

# **AADPRT EC Meeting**

## **May 19, 2007**

### **San Diego, California**

**Present:** Lee Ascherman, Sheldon Benjamin, , Lisa Mellman, Michele Pato, Don Rosen, Mark Servis, Richard Summers, Chris Varley, Lucille Meinsler

Mark Servis called the meeting to order at 12:25pm. The minutes from the March AADPRT meeting were reviewed and accepted. Mark reminded the group that the minutes are posted on the website.

### **Pre-Meeting Planning**

Michelle Pato discussed planning for the 2008 pre-meeting. Over 100 people participated for the entire day at the 2007 pre-meeting in San Juan. The evaluations indicate the meeting was very well received by participants. The powerpoint slides from last year's pre-meeting will be sent out to participants. The meeting organizers will send out 2-4 emails to each participant to see how they are keeping up with EBM activities.

The 2008 program will be on therapeutic alliance, and will review an article which will be a platform for teaching about EBM. 2009 will focus on neuroscience, and 2010 is not yet planned. Pri Weerasekera will be a keynote speaker for 2008. Teaching about statistical methods will take place in small groups, and John Manring will train facilitators for these groups. Therapeutic alliance rating scales will be covered.

Mark reported some concerns he has heard expressed about maintaining interest in EBM at the pre-meetings. Michelle said the focus will also be on lifelong learning and critical review of literature, and not exclusively on evidence-based medicine in the narrow sense. Don observed that it can be difficult to implement EBM principles in training in a practical way, and suggested that this receive some attention. Lisa asked for clarification about what training directors should take home after the conference. Rick suggested including in the program an opportunity for training directors to hear about other programs' successes and failures in teaching EBM. Lisa suggested a panel of approximately four programs who have successfully implemented these ideas to discuss their experience.

### **Action items:**

1. Michelle and Deb Cowley will organize the pre-meeting on EBM Approaches to the Therapeutic Alliance. The day will include a detailed review of an empirically-based article on this topic, teaching about statistical methods, teaching techniques, and an opportunity to hear about issues in implementation.

2. Planning for renewal of the grant will likely begin after the 2008 meeting, and discussion about future topics and structure of the pre-meetings needs to begin over this year.

### **Review of 2007 Annual Meeting**

The theme and content of the 2007 meeting were very well received and several expressed the opinion that it had been a very successful meeting. The plenary speakers were especially well received. A more detailed instrument was used to gather feedback about the meeting. There was a substantial opinion that the food quantity and quality were less than optimal. A number of attendees felt that San Juan was too far to travel, and the hotel was somewhat isolated.

### **Planning for the 2008 Annual Meeting in New Orleans**

Sheldon reported on the progress of planning the next meeting. The theme will be "Teaching With Eyes Wide Open." Paul Appelbaum will be one of the keynote speakers. A variety of other speaker possibilities were discussed. Programming related to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was discussed, including a possible tour of rebuilding areas. Sheldon is considering a panel discussion on approaches to clinical interviewing credentialing for Sunday morning.

### **Future Annual Meeting Planning**

Lucille has not found settings comparable to San Juan, in terms of a resort feel, on the mainland at an affordable price. The pros and cons of Orlando and Disney properties were discussed.

Austin, Texas was proposed as a site for the 2011 meeting because of excitement about the city, proximity to music and culture, ease of air travel, and an attractive Hilton property.

#### **Action items:**

1. The EC endorsed Orlando as the site for the 2010 meeting, and Austin for 2011. Lucille will negotiate contracts for both meetings.

### **Finance Report**

Rick reviewed the year-to-date financial information. With few expenditures and few revenues left for FY06, the assets of the association are \$349,208.16. Our year-to-date revenues for FY06 are \$365,380.23, and our expenses are \$336,280.64, with a net revenue of \$29,099.59. This is in contrast to a net loss for FY05.

The breakdown of these numbers show that our administrative revenues were greater than budgeted, while our administrative costs were about at budget. The

annual meeting revenues were substantially higher than budgeted because of the higher number of attendees at the meeting (525 total attendees), and the meeting expenses were greater than expected. The increased expense relates to the increased number present, and a higher banquet expense than anticipated. However, we achieved significant savings on the administrative costs of the annual meeting. The fellowships continue to generate a small positive balance.

There was a discussion about the continuing high banquet expenses, and the concern about raising the annual meeting expense. Several observed that our members might prefer to go out for dinner on Friday night, and not have a reception, instead of an increase in the annual meeting registration this year.

Rick reported that the Federal tax returns for 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2004 were accepted, and fines and penalties were waived, and it is anticipated that the same will occur for the other years' filings which the IRS is reviewing.

Lucille will review the total cost of Paypal for registration at the end of the year, so that we can consider switching to Bank of America for credit card payment.

Rick asked the committee for feedback on which budget items would likely need adjustment for the coming year. The following suggestions were made: increased fellowship expense to bring fellows in one day earlier to participate in their orientation, increased cost of Academic Psychiatry subscriptions, and an anticipated small decrease in the number attending the annual meeting.

#### Action Items:

1. We will eliminate the Friday night reception on a trial basis, in order to cut expenses. We will postpone raising the meeting registration for another year.
2. Lucille will report to the Finance Committee in September about the pros and cons of switching to BOA from Paypal for on-line registration.

