Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

8/2/21

In attendance: Karen Farrell, Robin Hilsabeck, Rick Seime, Victor Molinari, Julia Phillips, and guest Kristen Knight-Griffin

1. Kristen Knight-Griffin attended for the first agenda item. CRSSPP and APA recently approved CRSSPP to recognize subspecialties. To provide the best support possible to subspecialties who are seeking recognition, CRSSPP is asking CoS to consider supporting subspecialties in the same way that CoS supports specialties because CRSSPP’s ability to provide support is limited by their regulatory nature. Rick noted that it is in the CoS bylaws that a subspecialty can be part of CoS through its recognized parent specialty, so we have the ability to support the subspecialty via the specialty. It was suggested that CRSSPP review CoS bylaws to see if they have recommendations regarding the bylaws language. Right now there are zero subspecialties in the pipeline for CRSSPP, but petitions usually come in at the end of the year. As a point of clarification, it was noted that with respect to current subspecialties, Pediatric Neuropsychology is an ABPP subspecialty of Clinical Neuropsychology, and Addictions is recognized as a proficiency by CRSSPP and is applying to ABPP as a specialty. Leaders from Division 47- Society for Sport Exercise, and Performance Psychology also had a conversation with Counseling Psychology Specialty Council leadership about potentially seeking subspecialty status with Counseling Psychology as a parent specialty.
2. Karen Farrell received notification from David Cox that Organizational and Business Consulting Psychology (OBCP) wants to seek CoS membership. Rick Day is the president of the ABPP Board of OBCP. Rick Seime served with Rick Day on CoA in the past and will follow up with him regarding OBCP seeking CoS membership.
3. Robin has created a dashboard to track progress of each Specialty Council’s revision of their Taxonomies. Robin and Rick will update the dashboard as they get additional information from other Specialty Councils. We discussed individuals on EC reviewing taxonomies as they come in, as well as using EC meeting time to review Taxonomies.
4. We discussed planning for the full CoS meeting on Saturday August 21. Agenda items include:
   1. Specialty Council updates on their status on the taxonomy revisions, including having those with full approval from EC present their taxonomies in detail to role model for those who are not yet at that point in the revision process. We have at least three Specialty Councils that will likely be ready to do so.
   2. Consultation regarding specialty council legal/financial structures (see item #5 below).
   3. Seeking feedback on increasing engagement from Specialty Councils (see item #6 below)
   4. Slates for officers for 2022-2023
5. Discussed CoS role in providing more consultation to Specialty Councils when difficulties occur in setting up financial/legal accounts. SMI and Clinical Health have been having difficulties in this area. Karen will follow up with Toni Minniti to ask her advice and inquire whether or not she knows of a consultant who could assist us, ideally at our August 21 meeting.
6. Karen has followed up with Couples and Family Psychology and will follow up with Jennifer Kelly from Police and Public Safety due to their absences at full Council meetings. We will also discuss whether or not others on the Council have personal relationships with Specialty Council representatives who have been less active so that we have more people reaching out.
7. Rick and Toni are continuing discussions with the APPIC Board next week about the Taxonomy and its use by member programs and in program listings in APPIC Directory. This may be an agenda item for the November meeting.
8. We have not yet heard about whether or not an in-person meeting is feasible on November 6, 2022 from APA’s perspective.
9. We are still seeking a new support person for administrative tasks moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted by Julia Phillips.