

**AVAPL Executive Committee Meeting
December 17, 2020**

Present: Jennifer Boyd, Ken Jones, Mary Beth Shea, Sam Wan, Kaki York-Ward

Guest: Michael Martin, for first agenda item.

Conference will be virtual in 2021. Discussion of options, decision to move the 2021 San Antonio Westin hotel contract to 2023. 2022 contract in place. Voted to accept revised contract. Dates: week before Memorial Day. **Action: EC to review amendment to contract and KJ to sign.**

Call with VACO. KJ and KYW had another call with Stacey Pollack of VACO OMHSP. Perception that TMH SIG operating as if they're for all psychologists not just members, and may be some non-psychologists in listserv. KJ talked with TMH SIG cochairs. OMHSP expressing concern about AVAPL and other groups not separating their activities from VA. One concern is membership using VA email addresses for communication. Documents out there on sharepoints that shouldn't be. **Action: KJ to follow up with TMH SIG co-chairs, confirm that they've scrubbed everything.** Discussion of storage options. Google, ouw website, box.com. Discussion about potential OMHSP concerns (somewhat unclear). Seems to relate to using AVAPL mail list to do VA business. Discussed potentially asking for a summit of the professional groups in VA: Nurses, SWs, psychologists, physicians-surgeons. Invite OMHSP. Try to figure out how to best interact with federal agencies. Opportunity to redo email group with new AVAPL website. Discussion of C&P mail list that we have was example raised by SP. Have they been lobbying Congress? We can't host web groups that are not SIGs. The C&P function is mostly contractors now, there are non-members in email group. Not trying to censor, just make it clear who speaks for the organization. **Action: KJ will reach out to Jeff Burk, discuss closing or moving C&P email group or inviting it to become a SIG.**