

**Executive Committee \*Make Up\* Meeting**  
**3/29/2018**

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

1. Safety in VA (Dr. Lemle)

Suggestion is for AVAPL, along with other caucuses, to provide recommendations for safety culture change. Four areas of change discussed could include workplace security (e.g., limiting physical access to places), changing culture in VA (e.g., addressing violence or violent remarks by veterans), access to medical records (e.g., having a flag that limits record accessibility), and finding other ways providers can feel safe (e.g., helping providers with scrubbing their personal information from online sources). The group discussed how there will be some push back on this, but it may be good to come up with some ideas to offer as a part of the conversation moving forward.

**Action item:** Continue brainstorming and surveying different groups of people for their input, to put together recommendations. Dr. Lemle will draft a survey, and it will be send through AVAPL listserv.

2. Consideration of new award for trainee (Dr. Shea)

It was noted that we would need to discuss whether or not this would fit with the larger AVAPL focus.

**Action item:** Will bring this up in a future meeting.

3. Choice (Dr. Lemle)

Dr. Lemle provided an update on legislation.

4. Debriefing Mid-Winter (Dr. Smith and Dr. Shea)

The group spent some time processing Mid-Winter and some pending issues needing resolution.

**Action item:** Agreed to continue to bring it up and to return to this in preparation for VAPLC.

5. How we as an organization can support staff subsequent to events, like those that occurred in Yountville and in San Antonio (Dr. Shea)

Dr. Wan discussed what they have been doing locally in San Francisco. Discussed how there isn't a clear "right" way to respond to these things, so sometimes just a show of concern can be good.

**Action item:** Continue to think on this and to acknowledge as weeks move forward. Continue to let folks know we are thinking about them in the weeks ahead.

6. Surveying membership on prescription privileges (Dr. Smith)

This may not be as timely as it was when the Secretary was requesting feedback from OMHSP on this issue; however, the question will come back around. Agreed to survey the group to get a sense of where the AVAPL group is at. Will consider including this in the same survey as that above.

**Action item:** Dr. Smith will put together a list of questions for discussion among the group to then send to the AVAPL listserv.

7. Funding or leave support for attendance at conferences (Dr. Davis)

Discussed some hurdles to receiving authorized absence and/or funding for attendance at VAPLC, Mid-Winter, and APA, and how this may be difficult for a 3 year term position.

**Action item:** Dr. Shea will put together a letter of support outlining the position/organization and the importance of attendance at these meetings to be shared with local facilities.

8. APA reservations

Dates of EC member travel were discussed. Decided on Wed through Sunday for hotel reservations.

**Action item:** Dr. Wan to work on reservations, as well as Business Meeting space.