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From the President's Desk...

Update on Prescription Privileges for Psychologists

As those of you who have been reading this newsletter know, Members of Division 28 have played an active role in educational issues related to the potential of clinical psychologists' gaining prescriptive authority. In the Summer, 1996, edition of the Division 28 Newsletter, Marlyne Kilbey, then Division 28's Chair of the Committee on Prescription Privileges, provided a chronicle of the prescription privileges initiative from its inception. Marlyne reported that the original public "push" for prescription authority came from Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii. He suggested that psychology consider the feasibility of including prescribing medications as part of their practice, because he was concerned that large numbers of people were receiving inadequate attention to pharmacological treatment for mental and behavioral disorders. Marlyne was appointed as a member of the ad hoc APA Psychopharmacology Task Force in 1991-1992, charged by the Board of Directors with considering whether prescription privileges were feasible and if so, what kind of training would be required. A major focus of Marlyne's professional activity in the ensuing years, including her just-ended term as Division 28 President, has been to foster Division 28 participation in APA Education and Practice Directorate initiatives to develop the curricula that would be necessary to train psychologists to prescribe psychoactive medications should the opportunity for licensing

become available.

Although not all psychologists agree that such a direction is desirable, for themselves personally or for the profession, a consensus developed within APA that lead APA's governing body, the Council of Representatives, to approve, in 1996, "Model Legislation for Prescriptive Authority" and an outline of a curriculum entitled "Recommended Postdoctoral Training in Psychopharmacology for Prescription Privileges." These two documents originally were developed by a Task Force on Prescription Privileges appointed by the Practice Directorate's Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP). The final versions were reviewed, amended, and generally approved by a working group (chaired by Ron Fox) of representatives from the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA, Kathy

McNamara and Lynn Rehm), Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA, Bob Balster and Samuel Turner), and CAPP (Ruth Paige and George Taylor). The working group had agreed that the "Recommended Postdoctoral Training in Psychopharmacology..." document should be forwarded to BEA to use in their work to flesh out a curriculum based on the outline approved by Council, which is what occurred. Jill Reich, Director of the Educational Directorate currently is developing the task force that will do the hard work of turning the document into a real curriculum. I hope to inform you of that initiative in a future newsletter. First, though, how is the effort to gain prescriptive authority for psychologists faring legislatively? Despite the call for this authority

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The American Psychological Association
Invites Applications for the 1998-1999
APA Congressional Fellowship Program

PROGRAM: Fellows spend one year working as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or Congressional Committee. Activities may involve conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in Congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the Congressional placement process, and a year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the APA Fellows and those sponsored by nearly two dozen other professional societies.

PURPOSE: To provide psychologists with an invaluable public policy learning experience, to contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge in government, and to broaden awareness about the value of psychology-government interaction among psychologists and within the federal government.

CRITERIA: A prospective Fellow must demonstrate competence in scientific and/or professional psychology. Fellows must also demonstrate sensitivity toward policy issues and have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to the solution of societal problems. Fellows must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. An applicant must be a member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology, with a minimum of ten years of post-doctoral experience.

AWARDS: APA will sponsor three to five Fellows for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1998. One fellowship will be awarded to an individual interested in working on policy related to HIV/AIDS. The Fellowship stipend is \$42,600 (\$52,800 for the Senior Fellow), plus \$3,000 for travel and relocation expenses to the Washington, D.C. area. Final selection of Fellows will be made in early 1998.

APPLICATION: Interested psychologists should submit the following materials by December 15, 1997: (1) a detailed vitae providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interest in the fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the legislative process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant. If the applicant has strong interests in policies related to HIV/AIDS, those interests should be reflected in the application to assure consideration for the relevant fellowship positions.

Application materials should be sent to:

**APA Congressional Fellowship Program
Public Policy Office
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 2002-4242
(202)336-6062**

The deadline for applications is December 15, 1997

For additional information about the application process, contact Brian D. Smedley, Ph. D., (202/366-6066 or bds.apa@email.apa.org) in the APA Public Policy Office.

American Psychological Association Science Fellowship Program

Program: The Fellow will spend one year working as a special assistant in an executive branch research funding/policy office, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institute of Health. The Fellow attends an orientation program on Congressional and executive branch operations and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science and public policy. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the APA Fellows and those sponsored by 20 other professional societies.

Purpose: To provide psychologists an invaluable public policy learning experience, to contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge in government, and to broaden the awareness about the value of the psychology-government interaction among psychologists and within the federal government.

