LPA Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lucinda DeGrange at 6:00 PM.

LPA membership numbers were reviewed and there were 12 early career psychology members, 110 full members, 13 life members, 57 student members, and five corporate members. The Finance Committee reported that total 2017 dues collected were $38,332 and that LPA was on much stronger financial footing than recent years past. $1925 was paid to the Political Action Committee with a total of $2064 in the PAC account.

Dr. DeGrange discussed the advancements and progress by the executive council and its individual members and committees.

Executive Director Cindy Bishop discussed legislation that LPA supported that was passed clarifying that social workers cannot do psychological testing, including cognitive and autism assessments.

The Legislative Committee reported that a legislative dinner was held by the Health and Welfare committee which was well-attended by both legislators and psychologists.

LPA expanded its legislative efforts by joining other groups working on criminal justice reform for the first time.

There was a motion made as to whether an executive council member can live outside of the state of Louisiana. After discussion, it was voted by membership that elected board members can live out of state.

A second motion requested that the position of diversity chair be given voting privileges on the executive committee. After discussion, it was voted that this position will continue without voting privileges.