SPAGS Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2012 Chicago, IL

Installation of new SPAGS Board:

Katherine Thomas PRESIDENT

Christy Denckla
PRESIDENT-ELECT
Justin Smith
PAST PRESIDENT
Stacey Boyer
MEMBER-AT-LARGE
Michael Roche
Member-AT-LARGE
David Marino
MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Joshua Eblin SECRETARY

Committee reports

A. Technology Committee

- i. David will serve as Chair if the Technology Committee.
- ii. The SPAGS Board agrees that the Technology Committee should help Dr. Mihura with the SPAGS website.
- iii. The Technology Committee may be responsible for creating a digital recording of poster winners briefly discussing their research project. The video would then be posted on the SPAGS website.
- iv. David will add SPAGS member email addresses to the SPAGS listserve and Google group.

B. Social Committee

- i. Christy will serve as Chair of the Social Committee.
- ii. The SPAGS Board agrees that having the social in the conference hotel works much better than having the social off site.
- iii. Christy will organize the student social for next year.

C. Education Committee

- i. Michael and Joshua will serve as Co-Chairs of the Education Committee.
- ii. The Board agrees that a potential topic for the 2013 student-focused symposium might be methods of launching an assessment practice.
- iii. Michael and Joshua will also solicit student feedback about topics they are interested in for future student-focused symposia.

iv. Michael and Joshua will continue to notify local DCTs and internship training directors of SPAGS events.

D. Diversity Committee

- i. Christy will serve as Chair of the Diversity Committee
- ii. The SPAGS board is considering awarding a diversity travel grant in the future. It remains unclear whether the grant will be awarded on the basis of applicant diversity or the extent to which the content of applicants' research is representative of diversity. The SPAGS board will need to agree upon criteria for awarding the grant and then propose this idea to the SPA Board.

E. Membership Committee

- i. Stacey will serve as Chair of the Membership Committee.
- ii. Stacey will solicit student submissions sooner for the 2013 conference sooner than we have previously.

F. Election Committee

i. Justin will serve as Chair of the Election Committee.