

AVAPL Annual Meeting
Honolulu, Hawaii
August 2, 2013

Attendance: EC plus 22 in attendance

1. The Call to Order and Welcome was given by Dr. Levenson. The agenda was reviewed and Dr. Kelly was introduced.
2. APA Representative for AVAPL – Dr. Heather Kelly welcomed the attendees on behalf of APA. Military and Veterans Policy issues is her focus. She also works with Div. 18 in addition to AVAPL. She identified a new website – www.friends of va.org. She opened the meeting to questions given there are no new updates since VA Psychology Leadership Conference and her presentation at Div. 18. MST and the MH Summit were brought up. Not all sites are familiar with the MH Summit. There is strong legislative activity around MST. APA will stay active in the clinical and research areas. She encouraged input from the field for research in MST.
3. Review and Approval of Minutes of the 2012 Meeting – approved
4. Financial and Membership Report – Dr. Landes - copies given out.
 - A. Membership – 336
 - B. AVAPL Balance - \$41,765.72
 - C. Leadership Conference - \$31,711.13
5. Results of the 2013 AVAPL Elections
 - President: Dr. Jody Rubenstein
 - President-Elect: Dr. John McQuaid
 - Treasurer: Dr. Mary Beth Shea
6. Report on the 2013 VA Psychology Leadership Conference – Dr. Garcia reported on the 5/21-24/2013 Conference in San Antonio.
Conference Data - Held May 21-24, 2013 in San Antonio, TX
 - A. Final registration numbers were as follows:
 - Total Participants: 200
 - Workshop: 83
 - Interns: 8
 - Postdoc: 18
 - First Time: 84
 - Early Career: 59Total of 25 presenters who provided a total of 16 hours of CE presentations, including two Keynote presentations, nine plenary sessions, six repeated breaks out sessions, and one 4-hour CE workshop on Ethics.

During Lunch we had “Common Interest Networking Opportunities” that included general networking sessions and sessions on 6 different topics of interest.

Conference Financials

The conference once again was able to pay for itself on registration and exhibitor income this year, and netted a small contribution to the conference fund for future deposits.

Summary financials:

- Total Registration and Exhibitor Fees: **\$58,969.45**
- Total Expenses (both Catering &A/V): **\$56,070.17**
- Net Savings for Conference Fund: **\$2,899.28**

Conference Evaluations - the conference received very positive evaluations from members. In all rating areas the modal rating was 5 Excellent and Ratings of 4 and 5 accounted for over 90% of the ratings in all areas.

7. Awards

- Antonette Zeiss Distinguished Leadership Award: Russell Lemle, Ph.D.
- AVAPL Leadership Awards: Robert A. Zeiss, Ph.D.
- AVAPL Professional Service Award: Marcia Hunt, Ph.D.
- James Besyner Early Career Award: Maggie Chartier, Psy.D. and Peter H. Shore, Psy.D.
- Special Contribution Award: Manuel Garcia, Ph.D.
- Past President: Pamela Fischer, Ph.D.

8. President’s Address – Dr. Levenson

- Loss of key supports in VACO and APA
- Changes in the Bylaws to include a Code of Conduct for list serve use
- Directory of members and VACO leadership
- Advocacy efforts
- Hybrid Title 38 – promotions did occur but not equally throughout the country. A workgroup has been established.
- Early Career Psychology Workgroup has grown dramatically
- Thank you to Dr. Landes and Fischer for their service to AVAPL
- Introduction of Dr. Rubenstein

9. Passing of the “Mantle” to the New President – Dr. Levenson and Dr. Rubenstein

10. New President’s Address – Dr. Rubenstein presented his priorities for 2013-14.

11. Open Floor Discussion of AVAPL Strategic Priorities – Dr. Rubenstein and Dr. Levenson

- Issue of travel to conferences at mid-winter meetings – work with APA. Heather Kelly has asked for specific feedback as to problems encountered in this area.

- ABPP to substitute for the lack of an APA Accredited Internship – going through the review process
- Hybrid Title 38 process – important to look at how accountability can be established in the field for following the process.
- How can AVAPL retain membership and increase membership.
- Increase communication through regional or VISN representatives and reestablishing a Newsletter. Early Career Psychologists may be interested and able to assist.
- Mapping and productivity

12. New Business – There was no new business presented.

13. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Rubenstein