

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**2/15/2018**

Attendees: Mary Beth Shea, Ron Girona, Sam Wan, Genevieve Davis, Tracey Smith  
Guest: Russell Lemle (left call after his updates)

1. Checking in on VACO meetings (Dr. Smith)

Dr. Smith discussed some confirmations and replies for meetings with VACO representatives.

**Action item:** Dr. Shea will continue to follow up on meetings.

Dr. Smith received some responses to her general call out for topics to discuss in Mid-Winter.

**Action item:** Once she compiles the list, Dr. Smith will send to the group.

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

**Action item:** The Federal Practitioner publication is under final review. It will be released next week and will be sent to pertinent groups.

-Discussed updates on current bills related to privatization.

-Some difficulty in deciphering the budget – VHA vs. CHOICE funding. Possible topic to discuss with VACO.

-Div 18 agreed to have Suzanne Gordon do a conversation hour at APA.

**Action item:** Consider putting together a workgroup related to advocacy, as opposed to relying on one person.

3. Review of prior minutes (Dr. Davis)

Items deferred to future meetings -

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

**Action item:** 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 is receiving some feedback regarding the purpose of the meetings with VACO and how to set them up, which is different from prior years. Discussed final details of travel planning.

**Action item:** Dr. Shea will communicate with the appropriate VACO representatives to determine the best and appropriate course of action to facilitate meetings.