

AVAPL Executive Committee Meeting 9/17/2020

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

- Update on our legislation review and recent HVAC meeting and what to do next.

KJ reviewed 23 proposals and rank ordered them, submitted a letter to the House staff that supported many of them. Authors of several bills took note of AVAPL's support. Russell Lemle testified at HVAC meeting. T38 and RxP didn't make it into final language. Original Senate bill being considered to put through without modifications. Next steps for AVAPL = prepare for midwinter meeting.

- SIGs:
 - Discussion of our current SIG liaisons and making sure we cover groups that folks who have rotated off were covering.

Action: EC members attending SIG meetings: MBS – Women; KYW – Telemental Health, JB - LGBTQ, KJ – Early Career; SW – People of Color. Oct or Nov joint EC mtg with all the SIG leads.

- Group requesting a new mid-career SIG with co-sponsorship of Div 18 and AVAPL – KJ recommendation is that we offer to sponsor an AVAPL SIG.

EC discussed this and agreed. **Action:** KJ will respond to them.

Discussion of joint meeting of EC and SIG leads. **Action:** SW and KJ will schedule this, SW will send info about SIGs to EC.

- VAPLC meeting - AVAPL solely bears the financial and contractual risk over the next 2 years.

Discussion of whether or not to have May meeting in person. Had an initial discussion with the hotel about the status of fulfilling the contract and the hotel is currently making concessions for meetings thru December. Will want to follow-up with hotel on next steps and consider the likelihood of holding an in-person meeting by a reasonable time prior to registration. **Action:** KJ will set up a planning call for this with conference leads and SW.

- Guidance needed on some task forces – tabled until next time.

- Other topics:

Website – webmaster Jeff Burk stepping down.

KYW has started working on this. **Action:** KYW will research and present options to EC.

Membership renewals – consider reducing dues for the upcoming 2021 membership year as a goodwill gesture to members, acknowledging that AVAPL's expenses were reduced in 2020.

Action: SW will run some numbers and make a proposal to EC.

- Reports from EC members - none