LPA Executive Council Meeting 1/9/16

In attendance:

Cindy Bishop – Executive Director

Dr. Lacey Seymour – President

Dr. Lucinda DeGrange – President Elect, Legislative Chair / Public Education Chair

Dr. Gail Gillespie – Secretary and Continuing Education Chair

Dr. Kim Van Geffen – Director / Professional Affairs

Dr. John Fanning – Director

Dr. Michele Larzelere – Publications / Federal Advocacy Coordinator

Dr. Michelle Moore, Director / Early Career Psychologist

Not in attendance

Dr. Darlyne Nemeth

Dr. Amy Henke

Dr. Joe Tramontana

Dr. Carolyn Weyand

9:02 AM Dr. Lacey Seymour called the meeting to order.

President’s report – Doing membership recruitment. Minutes from the last meeting will be approved after EC looks them over later today. There was discussion about doing a one-night retreat for board development. Discussed was doing this in July 2016 after new board members are in.

Dr. Carolyn Weyand – Finance Committee. Cindy Bishop reviewed finances. Last year LPA received $28,000 in grants from CCAP, including an emergency grant. Ms. Bishop said LPA will not receive $28,000 in 2016. LPA also received a GSK grant in the amount of $3500. Membership dues for 2015 exceeded $39,000. Fall conference registration was low. A total of $95,944 was brought in during 2015 year. $22,000 more was brought in from 2014. The 990 tax returns were filed 2012 and 2014. Conference expenses were too high - $8000 in 2014 versus $16,000 in 2015. We can likely only expend $5000. Lobbyist is receiving $2000 a month, versus his prior fee of $3000 a month. LPA spent $13,000 less in 2015 than in 2014. All bills are paid off to date. Proposed budget for 2016 – goal to double our membership. Dr. Seymour made a motion to accept the proposed budget and it was approved.

Cindy Bishop – Executive Director report. 740 licensees in the state. LPA purchasing the list of emails. Jamie Monic, Executive Director of LSBEP, gave her the labels of all psychologists’ addresses. Many academics are not licensed, and some licensed psychologists live out of state. Dr. Seymour received a letter from the new director of the governor’s office of boards and commissions asking for LPA nominations for the LSBEP vacancy. The governor’s office understands that these appointments need to be made, and nominations need to be forwarded after the LSBEP meeting slated for January 22. Lloyd Lundsford is doing the voting through Simply Voting. Dr. VanGeffen is going to the next LSBEP meeting. Voting results can’t be given until after January 22. Dr. Gros agreed that LPA would support the highest vote-getter. LPA needs to ask for the CV for the two candidates for the LSBEP position. Dr. Joe Tramontana’s name has been submitted to the Workforce Commission to replace the current representative, Dr. Jim Quillin, who can’t be the LPA representative because he isn’t a licensed psychologist or an LPA member. Capwiz is a free legislative system which enables outreach to legislators. LPA purchased this program was purchased, and yesterday Sarah (with Checkmate Strategies) imported LPA members into the program, which indicates in what legislative district psychologists reside. LPA members will now be able to easily contact their legislators about various bills relevant to psychology. Cindy Bishop will begin using the prior calendar from Gail Lowe of all the important dates and deadlines and when LPA need to do what.

Dr. Gail Gillespie - Continuing Education Committee. Dr. Julie Nelson was voted in as the new CE chair. Dr. Van Geffen reviewed the recommended changes of the new CPD rules.

Dr. Lucinda DeGrange - Convention Committee . Convention committee includes Drs. Julie Nelson, Earl Willis, Cindy Bishop, Michelle Moore, Gail Gillespie. LPA has decided on Doubletree Hotel in Kenner. We can potentially have the cocktail party outside by the pool. There is room for up to 20 vendors. Room rate is $109 per night, and parking is free and secure. Dr. Ivens confirmed with Cindy Bishop to come to fall conference and discuss forensics. Dr. Lazerlere had requested APAIT to present, but LPA has to cover travel and hotel. Doug Walter from APAIT would speak on engagement with the political process. Dr. DeGrange went to the school psychology conference and said an assessment presentation was well attended. LPA has to call an annual meeting and present last year’s minutes (Kelley Pears). Conference will start being promoted on February 20th. Discussed was considering a keynote speaker. Dr. Seymour reviewed Dr. Nelson’s ideas that she submitted by email, which incorporates all specialty areas. Dr. VanGeffen had discussed LSBEP discussing board complaints as a presentation at our fall conference, and she will discuss their being invited to do the board updates. LPA will solicit for awards for ECP and distinguished psychologist awards. Cindy Bishop emailed Dr. Nelson to let her know February 10 PM to do a Webex meeting about who to choose for the conference and to begin inviting people as presenters.

