



**Behavioral Issues Special Interest Section
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Chicago, IL
Minutes**

Present: Robert Nicholson PhD, chair; Steven M. Baskin, PhD; Jonathan Borkum, PhD; Dawn Buse, PhD; John S. Wendt, MD; Morris Maizels, MD; Sonja Potrebic, MD, PhD; Sutapa Ford, PhD; Taj Becker, MD; Kenneth Holroyd, PhD; James Griffith, MD; Donald Penzien, PhD; Scott W. Powers, PhD, ABPP; Robbie Roeshman, DO, Alvin E. Lake, III, PhD; Frederick Taylor, MD

Staff: Molly Tritt

I. Welcome and Introductions. Dr. Nicholson, the new chair, welcomed everyone. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Old Business

- A. The Behavioral Health pre-course was well attended. The section should aim to offer one at every annual meeting.
- B. Dr. Penzien chairs the new section, Methodology & Research Design, which holds a section symposium on Sunday.

III. New Business

- A. AHS board has determined that only the chair's election process will be conducted by AHS HQ. Sections are open to adding other leadership positions to meet their needs.
- B. Pre-course and post-symposia are only open to available to sections.
 1. Behavioral Health has a good track record.
 2. Maybe the international members could get involved for 2009.
 - a. IHC and the Migraine Trust do have a behavioral component.
 - b. Dr. Baskin will contact some people from IHS with ideas.
 - c. Dr. Holroyd suggested cultural differences with headache.
 - d. Dr. Lake concurred; language and culture of pain may be fascinating.
 - e. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Baskin.
 3. Send conference topic ideas to Dr. Nicholson.

C. AHS Activities

1. Website and physician referral are now updated.
2. The journal now features a "Headache Toolbox" patient educ. page. There may be an opportunity for more behavioral input.
3. Brainstorm is being offered to regional meetings of primary care providers.

D. Additional leaders for the section.

1. Dr. Penzien gives historical perspective for the section.
2. The group could benefit from a secretary who will serve a two-year term.
3. Dr. Sutapa Ford was nominated for this position and was unanimously approved by the group.

E. Dr. Maizels suggested a discussion of assessment issues as a possible topic for 2008. There may be potential to turn a pre-course into a supplement.

1. There could be a joint symposium between behavior and the primary care section to endorse levels of evidence in the articles. There is merit in the "stamp of approval".
2. Dr. Banks and Dr. Nicholson could work together.
3. Dr. Powers suggested that the Pediatric-Adolescent section may be interested as well. He will talk to Dr. Hershey.
4. Dr. Penzien suggested that the journal could do a series or a supplement which is long overdue. Because evidence may be sparse, it may have to be consensus-based.
5. Drs. Taylor, Nicholson and Banks will work together as a group of editors.

F. New Guidelines for Reimbursement

1. Dr. Silberstein is leading a group to make these changes.
2. Dr. Penzien is happy that preventive section will include behavioral content. He has been invited to review and give feedback.

G. New Website

1. Dr. Buse is a member of the Electronic Media Committee.
2. New content has been drafted by Dr. Starr Pearlman.
3. Dr. Nicholson urges everyone to visit the site to review the content.

H. Ongoing communications within the section

1. Dr. Taylor suggests that IHC2009, the supplement and the web are three topics for ongoing conference calls.
2. Identified projects need directors.
3. Dr. Ford will determine what time works best for the majority of the section members.

- I. Pre/post course decisions
 1. Ideas will be solicited via the listserv.
 2. The group will work on two-year proposals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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