

DIVISION 8 MEETING MINUTES FROM 2/2014

Division 8 Meeting Minutes
From Sunday, February 16, 2014
Austin, Texas

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members: Beer, Funder, Gable, Leary, Pennebaker, Pietromonaco, Schmader, Srivastava, Vescio (absent), Wood, Zárate

Committee Chairs, Members, other Representatives: Adler, Bosson, Fitzsimons, Kaiser, Keneski, Lowery, Mackie, Munoz, Nussbaum, Payne (absent), Plaut, Reis, Schneid, Vazire

Executive Office: J. Dovidio, L. Dovidio, Rummel, Schroeder, Wambold

The meeting was convened at 1:51 PM.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the Summer 2013 APA Division 8 Meeting were approved without amendment, 10-0-0.

2013 Membership Report

Discussion was opened, but there were no questions about the Division 8 Membership Report.

2013/2014 Financial Reports

Discussion was opened, but there were no questions about the Division 8 Financial Reports. There were no revisions of the Division 8 Budget, so no vote was needed.

Division 8 Council of Representatives Report

Paula Pietromonaco highlighted issues in the Division 8 Council of Representatives Report. She explained that, as a consequence of the results of the APA apportionment ballot sent out to APA members, Division 8 lost a seat on APA Council, reducing its representation from two members to one member beginning in 2015. Paula will serve as that representative; Terri Vescio will complete her term as a Member-at-Large on the SPSP, Inc. Executive Committee. Paula noted that there were proposals to restructure membership in APA Council that, if approved, would have limited Division 8 to one representative anyway. She suggested that, overall, the proposed reorganization of APA Council could enhance the influence of Divisions associated with the Science Directorate at APA. Mark Leary noted the resources that APA devotes to advocacy, but he also observed that only a portion is dedicated to advocacy for research. Paula was asked if there were any non-clinician candidates for APA President, and she replied that there were not. The EC expressed its appreciation to Paula and Terri for their efforts on behalf of Division 8 at APA Council.

Division 8 Program Chair Report for the 2014 APA Convention

Jonathan Adler reviewed his Division 8 agenda book report and discussed the plans for the Division 8 Program at the 2014 APA Convention. He explained that he has encouraged invited addresses and sessions that bridge social/personality psychology and clinical psychology, given the audience at the APA Convention. He mentioned that the Division 8 program provides a good opportunity for graduate students and post docs to develop their presentation skills. Jon also

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noted that that some talks rejected from the SPSP convention program may be perfectly suitable for the Division 8 program as an additional source of speakers. Jon indicated that all of the presenters on the Division 8 program are being actively encouraged to have their sessions qualify for continuing education credit.

Jonathan expressed his appreciation to Tera Letzring (Division 8 Program Past Chair) for her assistance in guiding him through the process, but he noted an alternative structure used by other APA Divisions. Instead of having a Past Chair mentoring the new Program Chair, some other Divisions have an incoming Co-Chair who assists the Program Chair; then, the following year, that Co-Chair becomes Program Chair and a new Co-Chair is appointed. This adjustment promotes a different mindset and produces a more team approach to the Program's tasks. It was noted that because Jonathan is serving as Program Chair for two consecutive years, Division 8 has an opportunity to initiate such a structure. It was suggested that Jonathan and the Executive Office work to develop a proposal for EC vote that incorporates a Chair/Co-Chair structure for Division 8. The EC expressed its appreciation to Jonathan for his hard work and enthusiasm on behalf of the Division.

Mark Leary asked the group for any suggestions for his appointment of a new Program Chair for the 2016 program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.