#### **Fellowship Committee Report**

Chris Varley has reviewed all of the fellowship descriptions. There are four areas which need some clarification in the Ginsberg Fellowship: (1) how many years must elapse before an institution may nominate an applicant after having a winner, (2) whether fellows in addictions, geriatric, and other subspecialties who are not adult or child residents may apply, (3) whether there should be only one nomination from each institution, and (4) how the selection committee should deal with situations where one regions' applications are absent or deemed to be below the standard of other regions. These points generated a spirited discussion about the importance of fairness and spreading the fellowships broadly among programs.

Chris suggested that the mentorship and career development potential of the fellowships is not fully realized. Committee members agreed and discussed

several options, including assigning mentors and changing programming at the meeting.

Chris reported that Henderson papers are not usually on topics related to psychiatric education and training. Instead, they are usually on empirical research topics. He also noted that Henderson committee members often serve unlimited terms. He also pointed out that the Frieda Fromm-Reichmann Prize submissions do not specify the applicant's contribution to the paper.

Chris suggested the following issues for discussion about the IMG Fellowship description: (1) should the award be restricted to PGY2 and PGY3 only, and (2) should IMG's who are US-born be eligible?

Chris indicated that the goals of the IMG Fellowship have changed over the years, and they are not clear at this point. Several EC members noted that there is an absence of IMG's among the leadership of AADPRT, and this is desirable goal. A lively debate ensued about the goals of the fellowship. Should the fellowship be oriented toward supporting and encouraging IMG's specifically, or more toward recognizing and promoting residents with an interest in cultural competence and diversity?

Mark reported on the development of the Teichner Award. Programs will apply for the Award, which will allow for a visiting professorship on psychodynamic psychotherapy to the residency training program.

#### Action Items:

1. The Ginsberg Fellowship eligibility criteria were clarified: If an institution has a winning applicant, they must sit out two years, and can nominate an applicant in the third year.
2. The Ginsberg will accept two nominations from each institution, and this may include one adult and one applicant from any subspecialty training program.
3. The Ginsberg committee chair, in consultation with the committee, and on the basis of the committee's ratings, will use discretion to determine if the quality of a region's top application is comparable to other winners; if not, the chair and committee may give an additional award may be given to an outstanding applicant in another region.
4. Chris will report to the EC in September on a proposal for improving mentoring and programming for fellows.
5. The Henderson criteria will include educational outcome as a potential topic.
6. The Henderson committee members will have a 3 year term and will be renewable. Award winners will subsequently be made committee members.
7. The IMG Fellowship criteria will be broadened to clarify that this is not focused solely on research. The EC will look for a way to have a discussion with the membership about increasing IMG Training Director participation in the organization and also shaping the IMG Fellowship.

8. The Teichner Award will be granted during this next academic year during the usual fellowship/award application cycle.

### **Regional Representatives**

Don Rosen will be the new coordinator of the regional representatives. The regional representation process generated less controversy than in some years past. It is not clear to many members, however, how to get more involved in AADPRT activities.

Catherine Woodman, who has been a regional representative, has been appointed by Mark as the liaison to OPDA (Organization of Program Directors Associations).

### **Child Portals Task Force**

Chris reported that the ACGME has approved piloting 10 programs who wish to develop a new Child Portal to begin July, 2008. The RRC will review the applications in the late summer and early fall so that the selected programs can recruit during the 2007-08 year.

### **Competency Committee and Psychotherapy Caucus**

Lee Ascherman reported on the results of this task force. General principles for psychotherapy competency have been identified, and will be the basis of more specific curriculum development. The committee has a final draft, and will post the findings on the website when it is completed. The EC expressed enthusiasm about the project and encouraged its publication when completed.

### **Information Committee**

Bob Boland is transitioning into chairing this committee. Lisa Garbo, the coordinator at OHSU, will be the new coordinator representative to the committee.

The newsletter content is now available on-line, and the chair of the information committee will send an email reminder to the membership after each EC committee which will include links to the EC minutes and any other new content.

Rick Brandt is working on a new job bank function for the website. The schizophrenia curriculum will be distributed by DVD or downloadable from the website. The mock board vignette submission system will be developed this year. The abstract management system will be available for next year.

Sheldon suggested that the new training directors should be oriented to the website at their orientation.

## **Bylaws Revision**

Chris Varley reviewed the bylaws and noted a number of outdated and inaccurate items. There a number of items which could be revised to more accurately reflect the functioning of the organization.

### **Action Items:**

1. Chris Varley will suggest changes and revisions of the bylaws, and members of the Steering Committee will also provide input. These changes will be presented and discussed at the Business Meeting in New Orleans.

## **ABPN Assessment of Clinical Skills**

The ABPN will meet in June, 2007 with representatives from AADPRT, APA, AAP, ACAP, and the chair's organization, to discuss the clinical skills initiative. Deb Cowley will be the APA's representative. Mark reviewed the history of the decision-making process, and the ABPN's ultimate determination that residency programs will credential residents regarding competency in clinical interviewing. AADPRT has a task force working on models for this assessment. The importance of working positively and collaboratively with the ABPN and other participating organizations was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Summers, MD  
(substitute for David Kaye, MD, Secretary)