



September 19, 2020
LPA Virtual Executive Council (EC) Meeting

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 9:41am by President Erin Reuther, Ph.D. After a brief welcome, Dr. Reuther reviewed the purpose 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” as well as the purpose executive council (EC) which is “to have general supervision of the affairs of the association between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, appoint all APA-established positions for association service, make recommendations to the membership, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws- the council shall be subject to the orders of the membership, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by membership.” Dr. Reuther also oriented EC members to the purpose of this special session and rules of engagement given the virtual nature of the meeting. Following this, each EC member present provided a brief update.

Time Sensitive Business:

Next, the meeting shifted to discuss time sensitive business. Past President Dr. Alan Coulter made a motion to approve the minutes from the business meeting on May 29, 2020, which all approved. Further, Dr. Kim VanGeffen made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2020, which all approved. Further, Dr. Melissa Kunimatsu made a motion to elect Dr. Richard Niolon to fill the Director position that Dr. Christopher Parkinson was vacating due to his upcoming role as President Elect. Once again, this motion was approved by all. It was noted that there is a new chair of the Early Career Psychologist (ECP) interest group, Dr. Laura Brown, and that there is an opening for the Community and Public Relations and Private Practice interests’ groups. President Elect Dr. Christopher Parkinson made a motion to approve Dr. Kim VanGeffen and Dr. Laura Brown as the ECP and Private Practice interest groups chairs, respectively. This motion was approved by all. Lastly, Dr. Courtland Chaney provided a brief update on Hurricane Laura and the response plan put forth by Dr. Darlene Nemeth in which she requested that LPA co-sponsor the Anniversary Reaction Workshops for those affected by this natural disaster in the Lake Charles area. This motion was approved.

A brief recess occurred from 10:50am-11:00am.

Special Topic 1: LPA Finances:

President Dr. Erin Reuther called the meeting back to order at approximately 11:00am. Treasurer Dr. Matthew Holcomb provided an update on finances noting that the LPA bank account had

been switched to his name along with Dr. Erin Reuther. He further reported that LPA now has a post office box at the following address: PO Box 6494 Metairie, LA 70009. Dr. Matthew Holcomb reported that there are two keys- one of which he will keep and one of which President Dr. Erin Reuther will keep. He further reported on our current checking and savings balances and reviewed the budget line by line allowing time for questions or comments regarding fiscal planning and financial policies and procedures. Following this, council members broke for lunch from 12:20pm to 12:50pm.

Special Topic 2: Strategic Planning:

Dr. Erin Reuther called the meeting back to order at 12:50pm to discuss strategic planning for the organization, namely values and organization goals. Dr. Erin Reuther began by discussing the purpose of the strategic planning at the EC level noting that it should 1) guide the work of committees, 2) ensure consistency in meeting goals across the organization, and 3) enable committee members to do their work. Time was then spent setting organization values. To facilitate this process, the EC reviewed values lists from other organizations. Finally, an initial list was created that will be distributed to membership for feedback. The list included the following: Psychological Science, Competency, Collaboration (at multiple levels), Equity & Inclusion, Integrity-Professionalism, Transparency, Compassion, Empathy, Advocacy, Beneficence & Nonmaleficence, Member-Driven, Engagement with the Community (within profession & broader community), and Health & Well-Being (broadly) with the suggestion of keeping 4-7 (likely 5) in line with the APA Ethical Principles. Preliminarily, the EC chose Psychological Science, Community, Equity & Inclusion, Advocacy, and Integrity.

Closing:

At the end of the meeting, EC members paused for general discussion, questions, and reflections. Dr. Erin Reuther then adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm.

The next meeting will be held virtually on November 14, 2020 at 9:00AM.

Submitted by
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