

March 27, 2020

Executive Council Special Call Virtual Meeting

Present:

W Alan Coulter, Ph.D

Bridget Sonnier-Hillis, Ph.D

Kim VanGeffen, Ph.D

Amanda Raines, PhD (phone)

William “Gig” Costelloe, PhD

Julia Nelson, PhD

Erin Reuther, Ph.D

ValaRay J Irvin, Ph.D

Guest:

Courtland Chaney, Ph.D

Randy Lemoine, PhD

**Introductions and Governance of Meetings:**

President Coulter called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. The agenda was presented by Dr. Coulter and, the *mission* of LPA, which is “to support and advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting health, education, and human welfare” was read by him. The acceptance of minutes from the February meeting were motioned by Dr. Reuther and approved by the EC with one correction.

**Special Report on COVID-19:**

Dr. Reuther began by stating that while the EC had been active in informing the Board about COVID-19 information and materials; there was a need for LPA to be more inclusive to its full membership regarding COVID-19 information. She informed the EC that she had recently created a document including resources, and workshops that was uploaded to the webpage on Wednesday past. She further stated that there should be weekly updates made on the website for review.

Dr. Nelson discussed how the most recent webinars were organized on ZOOM, who participated as well as comments made by participants afterwards. She thanked Dr. VanGeffen for her support and assistance. Drs. Nelson, and Raines are putting together additional topics for future webinars. Some ideas included: remote assessments, and self-care for mental health professionals. It was suggested by Dr. DeGranger that the membership be surveyed and asked whether they might be interested in volunteering and sponsoring various webinars/workshop given that many may have the time now. It was suggested by Dr. Nelson that suggestions be forwarded to the appropriate committee to be reviewed, selected, and decided how, if possible, CEPs could be issued. The EC agreed with Dr. Nelson that providing these webinars could serve several purposes, three of which are:

 \*promoting LPA brand

 \*serving our members, i.e., professional development, and CEPs

 \*serving the public.

**Committee Reports:**

**Convention and Education:**

Dr. Nelson informed the EC that the spring conference is “probably off!” A member asked whether it was possible to reschedule for 2021 but Dr. Nelson didn’t have information at the time. She suggested holding a virtual Annual Business Meeting in May and trying to get Dr. Larry Dilks to participate in the Meeting. Dr. Coulter stated that it was reasonable to assume LPA would not do anything this year specific to our Conference but that we might offer on-going continuing education programs for 90minutes with a reasonable break between morning and afternoon sessions. He then reminded the EC that the two things that must be done as per our Bylaws are;

1. An Annual Business Meeting
2. Elections

A motion was called for by the President, and made by Dr. Nelson; I, Julie Nelson, PhD move that the EC approves cancelling the 2020 face-to-face Convention and for the Convention/Education Committee to create a workable plan for on-line, individual CEP sessions that help meet members’ needs and support branding efforts.  *Motion passed without dissent.*

A motion to establish the timing of the Annual Business Meeting was called for and called for by the President, and made by Dr. Amanda Raines; I, Amanda Raines, PhD move to hold the Annual Business Meeting on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 1pm. *Motion passed without dissent.*

The President adjourned the meeting at 4:34pm

Submitted by

ValaRay J Irvin, PhD

Secretary