Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology

Executive Council Meeting Minutes

10/4/21

In attendance: Karen Farrell, Robin Hilsabeck, Rick Seime, Julia Phillips

Absent: Victor Molinari

1. Discussed process for approval of Taxonomies as our bylaws do not allow for an email vote, but we can use a general consent process whereby a nonresponse indicates consent and any objection would need to be registered by email within 10 days. This process will allow us to approve Taxonomies more quickly.
2. It was noted that we can update our bylaws so that we can vote by email, as well as do some minor updates such as separating the roles “Secretary/Treasurer” as these are now different positions. Julia will draft these bylaws changes and Rick agreed to assist. Discussed whether or not there is merit to making a major change that we require CRSSPP recognition to be a member on CoSPP. Will have the minor change ready for vote at November BOD meeting.
3. Discussed status of reviewing Taxonomies to date. Rick and Victor have provided feedback to Specialty Councils. Suggested revisions based on feedback will be received soon. We are awaiting Taxonomies from seven Specialty Councils. Karen will send a reminder to them that we are expecting revised Taxonomies to be fully approved at the November 6th meeting.
4. Discussed the current statuses of both Psychopharmacology (which is CRSSPP recognized), Organizational and Business Consulting (which is ABPP affiliated) which are interested in being members of CoSPP. Each needs to establish a multi-organizational Specialty Council. Sleep Psychology (which is CRSSPP recognized) is CoSPP member but has one organization Specialty Council at present. These three specialties are each highly connected to one institutional member, e.g., an APA Division, and are in need of broader institutional members.
5. Rick shared historical information about a previous effort by CoS to have synchrony in specialty title used by ABPP and CRSSPP. He noted that it also makes the most sense for specialties to first receive recognition from CRSSPP before seeking ABPP affiliation. However, our bylaws say a Specialty needs to have CRSSPP recognition and/or ABPP affiliation to be a CoSPP member.
6. Discussed President-Elect position that is up for election in November 2021. Karen and Robin will reach out to potential nominees.
7. Discussed planning for the full CoSPP Annual Meeting on November 6, 2021. Julia will send the Call for Annual Reports. We will plan for three hours. Tentative agenda as follows:
   1. Taxonomy Approvals and Discussion
   2. Bylaws Changes
   3. Discussion of CoSPP becoming more of a consultative body to assist Specialty Councils in submitting their petitions. We will ask John Watkins to present for 15 based on his experience with Psychoanalysis working on their CRSSPP petition for re-recognition as a Specialty and moving toward becoming a subspecialty of a new Specialty in Psychoanalytic Psychology. Then, we can have discussion about what Specialty Council Representatives think about CoSPP engaging more actively in providing this consultative function. It was suggested that we invite Derek Phillips (Psychopharmacology) and Rick Day (Organizational and Business Consulting) as they will benefit from this discussion.
   4. Update on the tool being devised with CRSSPP from Toni Minniti and Scott Sperling.
   5. Update about on-going work with APPIC on use of Taxonomy language from Rick Seime and Ron Rozensky.
   6. Leadership transition discussion – Robin will share information about Robin’s plan as President-Elect. Rick also suggested that Karen and Robin use the President’s Update on website as a place to reinforce this message.

Respectfully Submitted by Julia Phillips.