Executive Council Meeting – March 25, 2020

Council of Specialties

Minutes submitted by Julia Phillips, Secretary

Present: Karen Farrell, President, Rick Seime, Past President, Sally Barlow, Vice President, Victor Molinari, Treasurer, Julia Phillips, Secretary

1. EC members checked in on our health, well-being, and changing work demands given the pandemic.
2. We discussed our communications with the ABPP Board of Trustees (BoT) seeking clarification of how specialties versus subspecialties are defined. New president of BoT, Christina Pietz, emailed Karen asking us to clarify exactly what we wanted from the BoT. Karen referred back to the two letters we sent. ABPP BoT typically meet in April – Victor will follow up to see if they are having a virtual meeting. This item should be on their agenda per President Pietz. Victor surmises that the precise definition may be unclear in the minds of the ABPP BoT as it is the nature of the beast. End goal is to promote dialogue so that definitional clarification of criteria is evident to all. APBB BoT is comprised of many thoughtful, smart psychologists and we are confident that such dialogue with and amongst them will be beneficial for the field. As with the recommendation from Summits, it will be beneficial to have everyone on the same page.
3. It appears that we have consensus on the drafts of the documents from CRSPPP that are out for public comment. A number of specialty councils have reviewed these documents and made generally positive comments, as have Rick and Victor. Specialties have until April 5, 2020 to send comments to Karen for inclusion in the CoS comments. It was noted that we should include a comment that additional definitional clarity regarding specialty and subspecialty is desirable. Rick, Victor, and Karen will draft comments for CoS to provide and circulate the draft to the CoS prior to Karen submitting comments on behalf of CoS.
4. The Summit 4.0 Planning Group will be having a conference call tomorrow at 12 pm CDT/1 pm EDT for moving forward with Summit action items – look for update in next EC meeting minutes.
5. Question regarding what to do with EC minutes – we will move forward with posting minutes to website and sending to the listserv. Julia will do that as secretary along with call for members to share reactions and invite their input on things we might work on.
6. Victor sent out dues notices and we are getting checks. Second notice will go out in near future. We have no outstanding expenses, including bill for website domain name which Victor asked them to put in his name.