Dr. Darlyne Nemeth - Council of Representative. No submission by Dr. Nemeth.

Dr. Lee Matthews – Ethics. Dr. Seymour emailed Lee Matthews and there was no response. Dr. Gros said that LPA marketed our ethics committees better two years ago. Dr. Seymour will ask Dr. Lee if he still wants to be ethics chair, and also discussed was need for an actual committee of psychologists.

Dr. Urmi Jani – Diversity Chair. She is waiting for ideas from SLCC

Dr. Michelle Moore - Early Career Psychologist Committee. Mentoring committee is still progressing. Also sending out for RFPs to do student posters as well as paper sessions. SEPA is in March in New Orleans and there are many posters presented at this conference, and they can also be solicited to present at our conference. Also Dr. Moore will be doing a book fair at the conference. She is still collecting blurbs on what each chair does. The operations manual can eventually be put on the website and Facebook so that interested persons can see what the position entails.

Dr. Joe Tramontana – Elections committee. Nothing received from Dr. Tramontana to report.

Dr. Lucinda DeGrange – Legislative Chair. LPA day at the capital has been suggested. Ms. Bishop and Dr. Tramontana have suggested LPA goes lobby at the capital. Committee for the protection of psychology would likely attend. Discussed was a crawfish boil across the street from the capital, where others have a tent. PAC funds could be used for this. April 12 Tuesday is being suggested by Dr. Seymour. Ms. Bishop announced that the bill passed to allow licensed psychologists to diagnose ADHD for classification of Other Health Impairment, and there was discussion to promote that LPA was responsible for this legislative change.

Dr. Bryan Gros – Membership Committee. Membership report was prepared by Checkmate Strategies. Membership dues collected at the end of 2015 is $11,220. This year after January 1, membership dues are $2475 thus far. Century dues $14,345. $7000 past where we were last year at this time. 67 active members renewed (1/3 of our full members from last year) and 11 new members for 2016. This is 28% of our projected budget. Total members paid in 2015 – 186 (not including students and free members). LPAs membership has been under 200 since 2009. One more recruitment is going out on paper next week. There are 439 prospects in our data base. Dr. Gros mentioned a recommendation by a psychologist that we offer free memberships to new licensees; however, the EC was not in favor. Suggested was offering $800 instead of $1000 to get the email list from LSBEP. Dr. Gros made a motion that we purchase the list, with caveat that 90% of the emails are viable. Dr. Moore again mentioned that LPA has a table with donuts and coffee during orals exit, which happens once a month. Ms. Bishop will ask Jamie Monic (LSBEP E.D.) if LPA can set up a table in their waiting room.

Dr. Kim VanGeffen - Professional Affairs. Dr. VanGeffen discussed an article recently published in the APA Monitor which addressed a court case in Minnesota involving duty to warn versus patient confidentiality. In the Minnesota case, the treating therapist was an intern. Thus far, the appellate courts have ruled that, because the therapist is not yet licensed as a psychologist, she is not protected from liability for breaching confidentiality in a duty to warn situation. At the present time, Louisiana’s law governing limitation of liability in duty to warn situations does not include trainees and interns. The Executive Committee discussed possible options for amending this law to include trainees or individuals acting under supervision.

Dr. Lucinda DeGrange - Public Affairs/Public Education. Nothing to report

Dr. Michele Lazerlere - Publications/Federal Advocacy Coordinator. Nothing to report

New Business

Dr. Gillespie reviewed the potential role of social media chair with the E.C. that was written up for the operations manual. Dr. Bryan Gros agreed to fill this position. Dr. Gillespie made a motion to approve Dr. Gros for this position and the motion was passed.

LPA EC meeting - Currently scheduled for March 19, now changed to March 12.

Proposed date for fall workshop Friday 9/30, when LSU plays away. Dr. Seymour suggested an LPA calendar of events to be sent out in all communication venues.

Dr. Seymour said that Kevin Hayes suggested a white paper for any legislation LPA will be pushing through. White paper is an educational summary to give to the legislators. Bullet points as to why a law is important. It’s suggested that LPA submits a bill about duty to warn for individuals who are being supervised by a licensed psychologist.