Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

4/5/2021

In attendance: Karen Farrell, Rick Seime, Robin Hilsabeck, Victor Molinari, Julia Phillips, and guest Ron Rozensky

1.  Over the past few years, dues have been $350. EC voted to keep dues at $350 moving forward.

2. EC discussed providing an honorarium to Scott Sperling for his extensive work post Summit on the Taxonomy. EC voted in favor of recommending a $1500 honorarium to the CoS. Karen will do this via email and reach out to Scott after the EC meeting.

3. Discussed how to provide consultation to Specialty Council Directors as they revise their Taxonomies and throughout the process until final approval. Rick has provided email/phone consultation to a couple of Specialty Councils already. We can offer our help as a follow up to the last communication. Karen will send an email that reinforces the communication regarding Taxonomy revisions, the valuable resources Rick has compiled on the website, and offering our support. Rick believes there will be two phases – first, people asking questions and us sharing our answers with them, with others on the EC, as well as with Ron Rozensky. Second, we will provide feedback when we receive the formal revisions. The educative intent of this process is important to highlight. At the May 22nd quarterly meeting, we can talk about where specialty councils are at in the revision process and what questions they have. We can figure out later how to do the reviews once they are in. Rick will work on sharing all the taxonomies with the preliminary reviews through google drive. CRSSPP has a FAQ regarding taxonomies for training councils – we could adapt it to our needs. Rick will ask for the direct link to the FAQ from Toni. We discussed the timeline for Specialty Councils being challenging given circumstances associated with pandemic. It is important for us to be concrete with the Specialty Council representatives at the May 22nd meeting. It will be helpful to have 5-6 representatives who can report in May as a model for those who are farther behind in the process of drafting revisions. The timeline will be for EC to review and give feedback, SCs revise and resubmit, with final approval by the annual meeting in November. Julia discussed the challenges to counseling psychology trying to figure this out as a specialty council which has not traditionally had formal postdoctoral training experiences. It is an example of why this process is valuable and why conversations about Taxonomy revisions are needed. Further, these discussions and Taxonomy revisions will also help different specialties relate to each other as they provide training and move forward with communicating to the public. For example, revised Taxonomies communicate what is possible and what is not possible between specialties. This will also promote more discussion of the nomenclature of various specialties. It was noted that this might be a good discussion in CoS – what are the cross-specialty activities that are happening? Further, it might be a fascinating conversation between specialties and training councils e.g., CUDCP/CCPTP and NCSPP. It was noted that doctoral and internship levels are fertile grounds to discuss these things while at the postdoc level, it is more complex.

Respectfully Submitted by Julia Phillips.