

**AVAPL EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL  
JANUARY 21, 2014 (3:00PM ET)**

**Present:** Dr. Jody Rubenstein, Dr. Mary Levenson, Dr. John R. McQuaid, Dr. Mary E. Shea, Dr. Stephen Cavicchia

**Minutes** – Minutes through 12/19/2013 were approved and submitted for posting on the AVAPL Website

**Treasurer's Report**

- Conference Account: \$31,576.13
- Membership Account: \$49,932.93
- Membership: 296, including 33 trainees and 46 new members

**Old Business** - Workgroup Status

- A. Title 38 – Dr. Levenson indicated there was nothing new to report. Consideration will be given to addressing this issue during the Midwinter Meetings.
- B. Central Office Credentialing and Privileging update – no update was available at the time of the call.
- C. C&P Exams - Dr. Rubenstein reported that a workgroup is forming in VACO. Additional clarification/updates will be sought during the Midwinter Meetings.

**New Business**

- A. Midwinter Planning – the Midwinter Meetings will occur from 2/2/14 through 2/7/14.
  1. Dr. Rubenstein reviewed the planned schedule for the Midwinter meetings. The meetings are scheduled with VACO with only a few needing confirmation. A number of the visits will be by telephone. APA Meetings are being managed by Dr. Heather Kelly.
  2. Initial Meeting of the AVAPL Executive Council will occur at 5 PM on 2/2.
  3. A number of issues were identified for follow-up. These included but will not be limited to: EBP roll-outs and benefits, suicides, non- psychopharmacological interventions as first-line treatments, BHIP successes - are psychologists being hired versus less qualified staff – is psychology staffing enough, psychologists as researchers, support for rural and teleMH, travel restrictions, Title 38 and training slots.
- B. Leadership Conference – A dinner is planned for Dr. Randy Phelps as a thank you for his years of support for VA Psychology and AVAPL. Past Presidents and Dr. Pat Deleon will be invited. Their dinner to be covered, Div. 18 and AVAPL will pay ¼ each and APA will pay 1/2 and assist in covering Dr. Deleon's travels.

- C. Membership Recruitment – There are 204 members who have joined or renewed their membership to date. There were 343 members last year. Two AVAPL members asked to participate and are willing to send a letter to VISN Psychology leads encouraging their active participation in recruiting members.

**Next Meeting – 2/2/2014 – 5 PM EST Washington DC**

Stephen Cavicchia, Psy.D.  
Secretary