Criteria: The prospective Fellow must demonstrate competence in scientific psychology, display sensitivity toward policy issues, and have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to national science policy issues. The applicant must be able to work quickly and communicate

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President's Letter cont.....

by a U.S. Senator, the granting of prescriptive authority remains a prerogative of the states, just as the states individually license psychologists. I contacted Elizabeth A. Cullen, J.D., M.P.A., who is Assistant Director for Legal and Regulatory Affairs with the Practice Directorate. She monitors the progress of the legislative efforts to gain prescriptive authority. I also corresponded by email with Michael Haley of the California Psychological Association and Raymond Folen of the Hawaii Psychological Association

In 1997, legislation based on APA's model was introduced, and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration, in the legislatures of California, Hawaii, Louisiana, and Missouri. In California, the bill was heard before a subcommittee, where a recommendation of "do pass" was made to the full committee. The full committee wanted more information and an interim hearing has been scheduled for December. The full committee will take the bill up for a vote in January, 1998. In Hawaii, the bill was introduced and a request was made that it be "held" so that all interested parties could review and comment on it. Based on the comments received from several groups, including the licensing board, an entirely new version of the bill (but one that still closely follows the APA Model Legislation and Recommended Curriculum) will be introduced in January, 1998. In Louisiana, the bill was voted out of committee (8 to 1) but did not make it to debate, because other professional issues likely would have become a part of the debate at the time (i.e., the issue of licensing of Master's level psychologists in that state, a perennial thorny subject among clinical psychologists). Only budget issues can be considered every other year in Louisiana; thus, the Model Legislation cannot be introduced for two years before they are acted upon in the 3rd year. Thus, the bill could not have been acted upon this year; however, a hearing on the bill has been held. It is likely that legislation will be introduced in 1998 in Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, and Nebraska.

A complication of the initiatives by the State psychological associations is that a private cooperation, Prescribing Psychologists Register (PPR), has been proceeding with a parallel effort to introduce prescriptive authority legislation in the states. PPR had bills introduced in both Florida and Tennessee this year, which did not pass. In Florida, the State psychological association and the Prescribing Psychologists Register were able to work together on the form of the legislation to achieve a version that the state association could support. In Tennessee, the state association opposed the bill.

Thus, prescriptive authority for psychologists has not yet passed in any state; but California and Hawaii might be seen as having moved the farthest in that effort. Interestingly, a critical influence on whether or not state legislatures are likely to pass legislation granting prescriptive authority is the extent to which consumer groups become vocal in calling for this legislation. That is, if patients and their families let their representatives know that prescriptive authority for psychologists is important to them, then it will be far more influential than psychologists themselves lobbying for this authority.

Nancy Ator
Division 28 President

American Psychological Association Science Fellowship Program cont...

effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. An applicant must be a Member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology, with a minimum of five years postdoctoral experience.

Awards: APA will sponsor one Fellow for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1998. The Fellowship stipend is \$50,500 plus \$3,000 for relocation to the Washington, D.C. area and for travel expenses. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in April, 1998.

Application: Interested psychologists should **submit the following materials by December 15, 1997:** (1) a detailed vita providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1000 words addressing the applicant's interest in the fellowship and career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the science policy process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work as a special assistant for science policy in an executive branch agency. Application materials should be sent to:

**APA Science Policy Fellowship Program
Public Policy Office
American Psychological Association
750 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242
(202) 336-5933
pck.apa@email.apa.org**

The deadline for applications is December 15, 1997

Men and Masculinity

At last! There's a place for people interested in the Psychology of Men to go, to investigate, to find other like-minded people. Division 51 (The Society for the Psychological study of Men Masculinity (SPSMM), APA's second newest division, was established to bring people together, to advance knowledge about men, and to improve clinical practice with men in relationships, and individually. SPSMM provides a forum for males, and females, to interact about their ideas and studies.

Visit SPSMM's website at: (<http://web.indstate.edu/SPSMM>), for further information, or contact Membership Chair, Marty Wong at (616) 671-5228. You can also take part in our list on the internet: (SPSMM-L@lists.missouri.edu).

