

**COS Board of Directors Conference Call 12/11/19—**  
Minutes compiled by Victor Molinari, CoS Treasurer

**Present:** Karen Farrell (Incoming President & Clinical Psychology rep); Rick Seime (Outgoing President & Clinical Health Psychology rep); Victor Molinari (Treasurer & Geropsychology rep); Shirley Glynn (Serious Mental Illness rep); Julia Phillips (Counseling Psychology rep); Linda Sobell (Behavioral & Cognitive Psychology rep); Robin Hilsabeck (Clinical Neuropsychology rep); Michele Rusin (Rehabilitation Psychology rep); Carlen Henington (School Psychology rep); Don Townsend (Sleep Psychology rep)

**Absent:** Sally Barlow (Group Psychology & Group Psychotherapy); Lori Hauser (Forensic Psychology rep); Jennifer Kelly (Police & Public Safety rep); John Watkins (Psychoanalysis); Michael Roberts (Clinical Child Psychology); Caroline Clauss-Ehlers (Couple & Family Psychology rep); David Corey (Secretary)

**AGENDA**

1. Creation of an additional CoS officer position for 2020 i.e. Past President-- Farrell, discussion and vote **This was voted on and unanimously approved. The creation of this position does not require a bylaws change because the bylaws (Article VII.1) state: "The Board of Directors may also elect one or more additional officers." Rick Seime will serve one-year term in 2020 as Past President.**
  
2. Discuss revision of bylaws in 2020
  - a. adopt a three-year Presidential term (Pres elect , President, Past President), **A 3 year presidential cycle was approved which allows greater Chief Executive Officer continuity tenure**
  - b. discontinue VP position, **This was approved**
  - c. remove 2- term limit for specialty council representatives –Seime **This was approved: 1) as a way to promote more continuity on the CoS Board of Directors allow board members to serve as long as their respective specialty council bylaws allow; and 2) for CoS governance to step-away from dictating to the specialty councils what term limits they should have.**
  - d. **A revision team will draft new bylaws : Carlen Henington, Karen Farrell, Victor Molinari, and Rick**
  
3. Need for Web editor-Seime – **this is an important position and Dr. Seime has asked for help to assume role that he has served. No one on the call has volunteered yet, but it is hoped that someone will 'step up to the plate' to assist with the website function. Indeed, the website soon will need to be updated to identify the new president and past-president. Rick Seime will continue to serve as de-facto website editor as he has done during his Presidency. The capable webmaster is Bonnie Palmer who will continue in that role.**

4. Update from ABPP BOT meeting regarding questions raised in letter sent to ABPP BOT after November meeting-Molinari /Sobell **It appears that ABPP has re-thought it's position regarding specialties/sub-specialties, and may now be more receptive to admitting new specialties. The sub-specialty process has proven unwieldy, and does not lead directly to any new attestations because all sub-specialists must come from a specialty portal and until next year there will be no additional fees for being double-boarded. The main issue discussed was viability of potential incoming boards and even of some of the current boards, many of whom do not have even a total of 100 specialists after many years of operation. Economic viability has never been specifically quantified by the ABPP board, and some people believe that other aspects of viability should be considered (e.g., diversity of specialties; alignment between CRSPPP/CoS/ ABPPP). It appears these issues will dominate ABPP discussion in at least the near future. The ABPP BOT and/or ABPP Executive Officer will reply to the questions raised in the CoS authored letter.**
5. CoS seat on APA Commission on Accreditation – BEA has appointed Sally Barlow for 2020-2022 term on CoA. CoS thanks Dr. Barlow for her willingness to serve on CoA.
6. New representative for Couple and Family Psychology appointed-- **We also note that Caroline S. Clauss-Ehlers has replaced Tom Sexton as the Couples and Family Psychology Specialty Council rep. Caroline S. Clauss-Ehlers, Ph.D., ABPP is an Associate Professor at Rutgers University, and Program/Clinical Coordinator, Programs in School Counseling and Counseling Psychology**

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