

Executive Committee Meeting 1/18/2018

Attendees: Mary Beth Shea, Ron Girona, Sam Wan, Genevieve Davis

Absent: Tracey Smith

Guest: Russell Lemle (left call after his updates)

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

-Dr. Lemle wrote a piece for the Federal Practitioner publication through his role in AVAPL.

-Sec. Shulkin spoke at the Senate Veterans Affairs meeting. Discussed recruitment incentives and the Title 38 possibility.

-A request is being made to send an invitation to a Div 18 partner to speak with AVAPL at APA.

Action item: Have something (listservs, calls, and email/script prepared) ready in advance to announce the Federal Practitioner publication for wide distribution.

Action item: Think about APA awards for VSO allies as a part of the annual business meeting.

2. Review of prior minutes (Dr. Davis)

Action item: Follow up on Dr. Smith's letter of support to advocates/partners.

3. Treasurer's report (Dr. Wan)

Report sent to committee. Membership balance: \$68,882, Conference account balance: \$4,304.

Membership: 531 total

There have been some coding glitches with the auto-renew situation with Memberplanet.

-Discussed arrival of Dr. Wan and Dr. Davis on Saturday to allow for time to adjust to the time difference from West to East Coast. Put it to a vote, and all approved funds for the additional night stay. Activities will start on Sunday evening, when the week's activities will be discussed with a VACO representative.

Action item: Dr. Wan will work on addressing dues renewals with Memberplanet support. Dr. Wan will reserve the APA business meeting space and coordinate with Division 18 VA Section on scheduling social hours.

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

-Dr. Shea has been sending around a list of people to meet with. Discussed reasoning for/purpose of meeting with particular individuals and the timing/location of these meetings (during meals or in their office).

Action item: Group will continue to update list of potential meetings. Will send an agenda to each person for meetings to help guide the discussion.