Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

7/5/2021

In attendance: Karen Farrell, Robin Hilsabeck, Rick Seime, Victor Molinari, Julia Phillips

1. Rick reported on his work with APPIC regarding the APPIC Internship Directory and the APPIC Postdoctoral Directory. The APPIC Directory uses the language of the taxonomy for programs to describe how much time interns/postdocs spend in various activities and populations rather than for how much time interns/postdocs spend in specialties. Continued collaborative efforts will be useful to implement the E&T Taxonomy for internships and postdoctoral programs. There is still much work to be done with respect to dissemination of the information regarding E&T Taxonomy, as well as application of the information.
2. Discussed the results of the CoS survey on 2022 presidential initiatives: Thirteen people responded to the survey, including 10 specialty council leaders and 3 liaisons. Eleven respondents suggested that making specialization an expectation was most important. The next initiative that was seen as most important was the E&T revision process, followed by the other initiatives, including developing marketing materials. Also discussed other comments from the survey, including the financial burden on ECPs. It was noted that ABPP addresses marketing and financial support for ECPs. Robin will send an email regarding 1. survey results and her presidential initiatives, 2. self-nominations for open positions, and 3. a request for members to reply to the listserv and share their progress toward taxonomy revisions so that all members are aware of the others’ progress and efforts.
3. Rick and Victor shared updates on the taxonomy revision processes to date – no specialties have sought consultation. Robin will include in her email a reminder that specialty council taxonomies are due by the August meeting and that consultation is available from the EC.
4. Discussed vacant positions on the EC – no one had updates regarding persons expressing interest.
5. Karen discussed outreach to Specialty Councils who have not been active. John Northrup (BOT rep., Couple and Family) will be contacted again.
6. Discussed issue related to difficulties in setting up dues account for Clinical Health Specialty Council with respect to tax regulations. Discussed CoS providing some type of educative consultation for Specialty Councils, whether an accountant or a one-time commissioned tutorial. Issues related to the possibility of needing to file taxes, banking, and incorporation make Specialty Council chairs and our own Treasurer’s duties more complicated. We will ask Toni Minniti if she knows where to find resources for consultation regarding these banking/tax issues. Karen, Rick, and Victor will be involved with the conversation.
7. An item for the next EC meeting – discussing concerns regarding how to manage lower than optimal levels of investment by some member specialties of the CoS and the broader issue of the possible stagnation of specialties.
8. Karen will reach out to Derek Phillips regarding the process of the Clinical Psychopharmacology Specialty Council obtaining CoS membership.

Respectfully Submitted by Julia Phillips.