1998-1999 APA/APF William A. Bailey AIDS Policy Congressional Fellowship

PROGRAM: *The American Psychological Foundation (APF) and the American Psychological Association (APA) have established the William A. Bailey Congressional Fellowship in tribute to Bill Bailey's tireless advocacy on behalf of psychological research, training, and services related to AIDS. Fellows will receive a one-year appointment to work as a special legislative assistant on the staff of a member of Congress or Congressional Committee. Activities may include conducting legislative or oversight work, assisting in Congressional hearing and debates, and preparing briefs and writing speeches. Fellows also attend an orientation on Congressional and executive branch operations, which includes guidance in the Congressional placement process, and a year-long seminar series on science and public policy issues. These aspects of the program are administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the Bailey Fellow and those sponsored by nearly two dozen other professional societies.*

PURPOSE: *To Provide psychologists with interests in HIV/AIDS policy, lesbian and gay issues, or related health and behavior issues with an invaluable public policy learning experience, to contribute to the more effective use of psychological knowledge in government, and to broaden awareness about the value of psychology-government interaction among psychologists and within the federal government.*

CRITERIA: *A prospective Fellow must demonstrate competence in science and/or professional psychology and an interest in HIV/AIDS, gay and lesbian concerns, or related health and behavior issues. Fellows must also demonstrate sensitivity toward policy issues and have a strong interest in applying psychological knowledge to the solution of societal problems. Fellows must be able to work quickly and communicate effectively on a wide variety of topics, and be able to work cooperatively with individuals having diverse viewpoints. An applicant must be a Member of APA (or an applicant for membership) and have a doctorate in psychology, with a minimum of two years of post-doctoral experience preferred.*

AWARD: *One Fellow will be sponsored for a one-year appointment beginning September 1, 1998. The Fellowship stipend is \$42,600, plus \$3,000 for travel and relocation expenses to the Washington, DC, area. Final selection of the Fellow will be made in early 1998.*

APPLICATION: *Interested psychologists should submit the following materials by December 15, 1997: (1) a detailed vitae providing information about educational background, professional employment and activities, professional publications and presentations, public policy and legislative experience, and committee and advisory group appointments; (2) a statement of approximately 1,000 words addressing the applicant's interests in the fellowship, career goals, contributions the applicant believes he or she can make as a psychologist to the legislative process, and what the applicant wants to learn from the experience; and (3) three letters of reference specifically addressing the applicant's ability to work on Capitol Hill as a special legislative assistant.*

Applications should be sent to: William A. Bailey Congressional Fellowship Program, Public Policy Office, APA, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. For additional information about the application process, contact Brian D. Smedley, Ph. D. (202/366-6066 or bds.apa@email.apa.org) in the APA Public Policy Office.

DONATIONS: *Donations to the fellowship fund may be made to the American Psychological Foundation, Attn: William A. Bailey Fellowship, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Checks should be made out to the American Psychological Foundation; donations are tax deductible. For additional information, contact Lisa Straus of the American Psychological Foundation (202/336-5824).*

Call For Nominations

Nominations Invited for the 1998 Robert and Phyllis Levitt Award

The Division of Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse (28) of the American Psychological Association (APA) announces the continuation of an award program to recognize annually the best doctoral thesis in psychopharmacology and substance abuse. The award is supported by a contribution from Robert and Phyllis Levitt and the American Psychological Foundation. The Robert and Phyllis Levitt Award, consisting of a certificate of recognition and a cash award of \$1,000, will be presented at the 1998 APA meeting in San Francisco.

Students who completed a doctoral program during calendar years 1996 or 1997 are eligible for nomination. Each must be nominated by a member or Fellow of Division 28, and the nomination must be based on a completed dissertation in psychopharmacology or substance abuse. Nominations must include (1) the nominee's resume or Curriculum Vitae, (2) a copy of the dissertation on which the nomination is based, (3) a statement from the sponsor in support of the nomination, and (4) any additional supporting documents. Forward all materials to: Dr. William L. Woolverton, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216. Materials must be received no later than January 1, 1998.

Nominations Invited for the 1998 Wyeth-Ayerst Young Psychopharmacologist Award

The Division of Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse (28) of the American Psychological Association (APA) announces the continuation of an award program to identify and recognize promising young psychopharmacologists.

The Wyeth-Ayerst Young Psychopharmacologist Award will be presented at the 1998 APA meeting in San Francisco and will consist of a cash award of \$500, an engraved plaque, and travel funds for the recipient to attend and present an address at the APA meeting. The purpose of the award is to honor each year a young scientist doing original, meritorious work in psychopharmacology and to encourage excellence in research at the interface between the disciplines of pharmacology and psychology.

