

CAPP February 2018 Meeting - Highlights of Actions

CAPP Chair Dr. Lindsey Buckman welcomed CAPP members, Board members, and liaisons to the CAPP February 2-4, 2018 meeting. In addition, Dr. Arthur Evans (CEO of APA/APAPO) provided brief remarks.

APAPO Financial Report and Discussion: Katherine Nordal, PhD, Executive Director for Professional Practice, provided an update on the APAPO year-end 2017 operating budget and the approved 2018 budget. Included in the presentation was a review of the following issues: a) it is anticipated that there will be a positive change in the net assets of the APAPO in 2017 due to positive changes in the investment portfolio; and, b) there was continuing loss in dues revenue in 2017 (-11%) and 2018 (YTD in 2018 is -2%). In addition, it was noted that over the past ten years, APAPO revenue has decreased from \$5 million in dues revenue to \$1.7 million. Dr. Nordal did note that the APAPO will be debuting some new revenue-generating products in 2018.

Updates on Initiatives Impacting Practitioners:

- New APA Membership Model: CAPP members and liaisons discussed a proposal that the APA Council of Representatives will consider at its March 2018 meeting. The new model will restructure the existing advocacy and member development resources, currently housed in the APA and the APAPO, within a new c6 companion organization, tentatively called the APA Institute for Psychology (APAIP). Arthur Evans, PhD, CEO of the APA/APAPO presented the proposal. Dr. Evans noted that it is anticipated that this restructuring will significantly expand lobbying for basic and applied research funding, enhance lobbying efforts related to issues, such as, student loan forgiveness and graduate education programs, and build a more sustainable and effective framework for practice-related advocacy. This change would also enable APA to deliver new benefits to members in all areas of psychology. Each APA member received an email notification that outlines the proposal and requests member feedback. Following its discussion, CAPP took the following action:
 - *The Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice supports the APA membership restructuring proposal as it will ensure and expand the advocacy and other resources of importance to practitioners. The new model will increase the ability of the association to create a stable financial future in order to advocate for and support all members of the association.*
- Master's Degree – Update and Discussion: Lindsey Buckman, PsyD, Chair of CAPP led a discussion by CAPP members on the current deliberations by the APA Council of Representatives related to the Master's degree. Dr. Nordal reviewed information presented to Council representatives (through webinars) in preparation for the upcoming discussions that will take place in March at the APA Council of Representatives meetings. Several questions and concerns were discussed during the CAPP meeting, including the following: a) the need for delineation between doctoral-level psychologists and individuals with master's degrees; b) implications for the future of doctoral-level psychologists in the marketplace; and, c) the options for APA regarding accreditation of terminal master's programs in psychology. Following its discussion, CAPP took the following action:
 - *The Committee on the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) considers this to be matter of urgency. As such, the CAPP endorses the CEO's recommendation that maintenance of the status quo is not a viable option and that action be taken on this matter of master's in psychology program accreditation.*
- Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR): CAPP received an update on the development of the APAPO Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), now called the Mental and Behavioral Health Registry. The registry recently received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate in the merit-based incentive payment system for 2018. The registry includes 39 mental and behavioral health measures vetted and selected by an APAPO-appointed Advisory Steering Committee. The registry enables psychologists to be compliant with new

reporting guidelines proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). A communications plan outlining dissemination and implementation is in the process of being developed.

Update on Initiatives Related to CAPP Committees:

- CAPP Nominations and Elections: Diana Prescott, PhD, Chair of the [2018 CAPP Nominations and Elections](#) Committee led a discussion on nominations and elections for CAPP members who will begin service on January 1, 2019. CAPP members discussed the current process of developing slate descriptions including the preparation of slate descriptions based on current CAPP member skills and competencies. Following its discussion, CAPP decided that all slates would be defined based on a common list of characteristics; and approved a listing of characteristics, developed by the Nominations and Elections Committee. In addition, a timeline for nominations and elections was approved; and, the appointment of a member with expertise in organizational development was approved. [CAPP nominations are scheduled to open on February 16 and close on March 30, 2018](#); the CAPP elections are scheduled to begin on September 1 and end on September 30, 2018.
- CAPP Communications Workgroup: After significant discussion, CAPP decided to merge its Committee on Divisions with its Communications Workgroup, and assigned as co-chairs the current Chair of the Committee on Divisions and current Chair of the CAPP Communications Workgroup. In addition, CAPP discussed several initiatives that CAPP may wish to consider including developing a pilot program in cooperation with a graduate program that embeds the discussion of practice issues and advocacy in the curriculum of the program.

Updates on Government Relations Initiatives, Legal and Regulatory Activities, & The Center for Psychology and Health:

- Government Relations: Government Relations staff provided an update on legislative efforts to preserve the Affordable Care Act and enact the Medicare Mental Health Access Act to include psychologists in the Medicare “physician” definition. CAPP also received an update on the activities of the Psychology PAC
- Legal and Regulatory: CAPP received updates and provided feedback on the future direction of several initiatives, including the following: a) the development of a new HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) product; b) a Medicaid Pilot project; and, c) the development and implementation of alternative payment models and Summits.
- Center for Psychology and Health: The Integrated Health Care Alliance, funded by CMS, is seeking practitioners and large practices to enroll. The free benefits include technical assistance for practice transformation, CE training in integrated primary care & in value-based payment models, and use of the registry (QCDR) for monitoring patient outcomes.

Update on Initiatives Involving State Associations:

- Practice Leadership Conference 2018: Mr. Brian Doherty, the representative to CAPP from the Council of Executives of State, Provincial (and Territorial) Psychological Associations (CESPPA) provided an update on the upcoming Practice Leadership Conference (PLC), including the theme of the conference, programming, funding and registration.
- Council of Executives of State, Provincial (and Territorial) Psychological Associations (CESPPA) Initiatives: In addition, Mr. Doherty provided an update on several issues of concern for CESPPA, including the high turnover of executive directors (EDs) of state associations, which may be linked to decreasing numbers of members and/or decreasing revenues. CESPPA is taking a role in addressing this issue and is bringing a program of workshops to PLC to encourage dialogue regarding best practice. Mr. Doherty also noted that CESPPA continues to struggle with an issue related to the APA Continuing Education Sponsor Approval program. Due to the issue, a number of state associations are abandoning the process of applying to become a sponsor of continuing education and applying to their State Board of Registration. After significant discussion about this issue, CAPP approved preparing a letter to be addressed to the APAPO Board of Directors echoing the concerns of CESPPA.

CAPP 208 Virtual Meeting Dates: CAPP members approved the following virtual meetings for 2018:

- April 3 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm (eastern time)
- July 10 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm (eastern time)
- October 9 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm (eastern time)