

## Agenda for November 2011 Meeting

Call to Order – Vong

Roll call: Vong, Hugh, Carlos, Rebecca, Beth, Rhonda, Judy

Hugh shared that the Governing Council rep will have a shorter term and then following the position will not exist and requested that board members review the attached and sent reports, the summarized report can be seen below.

Rebecca update: plan to get an issue out in the next month for the fall issue and has good potential for the spring journal. CSJ ethical code should be coming out soon as well.

1. A request to review the minutes of last meeting (September)...Vong wanted revisions regarding the brunch costs at \$45. With this change there was a motion to approve the minutes by the board.
2. Officers reports
  - a. President's report –The brunch is being moved to the suggested restaurant that Rebecca suggested. Rebecca will double check regarding a deposit for reserving a room in the restaurant. ACA will not state the location of the brunch on their brochure. Vong suggested we email various listservs to inform them of the location, time, cost, etc. of the brunch. Giving Back to the Community: Vong has a meeting later today to discuss the details of this event. Four Day of Learning Workshops dates and times to be sent to the board at a later date. Hugh suggested this information to be located on the website for individuals to view.
  - b. Report by the CSJ Immediate Past President-Judy
    - a. Discussed information regarding Occupy San Francisco and sending reminders, also encouraging members to consider it at the conference.
  - c. Report by the CSJ Communications Officer: Not present.
  - d. Report by the CSJ Treasurer: Carlos-Just under 39,000 in bank and continue to grow, a little bit in the red. Memberships are currently dropping. Judy presented her concern regarding recruiting and retaining members. Vong discussed facilitating a webinar that would be available to members as a benefit. Rebecca shared her support regarding the webinar and also revisited a direct email to members by the CSJ president. Rebecca also shared the possibility regarding putting together a survey to identify what members get out of joining a professional organization. Hugh mentioned that we had one in the past and Vong requested that we get the data to help us with future decisions. Rebecca suggested an honor society as a viable option to include students and give them benefits
  - e. Report by the CSJ Governing Council Representative: Restructuring Governing Council. Please see summarized report below:

The most significant change in the meeting that followed the retreat was a motion that passed with less than a 2/3 vote to restructure the leadership of Governing Council, doing away with representation as it currently stands, and

replacing it with what has been named the “Board of Trustees”. The structure of the new governing board will be as follows:

9 At-Large Members (3 year terms)

1 Student Representative

3 Presidents (Past, Elect, Current)

3 Ex-officio Members

Treasurer (1 year)

Parliamentarian (1 year)

Executive Director

The current structure of the ACA Governing Council is 19 Division Representatives and 4 Region Representatives plus the Presidents and Ex-officio members, all elected by their divisions and regions. The new structure will end all representation from divisions and regions. All members would be elected from the general membership of ACA and may be nominated by any member or group, including self-nomination. A Division and Region Council would also be created, but this body will serve only as an advisory group to the Board of Trustees. These changes have been turned over to the Bylaws Committee to be written into bylaws. These final bylaws changes will be up for vote at the next Governing Council meeting in San Francisco. A 2/3 vote is required for passage of changes to the bylaws. This CSJ Representative to the Governing Council spoke against and voted against these changes, along with the representatives from every “passion division”, including ALGBTIC, AMCD, and ACC. Arguments for the change included the “need” for GC to be more “nimble” and that GC is not properly representing the 30,000 members who are not members of any division.

A motion to include an Ethnic Minority Member position to the governing board (now to be called the Board of Trustees) was raised again. Although this issue has been under discussion since 2003 and, although the Governing Council approved this addition to the GC in 2005, this issue was again tabled. Rationale included statements that focusing on any one category of diversity was ultimately serving to “over-represent” that category and exclude other categories of underrepresented groups.

A motion also passed to increase required qualifications to run for ACA President. Effective in the next election, nominees will be required to have been a past Board of Trustee/Governing Council member and either past Division President or Regional Chair.

There were reports from the presidents and Executive Director. For the most part, the EC reported that organizational activity (membership, conference attendance, professional development using technology, etc.) and financials are up in all areas.

A report was provided on the DSM V and ACA’s work to respond to it. The membership of the GC unanimously supported the work going forth as well as addition of new members to the DSM V Taskforce.

A Graduate Student Mentoring Program is being launched that would provide services and mentoring specifically geared for students, such as job preparation training, job search support, licensure guidance, networking, etc.

When strategies to address some of the Governing Council changes came up in the meeting...I was hesitant to summarize this, what do you all think?...I just went ahead and summarized Hugh's report for this section.

- f. Report by the CSJ co-editors of The Activist- newsletter dates and plans: Not present
  - g. Report by the CSJ Retired Persons Representative
  - h. Report by the CSJ Community Representative: Beth  
Working on new member listserv regarding putting an effective listserv together for members and requested further thoughts from board members regarding how to proceed. Vong added the importance of continuing on when new officers are elected in the future.
  - i. Report by the CSJ Student representative
  - j. Report by the CSJ President-elect: Rhonda
3. Committee Reports and Interest Groups
  4. New Business
  5. Possible future meeting date December 2nd 11:30 a.m. CST