9/13/15 LPA E.C. Minutes

In attendance:

Dr. Lacey Seymour – President

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

Dr. Joseph Tramontana – Former President

Dr. Gail Gillespie – Secretary and Continuing Education Chair

Dr. Darlyne Nemeth – Council of Representatives

Dr. Kim Van Geffen – Director / Professional Affairs

Dr. John Fanning – Director

Dr. Bryan Gros – Director / Membership Chair

Dr. Carolyn Weyands (Treasurer)

Dr. Michele Larzelere – Publications / Federal Advocacy Coordinator

Cindy Bishop – Executive Director

Guests: Drs. Julie Nelson and Gig Costello

Not in attendance:

Dr. Michelle Moore, Director / Early Career Psychologist

Financial: $3500 grant was received from Glaxo Smith Klein. $3000 still owed to Marriott from the 2014 conference. Finance committee will discuss this week when they meet. Reviewed full ledger of debits and credits. Brought in $59,000, netted $2000 on conference. Paypal charges 2%, finance committee will discuss upcharging if people pay membership by credit card. Conferences should make $10-15,000. LPA Budget – One was made in January 2015 but was never adopted, finance committee will look at it. Cindy asking APA for an emergency grant.

CE Committee: Fall workshop: Bipolar with Amy Henke and Arwen Podesta, M.D., Private practice with Lacey Seymour and Gail Gillespie. Julie Nelson and Gig Costelloe on the state of psych in Louisiana – 3 hour ethics, advocacy, etc. CEs are being documented for the child and adult consult groups, and for the CCAPS group under professional development. Leaders of the groups keep the sign-in sheets, everyone else keeps their own documentation.

Convention Committee: Lucinda is the incoming president. Dr. Tramontana indicated that Katherine Nordal, head of APAIT, has offered to come talk for spring conference. Psychological consultants who work for the assessment committee should be contacted. Looking possibly at May 20, 2016.

Council of Representatives: For the Katrina Workshops, $2500 brought in, $311 on jambalaya, $381 for EJ lunch. $500 in liability for convention center. There are still some expenses owed. Accounting needs to be separate from LPA’s ledger.

Public Education: Dr. DeGrange was interviewed on WDSU about psychological implications of mental health on Lafayette shooting. Discussion of putting that interview as well as Dr. Van Geffen’s interview on NPR on the website. Gail to contact some local Families Helping Families, Bryan will contact B.R. section of same to discuss possibly some collaboration with LPA for us to do community service.

Early Career Psychologist Committee: Ms. Bishop reported that Dr. Moore established procedures for the mentoring program. She has 10 mentors and 5 mentees so far.

Elections Committee: Votes need to be in by the time of the conference. Bylaws state 30 days to nominate, then vote. We need to start in February 9th getting submissions out. Bylaws state that the immediate past president is the elections chair. This may need to eventually be changed in the bylaws if there is a conflict of interest.

Legislative Committee: Lucinda DeGrange, Ph.D. Recommending a bill to have Dept. of Education to allow psychologists to diagnose ADHD. Kevin Hayes has someone presenting the proposed revision to board in October. Word changing for Other Health Impairments was discussed to submit by Erin Bendily, deputy superintendent for Department of Education. Discussed importance of supporting the PAC and meeting legislators at a function. This can be discussed at fall workshop. Consider inviting Rick Gallo as the winner of the LPA Legislator of the Year at this event.

Dr. Tramontana recommended a system in which the chairs that are not on the E.C. to provide information to the E.C. Dr. Seymour indicated that she would ask those chairs to submit a report or attend the E.C. meeting.

Membership: 184 paying members, 63 new members, $3000 more in membership dues collected this year. 170 last year, 187 this year. 19 new last year, 63 new this year – 8 corporate members. We begin renewal notices in October. We lost over 40 members. Again discussed was doing forums instead of a listserv. Ms. Bishop said we can do a promotion of a reduced fee for conference if they join for 2016. Discussion about getting psychologists who work for V.A. involved. Dr. Gillespie recommended inviting a psychologist from each specialization to present at the spring conference. Also to consider offering CE all around the state and allowing our members to present. Bayou Health 5 insurance companies – Ms. Bishop said that she heard that the rates will be lower than Magellan. Discussed was getting a conference call for all 5 plans.

Professional Affairs: Dr. Van Geffen is going to LSBEP public hour next week.

Publications / Federal Advocacy:APA is looking to have a key contact for each of our legislators in Washington, D.C. Cassidy, Skalise, Boustany are especially important due to their committee assignments. Dr. Larzelere asks if someone knows legislators to contact her. The next step is to develop key contacts in our respective districts.  She will talk with Dr. Nelson about discussing this in her presentation at the fall workshop.

The dates of upcoming EC meetings were discussed. 11/21 in Baton Rouge, 1/9 in NOLA at Dr. Van Geffen’s, then 3/19 at Dr. Weyands. The business meeting after the spring conference in May will count as the May meeting. Discussed was that the minutes of the prior business meeting from the conference need to be approved at the conference.

Drs. Julie Nelson and Gig Costello presented information from their committee regarding evaluating the state of psychology in Louisiana and with LPA. They will present a full forum at the LPA upcoming fall workshop.

The executive council went into executive session to discuss issues regarding the LSBEP elections process.

12:00 the meeting was dismissed.