

AVAPL Executive Committee Call – Minutes – 10/17/19

Attendees: Genevieve Davis (GD), Ken Jones (KJ), Tracey Smith (TS), Sam Wan (SW)

- Officer transitions: SW discussed continuing to clarify each member's roles and transitions.
- Legislative updates: SW and TS provided updates on Title 38 and Improved Wellbeing of Veteran's Act developments to the group. Re: Title 38, AVAPL could have time on the psychology call to discuss it, write a response to AFGE, and/or coordinate an office hour discussion Q&A with the wider AVAPL community. Discussed the potential for reaching out to VA point of contacts to note AVAPL's concerns on the latter legislation issue.
Action item: SW will send a note to coordinator of psychology call so announcement could include Title 38 discussion in agenda and will announce it on the listserv. AVAPL will do another outreach for signatures for Title 38 and TS will continue to be the POC for signatures. TS will coordinate with webmaster to create a name survey.
- SIG update: EC members provided updates on their engagement with the SIGs.
Action item: SW will follow up on neuropsych SIG development. KJ will reach out to ECP SIG.
- APA Convention 2020: work on securing the suite now.
Action item: TS will work this.
- Mid-Winter: Discussed the starting point for Mid-Winter planning. TS suggested first reaching out to VSO reps to make sure there's no overlap with their events.
Action item: SW will coordinate with VSOs now to start securing dates.
- Advocating for psychology. Discussed policy changes taking place within other disciplines and the difficulties psychology as a discipline has with making similar changes.

Next meeting: 11/21/19 at 11 Pacific/2 Eastern