

LPMA
LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Executive Council Meeting
Minutes
July 11, 2018

Participants: Kathleen Crapanzano, MD, President, Rob Dahmes, MD, Treasurer, Mary Jo Fitz-Gerald, MD, APA Assembly Representative, Romy Kullar, MD, LSU-BR Resident Representative, Pat O'Neill, MD, Pat O'Neill, MD, CME Chair and LPMA APA National Legislative Representative, Veronique Robbins-Brown, MD, Early Career Representative, Bing Simpson, MD, LSU-NO Resident Deputy Representative, Marsi Thrash, APA Regional Field Director, Dept. of Government Relations, Mark Townsend, MD, Immediate Past President, Resident-Fellow Representative & Cathy Thompson, Executive Director

The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum

Minutes from the March 18, 2018 Council meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2018 Legislative Session Overview –

Ms. Thrash provided an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session written report (appended). Relative to LA HB 898 that passed, she also reported to Council members that the APA Foundation has a school-based program that is available entitled "Typical or Troubled".

2018-2019 Officers Elected –

It was reported that 2018-2019 officers have been elected. Questions arose about the decision made by the Council at their March meeting regarding to reinstatr the 2017-2018 officers to serve another term.

Dr. Crapanzano that due to this having occurred, a Bylaws Committee chaired by Dr. Winstead has been created to review the section on officer elections and terms and as requested by the Council, bring back a recommendation to streamline/clarify the election process. Further discussion ensued. Dr. Dahmes made a motion approved by Council members, as follows:

MOTION APPROVED

By unanimous vote, Council members agreed to table further discussion regarding the election process until after the report is provided from the Bylaws Committee.

Listserv –

As a follow up from the March Council meeting, Dr. Crapanzano polled Council members to see if there is still interest in pursuing information to put together listserv on the website. Mrs. Thompson reported that she had information and an estimate on 2 types of listservs that can be considered. Dr. Crapanzano said that she would take a look at the proposal and report back findings to the Council at their next meeting.

Women's Committee –

It was reported that Drs. Fitz-Gerald and Arnold will be working to put together a plan to establish a Women's Committee. Dr. Fitz-Gerald also inquired about the possibility of providing a separate Women's event at the LPMA Annual Spring Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Report –

Dr. Crapanzano announced that Dr. Margaret Bishop-Baier, newly elected Membership Chair is working together with Mrs. Thompson to retain members who dropped after the 2018-2019 renewal period. She also said that Dr. Bishop-Baier has reached out to resident program directors to put together a fall social in New Orleans. Questions arose about participation from the Baton Rouge and Shreveport residents and fellows if the social is held in New Orleans. More details will be forthcoming.

It was announced that 8 members were nominated for APA Distinguished Fellowship. All agreed this is great news and wished the nominees the very best of success!

LPMA Representative at APA State Advocacy Conference in Utah –

Dr. Crapanzano reported that LPMA has 2 representatives attending the APA State Advocacy Conference in Utah – Drs. Carine Nzodom and Lee Tynes. She mentioned that Dr. Nzodom was a good fit due to her recent fellowship completion at the APA, and Dr. Tynes can benefit from the training with his continued work on PEC legislation.

2019 Spring Meeting Planning –

Dr. Crapanzano reported that the ACE Hotel has been selected for the 2019 Spring Meeting on February 14-17. She said that the Planning Committee for the meeting met on June 27 and we are off to a great start. Dr. Crapanzano stated that “Current & Future Needs of the Clinical Psychiatrist” was selected as the theme for the event. She also reviewed the suggested format, flow, and potential topics (per the attached diagram). Dr. Crapanzano said an important selling feature for the event is the number of CME hours planned will satisfy the LA State Board of Medical Examiners licensure requirements.

Dr. Lowenburg suggested that a work/life/balance segment be included on the agenda and Council members agreed. Because the General Membership voted to forego the Fall Meeting for 2018, Dr. Crapanzano mentioned that the plan is to use the time we have to put all of our focus and sufficient resources into the success of the Spring Meeting.

Contract Proposal from Stephen Wright from Seersucker Strategies –

Dr. Crapanzano provided Council members information that she had received a proposal from Stephen Wright regarding services, i.e., association management, member recruitment-retention, legislative advocacy. Dr. O'Neill told Council members that Stephen had worked at Tulane and he had no experience with his expertise other than he is very well connected at the State Capitol with legislators. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of utilizing his services for lobbying. Council members asked Ms. Thrash about her experience with working with other states that have lobbyists. She also mentioned that 3-6 months would likely be all that was needed for the purposes of lobbying. Council members asked about Stephen's contract fees. Dr. Crapanzano said that no fee schedule was included and that the contract stated fees would be negotiated based on client specific needs and that she will contact him to get more information and report back.

Other Business –

Having no other business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Adjournment -

The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting Date(s) –

Wednesday, September 12 & Wednesday, December 12 both by Zoom at 6:00 p.m. and in person during the 2019 Annual Spring Meeting (2/14-17) with date and time to be determined.