Society for Research in Psychopathology

Oakland, CA, September 19th – 22nd, 2013

Members' Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 20th, 2013

***Updates/ Reports***

**1) President's Welcome: *Deanna Barch***

**2) Secretary’s Report: *Sheri Johnson***

*a) Election Results*

President-Elect: David Miklowitz

Secretary: Jutta Joorman

Treasurer: Kate Harkness

Executive Board Members-at-Large: Tim Trull and Sohee Park

b) Dr. Johnson asked people to update their emails.

**3) Treasurer’s Report: *Bill Horan/ Marty Harrow***

a) 2012 Ann Arbor meeting final numbers: $29,690.37 net

b) We typically have $30,000 to $50,000 in our Chase checking account.

b) 2013 Oakland meeting finances to date: close to balanced; awaiting final registration numbers

c) Other accomplishments this year

* Filed 2012 tax return (CPA $150)
* Transferred Chase account to no-fee option
* Submitted 2013 biennial report to State of Iowa: Non-profit Corporation (Michael O’Hara, Registered Agent)
* “Open Conference” software: $275
* Insurance for 2013 Oakland meeting: Philadelphia Insurance Co. $300

d) Financial Investments

Beginning value as of Jan 1: $98,285.13

Transaction costs, loads, & fees: - 10.00

Change in investment value: +13,676.17

Ending value as of Dec 31: $111,951.30

**4) Local Host Report: *Sheri Johnson/Ann Kring***

a) Conference Registration: approximately 276 (241 pre-registrations)

b) Banquet Registration: approximately 60

**5) Program Committee Report: Alexandra S. Burt**

1. We received 222 active submissions, of which 8 were withdrawn.
2. The committee was able to accept 7 of the 10 symposium submissions
3. The committee was able to accept 20 of the 23 paper submissions

**6) Early Career Award Committee Report: *Bill Hetrick***

1. The other committee members included Jennifer Tackett, Greg Miller, and Dan Klein
2. Applications are now accepted from those within 9 years of their degree, regardless of tenure status.
3. We received 17 applications (9 from men), and those were spread across a range of years since graduation.
4. The 2013 Early Career Award winner is Dr. Stewart Shankman.

**7) Mentor Award Committee Report:**

a) The 2013 Mentor Award winner is Ray Knight.

1. Evidence of mentorship can include undergraduates who have going on to professional careers in psychopathology research.
2. We received 6 applications.

**8) Smadar Levin Award Report: *June Gruber***

a) Other committee members: Dan Klein, Don Lynam, Lauren Weinstock

b) The committee received over 90 applicants.

c) Results will be announced at the banquet

d) Award winners included the following.

Smadar Levin Award was granted to Wern How Yam

Comparing the Experimental DSM-5 Personality Disorder Diagnostic System to DSM-IV

whyam@buffalo.edu

Mentor: Leonard J. Simms

SRP Travel Awards (4 total) were granted to:

Ashley Kendall

Low Trait Positive Affect as a Risk Factor for Emotional Disorders: Results from a Ten-Year Latent Trait-State Model Study

Mentor: Richard Zinbarg

Sunny Dutra

Monetary and social reward processing in bipolar disorder: Neural correlates and prognostic significance

Mentor: June Gruber (who recused herself from all aspects of the review)

Kathrin Herzhoff

Structural analyses of Oppositional Defiant Disorder and confirmatory evidence from latent class analysis

Mentor: Jennifer Tackett

Nicole Karcher

Dopamine and Salience-Related Dysfunction in Individuals At-Risk for the Development of Psychotic Symptoms

Mentor: John Kerns, University of Missouri

**9) Membership Report: *Wendy Heller***

a) We received 17 applications for full membership and 37 for associate membership. By unanimous vote, the new members were approved by the board. The new full members include:

Carrie Bearden, David Roberts, Chris Hopwood, Amanda Uliaszek, Daniel Fulford, Patrick Pössel, Roee Admon, Brian Keane, Amanda McCleery, Joseph Orr, Rebecca Shiner, Nicholas Breitborde,

Amelia Aldao, Michael Chmielewski, Felice Reddy, Theresa Morgan, and Alexander Shackman.

The new associate members include:

Daniel Fridberg, Marc Weintraub, William Vanderlind, Eryn Bentley, Emily Kline, Camille Wilson, Caroline Schimunek, Gregory Epstein, Kyle Mitchell, Lauren Catalano, Andrew Kiselica, Shana Golembo Smith, Kristen Bradshaw, Kathleen Reardon, Tommy Ng, Avante Smack, Keith Feigenson,

Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Hunt, Aubrey Moe, Ashley Malooly, Sarah Ouellette, Jessica Maples, Annette Mankus, Victoria Johnson, Yosefa Ehrlich, Deborah Stringer, Susan Kuo,

Julia Longenecker, Craig Marquardt, Jasmine Mote, Samantha Abram, Lisa Hecht, Jessica McGovern, Elizabeth Rojas, Sara Bergman, and Chelsea Gilbert.

b) Dr. Heller reminded members that it is OK to send a one paragraph email in support of a candidate rather than a full formal letter.

1. Members noted that the website is not entirely clear about whether sponsors or candidates should forward the sponsor letter.

e) Discussion of allowing advanced undergraduates and RAs not in Ph.D. programs to apply for Associate Member status.

The executive board has recommended that we open up associate membership to include persons who:

* have completed an undergraduate degree,
* are engaged in an occupation related to psychopathology research in a paid or unpaid role, and
* receive endorsement from a full member.

One member who had asked for this change noted that many of these people are seriously invested in the field and would seem to merit and appreciate this type of membership. No members dissented from this opinion.

Formal change of the by-laws will require a vote of the membership.