Persons who are no more than five years past the date of receipt of the doctoral degree are eligible for consideration. Candidates must be nominated by a member or Fellow of Division 28, and the nomination must be based on work in an area of psychopharmacology, behavioral pharmacology or substance abuse. Nominations must include (1) the nominee's resume or Curriculum Vitae, (2) selected reprints or manuscript(s) describing the research on which the nomination is based, (3) a statement from the sponsor in support of the nomination. Forward all materials to: Dr. William L. Woolverton, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216. Materials must be received no later than January 1, 1998.

Nominations Invited for the 1998 Solvay Award

The Division of Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse (28) of the American Psychological Association (APA) announces an award program to identify and recognize outstanding research on affective disorders by senior investigators.

The Award for Outstanding Basic Psychopharmacological Research on Affective Disorders, sponsored by Solvay, will be presented at the 1998 APA meeting in San Francisco, and will consist of a cash award of \$2,500, an original sculpture, and an invitation to attend and address the APA meeting. The purpose of the award is to honor each year a senior-level scientist who has contributed original, meritorious work on the psychopharmacology of affective disorders.

Candidates must be nominated by a member or Fellow of Division 28, and the nomination must be based on career contribution in the area of psychopharmacology/behavioral pharmacology and affective disorders. Nominations must include (1) the nominee's resume or Curriculum Vitae, (2) reprints or manuscript(s) describing the research on which the nomination is based, (3) a statement from the sponsor in support of the nomination. Forward all materials to: Dr. William L. Woolverton, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216. Materials must be received no later than January 1, 1998.

Committee on Aging- Mission Statement

There shall be a Committee on Aging that shall concern itself with furthering the major purpose of APA to advance psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting human welfare by ensuring older adults, especially the growing numbers of older women and minorities, receive the attention of the Association. Specifically the Committee will pursue the following goals:

Science: Provide strong and visible advocacy for a scientific agenda on aging to policymakers and private and public funding agencies.

Practice: Promote the practice of psychology by advocating policies that enhance the availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.

Policy: Contribute to the formulation and support of public policies and associated regulations that promote optimal development of older adults, facilitate psychological practice with older persons, and expand scientific understanding of adult development and aging.

Education: Promote inclusion of knowledge about adult development and aging in all levels of education, including continuing education, training programs, and professional development of psychologists.

Public Interest: Promote the application of psychological knowledge to the well-being of older people, with special attention to the influences of gender, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, and family in science, practice and policy relating to older adults.

Public Affairs: Develop and disseminate information concerning the scientific findings and practice issues about older adults to psychologists, other professionals, policymakers, and the public.

APA: Serve as a visible focus for the coordination of information among groups within APA that address aging issues and offer consultation to relevant APA boards, committee, divisions, state associations, and directorates; also ensure that older members of APA receive the appropriate attention of the association.

The Committee shall consist of six members, to be appointed for staggered terms of 3 years. All of the above areas of expertise should be represented on the Committee. The Committee on Aging shall report to Council through the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

Minutes of the Business Meeting, August 16,1997

Chicago, Illinois

Marlyne Kilbey, President presiding

1. The results of the past election were announced: Steve Higgins is the new President-elect and John Grabowski is the new Member-at- Large.

The following slate of candidates was approved for the next election (Spring 1998):

President-Elect: Marilyn Carroll
Carolyn Mazure

Member-at-Large: Cora Lee Wetherington
Chris-Ellyn Johanson

2. Charles France was commended for organizing an excellent program at this year's convention. He thanked many individuals involved with assuring that the program was strong, including Maxine Stitzer, Bill Woolverton, Chris Sannerud, Marilyn Carroll, Craig Rush, Jim Zacny, Jane Acri and Carolyn Mazure. The Program Chair for 1998 (San Francisco) is Nancy Piotrowski.
3. Treasurer's report: The treasury is in good shape with a substantial balance of just over \$54,000. The Committee voted not to raise the dues for Division 28. They will remain \$10/year.
4. Past President: Steve Fowler, reported on the Division Fair exhibits and our display as part of APA's 50th Anniversary of the Divisions.
5. It was announced that APA's new executive Director for Science is Richard McCarty, replacing William Howell. Dr. McCarthy addressed the Executive Committee meeting last night and emphasized his need of Division 28 members to work with him and the Science Directorate on issues of importance. He specifically asked members to give serious consideration to serving on committees and special task forces when asked.

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Invitation To Participate

As the 1998 Division 28 Program Chair I wanted to inform the membership that the Board of Convention Affairs has set an EARLY submission deadline for proposals, papers, and posters this year. Instead of the usual "deadline receipt date", there will be a *POSTMARK* deadline of November 21, 1997 for submissions. Please put that on you calendar now so that you don't miss the opportunity to present your work in San Francisco!

