Minutes of the 2016 Meeting of the  
Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Date: November 10, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (executive session)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (open meeting, liaisons in attendance)

Place: APA Headquarters, 750 First St., NE, Washington DC

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Closed Session Agenda (APA Education Directorate/CRSPPP Liaison invited)

1.0 Roll Call

Present:
Kevin Arnold, PhD, ABPP
Y. Barry Chung, PhD
Dave Corey, PhD, ABPP
Glenn Curtiss, PhD, ABPP
Frank R. Ezzo, PhD, ABPP
2.0 Disposition of Specialties Failing to Pay Dues
   2.1 The CoS authorized the President to notify the Sleep Psychology Specialty Council giving them a deadline to pay past and current dues. They will be provided the alternative, as with any specialty, that they may resign their membership in CoS.
   2.2 The discussion included the need to balance the dues payment requirement for any specialty with a pro-active approach to collaboratively discovery of any reasons a specialty may not have paid dues.

3.0 Recognized Specialties not Members of CoS
   President Arnold to invite Business and Consulting Psychology to become a member of CoS

4.0 Elections (Corey)
   4.1 Vice President (Nina Brown and Richard Seime, nominated; Richard Seime elected)
   4.2 Liaison to CRSPPP (Richard Seime)

5.0 Adjournment to Open Session

Open Agenda

Michael T. Smith, Jr., PhD joined the meeting

Liaisons Present:
David R. Cox, PhD, ABPP (American Board of Professional Psychology)
Alex M. Siegel, JD, ABPP (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards)
Eddy Ameen, PhD (American Psychological Association of Graduate Students/American Psychological Association Committee on Early Career Psychologists)

Liaisons Absent:
1.0 Ratification of Actions Taken in Closed Session
1.1 The actions from the Closed Session were read. Motion to Ratify (Arnold, motion passed)

2.0 Consent Items
2.1 Approval of the 2015 Meeting Minutes (Arnold)
2.2 Financial Report (Norfleet)
2.3 Specialty Council Reports
2.4 Submitted Taxonomies (Psychoanalysis)
2.5 Motion to accept the Consent Agenda items (Arnold, motion passed)

3.0 Issues Specific to Specialty Councils
3.1 Psychoanalysis presented an issue regarding a specialty council member holding positions or have policies that are, or could be, at odds with the mission of CoS. The discussion focused on an earlier occasion of that situation and how it was resolved. The by-laws section related to the issue was reviewed, and Psychoanalysis will determine if it will request a guidance letter from CoS. Should they request a guidance letter, CoS will provide one.
3.2 The relevant bylaws section is repeated here: “Member Specialty Councils should actively promote, support, and implement policies and procedures that further the development, education, training, credentialing, and practice of that specialty within professional psychology. If an organization, which is part of a Specialty Council, engages in activities that undermine the mission of the Corporation or promotes policies that impede the development, or practice of a psychological specialty, and fails to modify these activities or policies when requested to do so by the Corporation, then the Specialty Council must remove that organization from its Specialty Council; and, if it does not, the Corporation will no longer recognize that Specialty Council as a CoS member, nor its representative to the CoS Board. (Article 5, Section 2)”

4.0 Outside Funding
4.1 Grant from ABPP-F: ABPP-F responded to a grant application from Dr. Corey to the Foundation, and awarded $1000 to CoS to support the costs of the Summit meeting in Chapel Hill, NC.
4.2 Grant from Gupton Fund, ABPP-F (Corey/Arnold): The Gupton Fund, a dedicated fund within ABPP-F, in response to a grant application from Dr. Corey, awarded a $1500 grant to CoS to support the attendance of an Early Career Psychologist at the Summit in Chapel Hill, NC.
4.3 Proposal under Consideration from BEA/Education Directorate (Arnold)
5.0 Website Revisions (Norfleet)
5.1 www.CoSPP.org: Dr. Norfleet requested that the Specialties visit the website and request to her, directly, any revisions.

6.0 Letterhead Draft: CoS adopted the proposed letterhead until Dr. Norfleet provides the website masthead in a MS Word document to become the official letterhead of CoS.

7.0 DELETED (moved election of officers to closed session agenda)

8.0 Report of 2016 Specialty Summit (see slides) (Arnold and Task Force)
8.1 The Specialty Summit slides from an APA presentation done by Drs. Arnold, Cox, Nordal, Shullman, and Siegel were reviewed.

9.0 Planning for Second Summit (see draft documents) (Arnold and Task Force; substantial discussion and revision of the documents)
9.1 Causes Document
9.2 Motivators Document
9.3 Proposed Plans Document
9.4 The second Summit will take place on 11/28 and 11/29/16 in Chapel Hill, NC.

10.0 Report on APPIC Post-Doctoral Summit (Arnold/Aosved; information only, no actions taken)

11.0 Discussion of Dues/Strategic Plan (Arnold)
11.1 The CoS discussed the costs associated with the Summit activities, as well as the additional costs stemming from invited participation as liaison to meetings with other specialty-related organizations. Dr. Corey moved to establish an annual $250.00 special assessment to be paid by each specialty council in 2017 and 2018. (Approved.)

12.0 Liaison Updates
12.1 Competencies Submitted from Clinical Neuropsychology were reviewed. It was reviewed that any Education and Training Guidelines should be submitted to CoS, and that they will be reviewed by an appointed adhoc committee for structure, and then received by CoS. Once received, they will be transmitted by CoS to COA.

13.0 Request from Commission on Accreditation
13.1 The COA expects to request from CoS specialty competencies that may be used by COA in the post-doctoral program accreditation process.

14.0 Discussion of Subspecialty Issues (Arnold)—This item was deferred to the next meeting
14.1 Review by ABPP of their Methods for Identifying and Affiliating Subspecialties
14.2 CRSPPP’s Definition of Subspecialty
14.3 CoS and Integration with ABPP and CRSPPP

15.0 2017 Planning (Arnold; discussion only, no action required)
15.1 Officers
15.1.1 President
15.1.2 Treasurer
15.1.3 Standing Committee Chairs
15.2 Required New Representatives from Specialties
16.0 Adjournment

16.1 Dr. Arnold moved to adjourn (passed).