**10) Website Development and Oversight Committee (DOC) Report: *Shaun Eack***

a) Dr. Eack thanked the other members of the website committee, Drs. Angus MacDonald and Leonard Simms

b) Open Conf software has worked relatively well. Feedback welcomed.

c) We will be looking into purchasing other software/website packages to facilitate membership and financial systems. The committee recruited over 150 bids for customized software and found that those tended to be fairly expensive.

**11) Publications Committee Report:  *Vijay Mittal and Emily Durbin***

*Associate members are continuing to interview SRP members to provide profiles in the newsletter.*

**12) FABBS Report: *Greg Strauss***

Dr. Strauss reminded the members that FABBS is a coalition of 22 societies. Each society chooses one member representative to FABBS. FABBS provides advocacy on Capitol Hill and networks with multiple government agencies to protect funding for science. They have been highly active in lobbying against the budget cuts to scientific funding. They also communicate about policy issues to membership and to key government officials.

FABBS has a new science writer who is soliciting good findings and stories to write about psychopathology research.

We will be granted an opportunity to select the FABBS Early Career Award winner for 2015.

***Old/ Ongoing Business***

**1) Future Meetings**

*2014 Evanston, IL: Stew Shankman (9/18/14—9/21/14; Hilton Orrington)*

Stew presented a brief PowerPoint.

Dates were changed to accommodate SPR.

The conference hotel is convenient to access from O’Hare airport.

Alex Cohen will serve as the local host for 2014.

*2015 New Orleans, LA: Alex Cohen (10/1/15—10/4/15; Astor Crowne Plaza); dates to be confirmed*

*2016 Baltimore, MD: Jason Schiffman (9/29/15-10/1/16; Hyatt Regency Baltimore)*

*2017 Boulder, CO: Vijay Mittal, starting date planned for either September 14 or 21.*

*2018 Volunteers are sought to host future meetings.*

2) CE Credits: We will no longer pursue because of cost, effort and lack of interest by membership.

**3) Thanks to outgoing members**

a) Past-President Lee Anna Clark

b) Members-at-Large Patty Deldin and Jutta Joorman (but not really for Jutta as she is the new Secretary)

c) Secretary Sheri Johnson (but she will stay on through the year)

d) Treasurer Bill Horan (but he will stay on through the year)

***New Business***

1. Because of the growing expense and laborious process of offering CEU credits, SRP will no longer be able to offer those credits.
2. **Proposed By-Laws Changes:**

**ISSUE 1**: The by-laws don’t actually list criteria for full membership. It is for board to decide, and is listed on membership page. Thus, we need to either put all of the membership criteria in the by-laws, or make by-laws more general and keep the specific criteria on membership page. The board suggested doing the latter.

*Current text of the bylaws:*

*Section 1. Members. Members of the Research Society (hereinafter “Society”) shall be individuals who have made demonstrated contributions to research in psychopathology. Members shall ordinarily be holders of the doctoral degree although, in extraordinary circumstances, other individuals without this qualification may be admitted to membership from time to time. Applicants for membership shall produce such specific evidence of appropriate education and qualification as the Society shall require, and shall be engaged in teaching, and/or research in psychopathology. It shall be a requirement of membership that the member’s scientific work reflect the standards of integrity that are expected of a scientist.*

*The Executive Board may at its discretion establish other classes of membership for individuals who do not meet the criteria for admission to regular membership.*

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*Eligible individuals will include students in Ph.D. training programs or recent PhDs. Applications must be supported by a letter of recommendations from at least one member of SRP****. The requirement of at least 2 first-author publications is waived.****Associate members are treated the same as non-members regarding eligibility to present.*

**ISSUE 2**: The Executive Board, based on suggestions of SRP members, voted to expand the category of Associate member to include individuals with a Bachelor’s degree who are currently occupied in paid or unpaid positions focused on psychopathology research.

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***At the Executive Committee Meeting of 9-19-2013 in Oakland, California the category of Associate Member was expanded to include individuals with a Bachelor’s degree who are currently occupied in a paid or unpaid position focused on psychopathology research.***

The membership page for Full Members would then read:

Membership and permission to present papers at meetings are limited to established psychopathologists. Criteria for full membership in the society include 1) a doctoral degree, 2) recommendations from two current members, and 3) a credible record of publication in areas of relevance to psychopathology, including two papers of which the applicant is senior author, in refereed journals.

The membership page for Associate Members would then read:

There is also a category of membership in SRP, called Associate Member, that is available for either 1) students in recognized academic graduate programs who are actively studying psychopathology; or 2) individuals with a Bachelor’s degree who are currently occupied in a paid or unpaid position focused on psychopathology research. In addition to meeting one of these two criteria, an application for Associate membership must be sponsored by a current full member of SRP. Associate members will receive all membership mailings and are encouraged to attend the annual meetings. Meeting presentations are limited to posters sponsored by a full member.

To join SRP as an Associate, please submit this application along with a brief letter of sponsorship (i.e., one-paragraph) from a full member.

1. **Proposed Dues Increase**
2. The rationale for an increase is to be able to fund awards from dues. Current dues do not fully cover invited speaker and award expenses once plans to increase our awards go into place. We would like to be able to provide awards to enhance diversity of SRP (three awards to minority individuals that provide up to $1000 to defray travel costs and free membership for one year). Although we do have a reserve fund, it is recommended that societies maintain one or two times the annual conference costs in their reserve account, and so it is important not to routinely expend the reserves.
3. The executive board recommended a dues increase for Full members to $75. This compares to:

Association for Research in Personality: $50

Society for Psychophysiological Research: $75

ABCT: $230

American Psychopathological Association: $150

1. By vote of the membership, the dues increase passed (with 59 in favor and one abstention).