Please also accept my invitation to submit your work to our program. I would like to encourage participation by members of Division 28 and also by members of other divisions doing work that is complementary to psychopharmacology and substance use. This ESPECIALLY INCLUDES STUDENT MEMBERS, POSTDOCS, and NEW INVESTIGATORS.

For the 1998 program, I would particularly be interested in receiving proposals that highlight: contributions of psychopharmacology and substance use to HIV/AIDS treatment and management; integrated approaches to applied treatment research, where pharmacotherapies are used in conjunction with psychosocial and behavioral treatments; how drugs are developed, from mice to men, so to speak, for drugs that are more commonly used in behavioral problems; drugs and/or drug regimens that are particularly valuable for special populations, such as the dually diagnosed, polysubstance users, or other groups; how environmental factors interact with pharmacology; ethical and legal issues related to developments in psychopharmacology and substance abuse; novel approaches to behavioral problems using psychopharmacology; the translation of psychopharmacological work involving non-humans to practical applications in humans; and international perspectives on psychopharmacology and substance abuse.

These areas are suggested topics areas. I most certainly will be open to considering other areas. Please feel free to contact me if you have an idea for a proposal for a symposium, paper poster, etc. that you are interested in submitting. We plan to coordinate our efforts with Division 25 (Experimental Analysis of Behavior) and Division 50 (Addictions).

Nancy A. Piotrowski, Ph. D.
Program Chair, 1998
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Wildcard Plan Approved By Council! Bylaws Amendment to Be Sent to Membership Without a Pro-Con Statement!

Ronald F. Levant
Member-at-Large
APA Board of Directors

The "Wildcard Plan" (the proposal to change the way the Council seats are allocated developed by the BOD Task Force on Council Representation) was sent out for review following the February meeting of Council meeting. It was sent to all Boards and Committees, all Divisions, and all affiliated State and Provincial Psychological Associations. It was reviewed at the Division Leadership Conference, the March Consolidated meeting (where a Conference Committee was held to discuss it), and the State Leadership Conference.

The Results of this comprehensive review by APA governance groups and constituencies indicated that the proposal enjoys widespread support in the Association. The Policy and Planning Board, The Board of Professional Affairs, The Board of Educational Affairs, The Board of Scientific Affairs, The Board for the Advancement of Psychology in Public Interest, The Committee on APA/Division Relations, The State Leadership Conference, and the Georgia, Montana, Tennessee, and District of Columbia Psychological Associations all voted to support the proposal, and five of these groups (P & P, BPA, CAPP, CODAPAR, & SLC) asked that the proposal be sent to the membership without a pro/con statement. P & P's strong support for this proposal is particularly noteworthy, because they have not supported similar proposals in the past. It is also noteworthy that the resolution approved at the State Leadership Conference to support the proposal was moved by Representatives of two smaller states, Mississippi and Louisiana.

In addition, support for the proposal was expressed at the Conference Committee held at the March Consolidated meeting by The Committee on Structure and Function of Council, The Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns, The American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, and The Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest also expressed the hope that units with more than one seat would designate one of their seats as a minority seat in order to increase ethnic minority representation on Council.

Two State associations (Rhode Island and Alaska) expressed concerns: RI stated a preference for representation for all units and AK requested continued funding for Liaison/Observers. The State Leadership Conference also approved the following statement: "The State Leadership Conference encourages APA to move to one unit one vote and requests continued funding by CAPP of liaisonsobservers."

Council, by an overwhelming majority, voted to approve the plan and to send it to the membership without a pro/con statement. This would mean that the proposed bylaws change would only include the P & P statement, which reads: "The Policy and Planning Board, after careful review, unanimously supports the proposed bylaws change. This proposed change, developed by a task force representing all significant division and state/provincial interests, provides for greater equity in Council representation." The bylaws amendment will be mailed to the membership on November 2, 1997, and will be due back in 45 days.

In response to the hopes expressed by the Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest that units with more than one seat would designate one of their seats as a minority seat in order to increase ethnic minority representation on Council, Council voted to approve the following resolution

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An Open Invitation From Dick Suinn, APA President-Elect 1998

As part of my commitment to grass roots input, I invite all my psychologists to help me brainstorm. Brainstorming involves establishing the foundation for future plans by creating as many different suggestions, without limiting such creative thinking in any way (such as whether the idea is feasible, too 'far out', etc.). I have two major interests: 1) ethnic minority or multicultural issues, and 2) cancer.

