

AVAPL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CALL
April 21, 2016 (3:00 PM ET) (712) 775-7031 CODE: 139-471

Attendance: Dr. Tom Kirchberg, Dr. John McQuaid, Dr. Ron Gironda, Dr. Mary Beth Shea, Dr. Stephen Cavicchia

1. Review of Minutes - 3/17/2016 minutes were approved for posting

2. Treasurer's Report

- Conference Account: \$19,385.22
- Membership Account: \$69,995.33

3. Old Business

A. Leadership Conference in San Antonio: Current registration is at 94. Registration is expected to pick-up as the date of the conference draws closer. The Executive Committee will present on the Mid-Winter Meetings. Plans for presenting the Mid-Winter Meetings will be finalized on the May Executive Committee call. The Secretary will disseminate the link to the minutes to the membership as the date draws closer..

B. Commission on Care/House Veterans Committee:

1) "Thank You" emails were sent to DAV, VFW, American Legion, PVA, Military Order of the Purple Heart, AMVETS, VVA, and IAVA for their support of VHA in the face of negative press and proposals to privatize many of its services. Responses have been received.

2) Social Media Campaign – a proposal was presented for discussion on the merits of a national social media campaign to support the mission of VHA, highlighting its accomplishments. AVAPL doesn't have the resources to organize, but it was agreed to send VSOs a copy of the idea in hopes that they would be interested in taking this on.

3) VSO's and AFGE are hosting a 5-hour event at the Capital Hyatt to present issues around VHA care, community care and privatization. It is unclear at those point if AVAPL will be asked to present. This event is planned for May 9th. It was agreed that Dr. Kirchberg will contact DAV to determine if AVAPL will be invited to participate.

C. Title 38: No new information to discuss.

4. New Business

A. Chief's Directory: It was agreed that updating of the Chief's Directory on the AVAPL List Serve would be beneficial. Two psychologists have volunteered: Dr. Karen Grantz, Senior Supervisory Psychologist, Facility Psychology Executive, Robley Rex VA Medical Center, Louisville and Dr. Kathy O'Donnell, Chief of Psychology, Hines VA Hospital. The Executive Committee unanimously approved their involvement

B. Additional New Business - None

ADDENDUM: Dr. Kirchberg proposed and there was unanimous agreement that Dr. McQuaid would serve for one (1) year as Secretary, AVAPL. Dr. Cavicchia will be stepping down after August, 2016.

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Stephen Cavicchia, Psy.D.
AVAPL Secretary

Next Meeting Call – May 19, 2016 (3:00 PM ET) (712) 775-7031 CODE: 139-471