practices (e.g., voting on membership; sending minutes to the members of CDSPP). These will be circulated to members of the executive council for further deliberation via email. The goal is to send the bylaws and the proposed revisions to the membership by 12/1 so that these can be discussed and voted on at the mid-winter meeting.

A question was raised about voting for new CDSPP board members over the internet and whether the process went smoothly or not. All who were on the Board at the time seemed to think it did.

### **3. Dues Invoices**

Mike reported that he created new dues and mid-winter meeting registration forms. They will be posted on the web by 9/12 and the Executive Board is asked to review them for accuracy. The forms are formatted so that individuals can fill them out on-line. Given the changes in how the forms are filled out, Mike was asked if he could track who has paid and who has not (on-line, rather than through the mail). He said that he could and that he would send an email to anyone who has not paid.

### **4. Treasures Report**

Our current balance is \$20,649.21. The account has earned \$181.49 in interest this year.

### **5. National Minority Recruitment Survey (Deborah Crockett)**

Deborah Crockett has been working for a while to secure funds to support minority student recruitment. Toward this end she is developing a data base on programs that have funds available to support recruitment costs, such as paying for transportation of minorities to attend interviews. To support this effort, Beth Doll has been working with Deborah on constructing a survey to be filled out by school psychology programs to determine if funds are available to support the costs minority students might incur in applying to school psychology programs. The purpose is to make this information available to potential minority applicants and to campus recruiters. Beth is hoping to have the survey vetted and approved by the CDSPP executive council and for Deborah to present preliminary data at the mid-winter meeting. During our meeting in May, the executive council approved some funding to support Deborah's travel to the mid-winter meeting.

Question—Is this being done under the aegis of some other organization or is this a CDSPP initiative? The project is cross-organizational. Both NASP and TSP are providing some support.

Question—Will the information gathered through the survey be updated annually? On Jean’s campus the funding available is fluid from year to year. Also, care needs to be taken in how questions are worded, e.g., programs vs. departments, vs. universities. On Jean’s campus the funding is available through the department.

Question—Will the survey provide enough information to help students prioritize one program over another, especially since funding levels may be fluid from year to year? It might be helpful to provide students/recruiters with some more specific information. Rather than saying that support is available, we should try and provide a number that reflects the average amount of support that is available in different categories (e.g., recruitment, scholarships, etc.).

Suggestion for Section 1 re: contact information. Include not only the program website but other relevant websites as well, e.g., offices that might work with students from traditionally under-represented groups. Also, the form refers to national minority recruitment. Is that the correct language? Jean’s campus (and in her state) no longer targets funds to minorities; they can no longer use the language. Instead they target funds to those who have “unusual hardships”. Beth asked Jean to forward the relevant websites to her so that she and Deborah could look at the language. Jean’s point is that the form, as now constituted, would be difficult for her to fill out.

Beth—will send the committee a revision; committee is asked to make revisions.

## **6. Workgroup focusing on certification/competencies of psychologists practicing in schools.**

Beth needs another member of the committee to agree to serve on the workgroup. The issue—it has been almost 3 years since NASP and APA agreed to work on guidelines for psychologists, not trained as school psychologists, to work in schools. One issue is that some psychologists may have the core competencies needed to practice in schools and provide psychological services. But, “What are the core competencies?” If a psychologist is going to be employed by schools and be called a school psychologist, then they need to have completed an APA or NASP approved program in school psychology. What kinds of respecialization procedures would make it possible for a clinical or counseling psychologist to become respecialized as a school psychologist? Beth is leading a workgroup within the context of NASP (child and professions committee) to develop a whitepaper on what needs to happen to follow up on the NASP/APA agreement. CDSPP should have a representative to the group and Beth’s role is as a NASP representative. The goal is to have a whitepaper in about a year.

Why are we spending time on this since each state has its own guidelines for competencies as a school psychologist? Some states are now looking to the professional associations for guidelines regarding recertification.

Who is representing Division 16? Beth—I do not know. Division 16 was at the table but they have not let me know who their representative is. Jean—Division 16 had engaged in

discussions on respecialization in professional psychology generally. Beth—3 years ago, Division 16 said it would take the lead in these discussions and it has been 3 years and it is time to move forward. Mike said he has a lot of interest in this. In CA only those who have an educational psychology license, which can only be attained after completing a 3 year school psychology program, can practice in the schools. A psychologist in private practice, and not trained as a school psychologist, is not eligible for the license. However, schools often do what they want until they are caught. Mike also pointed out APA's position is that any graduate of an APA approved School Psychology program should be able to practice in the schools, whether or not the program is NASP approved. The issue would be whether students from professional psychology programs, that are certified, but are not accredited by the state, would be able to practice.

## **7. Mid-Winter Meeting**

The most important issue we have to talk about is the proposal LeAdelle Phelps and Elaine Clark put forward re: a dinner cruise at the mid-winter meeting. LeAdelle contacted AGS and asked them to redirect their support to the cruise from the Saturday luncheon.

Sentiment of the Board. Steve—keep arrangement as is. Jean—agreed with Steve. She is concerned that the organizations will look back and see a one time donation to a dinner cruise rather than the luncheons, which they have supported every year, and no longer make a contribution. Stacy—the sponsoring organizations will get more of an audience at the luncheons than the dinner cruise. Thus, their donation will be more effective. Mike and Dan agreed with what was said.

Beth—Would the Board be willing to support the cruise? The problem is that they do not have a number yet. She asked Mike if we could afford to support the cruise. Mike replied that we have more money now than we did when he took over as treasurer. Mike proposed \$1500 to support the cruise. Beth will pass that figure along to LeAdelle and Elaine and continue the conversation with them.

Beth—We are at a point now that we need to define the agenda and announcement for the mid-winter meeting. Suggestion—another conference call in 2-3 weeks. Only problem; the super bowl is at the same time and is in Miami. Although we have a contract, with a number of rooms available for the meeting, there may not be enough rooms if people do not respond on time. Also, because of the super bowl, there may not be a sufficient number of rooms available locally, at a good price. Rooms are \$229 this year, we have 65 rooms locked in, and people will not be able to call past the deadline and get a room like in past years. Ed pointed out that the super bowl is the following weekend. Beth stated that companies will bring their employees in early.

Mike—Get notice out for people to pay dues? Tomorrow, if people go on-line, he will have the various forms updated. Beth will fax the room contract to Mike so he has all the relevant information for the registration form. Mike also asked for any suggestions to improve the web page.