Some ideas, for example regarding what we might do relating to ethnic minorities:

- o Develop a directory of psychologists doing multicultural training in different regions,
- o Organizing a resource list of manuals, transparencies, outlines for courses,
- o Organizing a round table at the APA convention specifically for minority students to directly meet minority leaders, and/or obtain information on graduate programs with multicultural curricula,
- o Provide consultation to state psychological associations with suggestions written by associations who have a record of significantly increasing minority membership,
- o Make APA a more welcoming place by introducing a monthly column in the Monitor highlighting a psychologist of color,
- o Seek the commitment of APA Council of Representatives to develop financial incentives for states or divisions who elect an ethnic minority person to Council,
- o Provide members of the four Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations with a reduced membership rate for joining APA in their first year

Regarding cancer, some examples of ideas:

- o Write a series of feature articles for media releases and for the Monitor that inform the public about the many ways in which psychologists contribute to cancer issues,
- o Develop plans for funding through federal agencies,
- o List research programs in a document organized by type of cancer, or by other classification (research on vulnerability, on treating side effects, on prolonging survival, on medical decision-making, etc.),
- o Write brochures that help patients deal with the psychological impact of cancer or offer a Web-site information help line connected to experts,
- o Develop coalitions with other professional organizations such as...
- o Suggest curricula for training of psychologists to work with cancer.

These are but a few examples that I dreamed up in talking with folks at the recent APA Convention. Out of such brainstorming will evolve plans, some of which I may be able to achieve alone, many of which may demand a partnership with you to take the lead on some elements.

As you think about, dream about, have a sudden insight about, brainstorm ideas for either or both themes, send them to me before you forget. Be sure to identify yourself, and how I can contact you in the future.

You can reach me at:

e-mail: Suinn@Lamar.colostate.edu

snail-mail address: Dick Suinn

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Wildcard Plan cont.....

WHEREAS Council has acknowledged the under-representation of ethnic minority persons among the representative of Council.

WHEREAS The just-passed resolution on allocation of seats on the Council of Representation creates an opportunity further to diversify the representation on Council.

AND WHEREAS CEMA, the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, recommended to the Task Force that some of the new seats in the "Wild Card" plan be used to increase the diversity of Council.

MOTION: It is the sense of Council that the change in allocation of seats on the C/R offers state and provincial psychological associations and divisions an unprecedented opportunity to effect change. To that end, Council recommends: (a) that those previously unrepresented state and provisional psychological associations and divisions that receive a seat be encouraged to fill the seat with an ethnic minority person, and (b) those state and provincial psychological associations and divisions with existing seats be encouraged to fill the additional seat with an ethnic minority representative.

This is a rare moment in the history of APA, one in which a proposal for significant change enjoys very widespread support. We believe that this reflects the fact that the Wildcard plan is a "win-win" plan, in which everyone gives a little something and gets something in return, and which also enhances the representation of the discipline and profession of psychology in all of its facets. We feel that these results bode well not only for the proposal at hand, but also for the use of mediation to resolve conflict between constituencies in the Association.

Call For Nominations:

1998 Harry Levinson Award

The **Harry Levinson Award** is given to an APA member who has demonstrated exceptional ability to integrate a wide range of psychological theory and concepts and convert that integration into applications by which leaders and managers may create more effective, healthy, and human organizations. This award, accompanied by a check for \$1,000, is funded annually by the earnings from a trust fund established by Harry Levinson and administered by the American Psychological Foundation.

1998 RHR International Award

The **RHR International Award** is given to an APA member whose career achievements reflect outstanding service to organizations, public or private, by helping them respond more effectively to human needs. Primary emphasis is placed on the practice of consultation rather than other accomplishments in the field, such as teaching, research or publications. This award, accompanied by a check for \$1,500, is funded annually by the consulting firm of RHR International in honor of a founding member, Perry L. Rohrer, who epitomized the standards of excellence which they and the APA Division of Consulting Psychology seek to perpetuate.

Nomination dossiers should include a letter of nomination, the nominee's current resume or C.V. and appropriate supporting documentation providing evidence of the significance and impact of the nominee's work.

Send nominations to: Paul Lloyd, Ph.D.
Chair, Division 13 Awards Committee
Lloyd & Associates
808 Alta Vista
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Nomination Deadline.....January 23,1998

Business Meeting Minutes cont.....

