

AVAPL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALL
March 17, 2016 (3:00 PM ET) (712) 775-7031 CODE: 139-471

Attendance: Dr. Tom Kirchberg, Dr. John McQuaid, Dr. Ron Girona, Dr. Mary Beth Shea. Dr. Stephen Cavicchia was excused

1. **Review of Minutes** - deferred
2. **Treasurer's Report:** \$71,155.00 in membership account
 \$18,685.22 in conference account
3. **Old Business**
 - A. **Midwinter Meeting:** No report
 - B. **Leadership Conference in San Antonio:** Discussed plan to offer travel and room for VSO representatives. Agreement on pivotal nature of this Leadership Conference given efforts to privatize VHA and necessity going forward to build ever stronger relationships/goodwill with VSOs. Executive Committee members support plan to offer travel/room for VSOs for upcoming Leadership Conference but desire among three Executive Committee members present this action not set precedent.
 - C. **Commission on Care/House Veterans Committee:** Russell Lemle provided copy of Fact Sheet summarizing research published 2000 – 2016 comparing VA to community health care. 22 individuals volunteered to help with review of research. Discussed making document available to Phillip Longman; basis for article in APA Journal; AVAPL assuming responsibility/authorship and posting on AVAPL website.

Dr. Kirchberg received email from Christine Hill in response to thank you for meeting with HVAC staffers. He provided her with link to Commission on Care ppt. Consensus was for Tom to send second email offering additional assistance if desired.
- D. **Title 38** - deferred

4. **New Business** - none

Dr. Tom Kirchberg
Acting Secretary

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