

**AVAPL EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL
MARCH 20, 2014 (3:00PM ET)**

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

Minutes – The Mid-Winter meeting minutes were submitted for review. A number of recommended changes will be incorporated into the final version. The minutes of 2/20/2014 were reviewed and approved via e-mail and submitted for posting on the AVAPL Website.

Treasurer's Report

- Conference Account: \$31,576.13
- Membership Account: \$44,868.20
- Membership: 314, including 36 trainees and 50 new members

Old Business - Workgroup Status

- A. Title 38 - nothing new to report.
- B. Privileging workgroup – no update was available at this time.
- C. Membership Drive – volunteers are reaching out to encourage former and newly hired psychologists to join AVAPL.
- D. Leadership Conference – No update

New Business

- A. APA – A room has been reserved for the AVAPL meeting. Division 18 may share the room if time permits. Dr. Shea will check to see if the room can be reserved for 3 hours.
- B. Senator Murray's Bill – Dr. Kelly requested that AVAPL consider supporting Senator Murray's Veterans' Bill. Discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of supporting the Bill including some elements within the Bill that may be controversial. There was consensus that surveying the field or discussing at the upcoming Leadership Conference would be desirable. Dr. Rubenstein will discuss with Dr. Kelly to determine the timeline and if delaying a decision pending input from membership is feasible..
- C. The question of AVAPL requesting to testify before Congress was discussed. Dr. Shea suggested that consideration be given to developing a subject matter expert list that would be available to give testimony if requested. There was agreement with this approach.

- D. ACES and the Leadership Conference - Approval has not yet been given. 62 are currently registered.

- E. Dr. Samuel Stern will be retiring in early April after 35 years of service. Dr. Stern is the Psychology Executive at the VA Maryland Healthcare System. His nomination for Honorary Membership was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Next Meeting Call – 4/17/2014 – 2 PM Central/3PM Eastern Time

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Stephen Cavicchia, Psy.D.
Secretary