6. APA Council Report: Nancy Ator substituted for Alice Young at the Aug 14th Council meeting- APA's Board of Scientific Affairs has an initiative to increase scientific membership in the association. Motion carried to support that initiative.
 - APA will increase its dues by \$20 and increase the journal credit to \$45.
 - The College of Professional Psychology, now three years old, was set up to certify and credential psychologists in specific areas of expertise (eg Alcohol and Substance Abuse) through the administration of an exam and setting the requirements for gaining expertise. The College petitioned the Council to permit them to develop an exam that could be used by states as part of the licensing procedure if the legislature approves prescriptive authority by psychologists in that state. Maxine Stitzer and Alan Budney will act as our liaisons to the College.
7. The American Psychological Society has invited Division 28 members to its summit meeting in May, 1998, on "Advancing the Scientific Base of Psychology". Steve Fowler and Nancy Piotrowski will represent Division 28.
8. Frank Holloway is chairing our Committee on Credentialing which is concerned with developing what the knowledge base is for Level I and Level II psychopharmacology proficiency. We plan to ask CAP for \$5K to cover expenses associated with this effort.
9. Marlyne was congratulated and thanked for her service as President as she passed the gavel to our next president, Nancy Ator.

David Penetar, Ph. D.
Secretary

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse

One position is available in a stimulating, productive laboratory. Responsibilities are in the behavioral economics of drug self-administration. Applicants must have completed doctoral training in psychology or pharmacology and have research experience. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Competitive stipends. Send letters of interest, vitae, and letters of reference to Warren K. Bickel, Ph.D., Human Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory, Department of Psychiatry, 38 Fletcher Place, Burlington, Vermont 05401-1419.

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

Faculty opening in the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience, School of Medicine, Oregon Health Sciences, University (OHSU). The appointee would join the faculty at OHSU and affiliated Portland VA Medical Center in teaching medical students and offering Ph. D. and postdoctoral training in behavioral neuroscience supported by NIH training grants and individual research grants. Candidates should have a Ph. D. degree, postdoctoral experience, and demonstrated ability to conduct independent research in an area complementary to current faculty interests. The specific area of research is open, but of particular interest is someone with behavioral expertise studying learning and memory, behavioral endocrinology, and/or development. Candidates should send application letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, recent reprints, and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to: John C. Crabbe, Ph. D., c/o Ginger Ashworth, Department of Behavioral Neuroscience L470, Oregon Health Sciences University, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201-3098. Website: <http://www.ohsu.edu/som-BehNeuro/>. Interviews will begin mid-October, 1997. OHSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Committee on Aging Call for Nominations for Terms Beginning in 1998

The Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Older Adult is requesting nominations, including self nominations, for membership on the newly-established APA Committee on Aging. Established by the Council of Representatives at its August meeting, the Committee on Aging will convene for the first time at the Consolidated Governance Meetings, March 20-22, 1998. APA nominations are open to members who are retired or employed less than full time. The initial six committee members will be appointed by the APA President and will have staggered 1, 2, and 3 years. In subsequent years, annual changes in membership will be effected through conventional governance processes to appoint two new members for 3-year terms.

Taken together, the Committee member's expertise should encompass the broad areas of science, practice, policy, education, public interest, and public affairs that are specified in the Committee Mission Statement shown below. Members are required to attend two Committee meetings per year in Washington, with expenses reimbursed by APA. In addition, to members are expected to invest a few hours each month on projects and activities of the Committee on Aging.

Persons who wish to be considered for membership on the Committee on Aging should send a letter expressing a willingness to serve and a current CV to:

Jacquelyn Gentry, Ph.D., Director
Public Interest Initiatives
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242

Nominations materials must be received no later than October 20,1997

Research Associate Department of Psychiatry University of Mississippi Medical Center

One position available in the Laboratory of Human Behavioral Pharmacology. Responsibilities include developing, implementing and publishing research relating to the human behavioral pharmacology of abused drugs, particularly human drug discrimination using commonly abused stimulants and sedatives. The relationship between the discriminative effects and abuse potential of drugs is of central interest. Ph.D. in psychology or pharmacology required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send c.v., statement of research goals, and names of three references to: Craig R. Rush, Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, MS, 39216. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V. Phone: 601-984-5805 FAX: 601-984-6965

Faculty Position: Drug Abuse Research

Applications are invited for a non-tenure track faculty position in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The position will be at the ASSISTANT or ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR level, depending upon the qualifications. Candidates should have a Ph. D. in Pharmacology, Psychology, or Neuroscience and expertise using non-human primates. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an externally-funded research program and to establish collaborative relations with other scientists within the department. Salary will be commensurate with rank. Applicants should send curriculum vitae, a statement of current and future research goals and names of three references to:

William L. Woolverton, Ph. D.
Chair of Search Committee
Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V.

