CoS Executive Committee Meeting

2/24/20 at 5:00PM, CST

Minutes Submitted by Julia Phillips, Secretary

Attendees: Rick Sieme, Past President, Karen Farrell, President, Victor Molinari, Treasurer, Julia Phillips, Secretary, Sally Barlow, Vice President, cc. Toni Minniti

1.  Update from Victor and Rick about the draft of CoS's response to CoA's request for Public Comment regarding postdoctoral competencies – CoS’s response went in to the system. Sally indicated that the item made it to the agenda of the CoA meeting and that there was much discussion and concern.

2.  There is a question about whether the letter we sent to ABPP Board of Trustees got to the Board. It is clear that David Cox and John Piencintini, Past President, saw it. We will send it to Christina Pietz, President along with the original letters and response.

3.  Update on Task Force on By-laws (Carlen, Rick, Karen, Victor) timeline: Karen sent suggested timeline to Carlen. Rick suggested we vote on the bylaws change before the November meeting. We can do that via email or conference call with full Council. Goal will be to do bylaws vote by October 15th. If Carlen cannot lead this effort, Karen will let us know.

4.  Per minutes of last EC meeting I will be liaison to CRSPPP, Julia will do APPIC and ASPPB with Karen who will pick up meetings when Julia is unavailable.  Karen will pick up the San Diego APPIC meeting in late April 30-May 2. ASPPB is April 23-26. Karen will also go to that for one day, per Rick’s precedent. She does not need to register.  Victor is the liaison to ABPP. They just want a written report for the Spring Meeting. He plans to go to the final meeting in December. ABPP may provide some financial support for this meeting. Rick updated liaisons on CoS website. We need to work on attendance and phone liaison with our affiliates, or even request help from members who might wish to attend.

5.  Update from Rick about his conversation with Cathi Grus to discuss codifying the CoS role with E&T Guidelines. The Couple and Family Specialty requested assistance in the next steps of approval of their E&T Guidelines – Rick consulted with Cathi on Feb 11th. She had talked to Linda Berg-Cross in the interim. She learned that they needed to work more on the document and they are withdrawing the document and reworking with their specialty council. These E & T guidelines should not submit these to APA Council of Representatives as Couple & Family suggested they might do. Cathi’s perspective is that the CoS does play a central role in approving/vetting the Education & Training Guidelines for specialties. Rick suggested we look at our bylaws and figure out what we have done and are going to do. We will check with Kevin Arnold or Bill Stiers , Past Presidents of CoS, as well as look at our bylaws. Then, we need to develop mechanisms within CoS to approve E&T Guidelines, assuming we will be doing so. Rick will contact Kevin and Bill and Karen will look at bylaws.

6. Additional item – we need to discuss strategies for public comment on 6 documents, due April 13, related to the switch from proficiency to subspecialty. Many of those documents are related to minor things like name changes for CRSPPP. Victor suggested we check with specialty councils regarding whether or not they want CoS to make a public comment. There is some lack of clarity about definitions and processes for declaring a specialty versus a subspecialty (versus proficiency). There is some overlapping confusion that ABPP is wrestling with regarding definitions. We should also be attentive to other issues in the document. Karen will also send the link to our member organizations, ask them to review it, and send us feedback.

7. Next meeting – March 25 at 4 pm CST/5 pm EST.