

Executive Committee Meeting
11/16/17

Attendees: Mary Beth Shea, Tracey Smith, Ron Gironda, Sam Wan, Genevieve Davis

Guest: Russell Lemle

1. Privatization/Advocacy Workgroup Updates (Dr. Lemle)

-Approx. four bills currently being discussed in Congress related to privatization. One bill has been passed already by the HVAC. Privatization workgroup will be working on analysis of the bill and will continue to work with VSO partners to advocate for VA.

-Dr. Lemle has spoken with a VA-positive representative from AMVETS who has agreed to speak at VAPLC.

Action item: Things to potentially consider moving toward Mid-Winter: Where does public sector psychology fit in APA and how do priorities with APA align with VA psychology/AVAPL?

2. Writing a letter of support to advocates (Dr. Smith)

-Agreed to provide encouragement to others who are advocating on AVAPL/VA's behalf.

Action item: Dr. Smith will take the lead and send to the group.

3. Preparation for Mid-Winter (Dr. Shea)

-Dr. Shea established dates for this year's meeting. She sent a list of who the group met with last year and how long those meetings were as a starting point for discussion. Started discussion of updates since the last year.

Action item: Group will continue to update list of potential meetings.

4. Treasurer's report (Dr. Wan)*

Report sent to committee. Membership balance: \$52,852, Conference account balance: \$16,054.
Membership: 518 total

Updates since last meeting:

Hotel reserved for Mid-Winter meeting. Preparation for new membership year.

*Provided to the team, not discussed in detail in the call.