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Review Course on Addiction Psychiatry

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The course is an excellent overview of the addiction field. Registration is open to all health care professionals. For additional information contact 913-262-6161 or addicpsyc2@aol.com.

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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Applications are now being considered for postdoctoral research positions funded by institutional training grants awarded by NIAA and NIDA to the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience at the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU). A diverse research group of faculty at OHSU, the Vollum Institute, and the Portland VA Medical Center offers training in behavioral pharmacology and pharmacogenetics, systems physiology/pharmacology, and cell/molecular biology. Training faculty include: Drs. S. Amara, J. Belknap, J. Broadbent, K. Buck, J. Crabbe, C. Cunningham, D. Finn, E. Gallaher, D. Grandy, D. Hatton, J. Istvan, C. Jahr, A. Janowsky, S. Johnson, M. Kavanaugh, M. Kelly, G. Mark, E. McCleskey, C. Meshul, K. Neve, G. Olsen, T. Phillips, F. Risinger, O. Ronnekleiv, A. Ryabinin, G. Westbrook, J. Williams, K. Wiren. A background in a neuroscience area is preferred. Stipend is in accord with NIH scales (\$19,608 - \$32,000 depending on experience). Send application letter, CV and three letters of reference to: Christopher Cunningham, Ph. D., c/o Ginger Ashworth, Department of Behavioral Neuroscience L470, Oregon Health Sciences University, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201-3098. Website: <http://www.ohsu.edu/som-BehNeuro/>. For additional information, contact : behavior @ohsu.edu.

Research Associate Department of Psychiatry University of Mississippi Medical Center

Develop, implement and publish research relating to the behavioral neuropharmacology of abused drugs, particularly drug self-administration and drug discrimination in non-human primates. The relationship between in vitro or in vivo neuropharmacology and behavioral effects is of central interest. Ph.D. in pharmacology or neuroscience required. Salary commensurate with experience. Send c.v., statement of research goals, and names of three references to : William L. Woolverton, Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, MS, 39216. EOE, M/F/D/V. Phone: 601-984-5898 FAX: 601-984-5899

Addictions Clinical Researcher

Virginia Commonwealth University announces the opening of a tenure-track faculty position in the Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies with an appointment in the Division of Substance Abuse Medicine. Faculty rank and departmental affiliations will depend on the professional background of the applicant and past record. This is primarily a research appointment with some teaching, when appropriate, minimal clinical responsibilities. This position is for a Ph. D., or M.D., or equivalent degree holder who has experience in clinical research in substance abuse. Send a curriculum vitae, statement of research background and interests, and the names of at least three persons who can provide a reference to **Dr. Sidney H. Schnoll, Division of Substance Abuse Medicine, Box 980109, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA 23298-0109.** Virginia Commonwealth University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and encourages women, minorities and persons with disabilities to apply.

Call for Fellowship Nominations

The Executive Committee seeks nominations for Fellow status in Division 28. Any member who has made outstanding contributions to psychopharmacology or substance abuse is eligible.

If you wish to be considered yourself or nominate someone else for this APA honor, send your/his/her CV to:

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Craig R. Rush, Ph.D.

Division 28 Newsletter Editor

Submissions should be submitted in both hard copy (letter quality) and diskette. FAX submissions are discouraged.

Deadlines are March 15 (Spring), June 15 (summer), September 15 (Fall), and December 15 (Winter).

JOHNS HOPKINS SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESEARCH

Postdoctoral human research positions available in a stimulating and productive environment with excellent clinical and research resources. **Human Laboratory Behavioral Pharmacology.** Design and implement controlled laboratory research on the behavioral, subjective, and physiological effects of psychoactive drugs for abuse liability testing and medications development. Drug classes under study include: opioids, cocaine, anxiolytics, caffeine, nicotine. Research background and experience required. **Applied Research in Behavioral Treatment of Substance Abuse.** Develop and evaluate treatment interventions for opioid and cocaine abusers and cigarette smokers. Sites include methadone, outpatient and smoking cessation clinics, Minorities encouraged. **USPHS** stipend levels based on experience. Send vita, letter of interest, and names/phone of 3 references to George E. Bigelow, Ph. D., Roland R. Griffiths, Ph. D., or Maxine L. Stitzer, Ph. D.; BPRU Behavioral Biology Research Center; 5510 Nathan Shock Drive; Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus; Baltimore, Maryland 21224-6823. (410)

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