

Council of Professional Associations of Psychology (CPAP)

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At the most recent meeting of CPAP the delegates reported on the feedback received from their home jurisdictions concerning the decision in June of 2006 to separate CPAP into two groups: a group for the Regulators and a separate group for the Associations. The feedback supported the council decision. Therefore a formal motion to split CPAP into two groups was made and was carried unanimously. The only concerns raised by the home jurisdictions focused on the establishment of a liaison relationship between the two groups such that issues of mutual concern can be addressed. A subcommittee was created that will discuss this liaison relationship and provide feedback to the CPAP delegates by the end of March 2007.

The plan is for the Associations to continue as CPAP with the acronym changed to reflect the new name, the *Council of Professional Associations of Psychologists*. A draft of changes to the current CPAP bylaws was presented with all references to the Regulators removed. Legal advice will be sought before the June CPAP meeting to see if this is the best course to separate the two groups.

It was also decided that the current assets of CPAP will be split evenly between the two new groups with the exception that the funds CPAP receives from CAPP (the APA subcommittee Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice) will remain with the Associations as it is for advocacy work. Recently CPAP was informed that CAPP will fund us for another 3 year term.

In addition to detailing the separation, CPAP also had a presentation by Rodney Hancock (of McFarlan Rowlands Insurance Brokers) as we do each January. As well two additional issues were raised that generated considerable discussion. The first concerned the issue of getting 3rd party funding for psychologists providing CBT and the implications for psychologists not trained in CBT. The second issue is the rising concern about who can buy and administer psychological tests/instruments. This latter issue was discussed at length and a decision was made to have a subcommittee discuss it further between meetings in preparation for the June CPAP meeting.

To close I want to acknowledge the ongoing assistance of John Service in discussions about the future of CPAP. Several conversations have been had about the role of CPA in the new CPAP and I look forward to continuing this discussion.

Respectfully,

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