

Executive Committee Meeting
10/19/17

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

Guest: Russell Lemle

1. Position paper regarding Improved Access to Care in the Community (Russell Lemle)
AVAPL is submitting an analysis to HVAC, along with three community partners, on draft Choice bill legislation. The position paper will also be made public on the AVAPL site.

2. Possible need for legal advice regarding lobbying efforts (Dr. Lemle and Dr. Shea)
AVAPL is increasing its' activity, prompting uncertainty as to what is the point that further regulations apply.

Action item: AVAPL will pay an attorney to receive an official legal opinion on lobbying rules.

3. Recent memo from Dr. Alaigh (Dr. Shea and Dr. Smith)
Unclear of the future of the memo suggestion cuts to special purpose funds.

Action item: Dr. Smith is contacting folks in VACO to learn more.

4. Public Service Loan Forgiveness (Dr. Shea)
Dr. McNamara has sent a detailed explanation of the future of loan forgiveness in the VA. APA is working to get it back into the budget.

Action item: Dr. Shea will forward the letter from the APA and form a generic separate email on appropriate ways of being an advocate as a government employee. Also could discuss the benefits of not using VA email on listserv.

5. Document storage needs (Dr. Davis and Dr. Smith)
Google drive could be a free resource for storage and editing. Could use it to share as a group, edit as needed. We have other resources for storage (member planet, dropbox, AVAPL) but not editing.

Action item: Dr. Davis will set up google drive to use at least as initial test of the program.

6. Staffing survey (Dr. Shea)
Staffing survey was sent to all the chiefs, received 5 responses. Will wait to see if more respond.

7. Treasurer's report (Dr. Wan)
Report sent to committee. Membership balance: \$52,729, Conference account balance: \$16,054.
Membership: 508 total

Updates from last meeting:
Business cards ordered. Taxes prepared.

Action item: Dr. Wan will look into consulting with a non-profit tax consultant program on potential legal issues related to royalties with Rod Baker's upcoming book.