

## Annual Business Meeting Washington, DC

President Bill Addison called the business meeting to order. Officers and standing committee chairs reported the following:

### Treasurer

Sheree Barron stated that the Society ended the fiscal year in good financial shape. A dues increase will go into effect for 2006 to support new STP initiatives.

### Society Programming

Bill Hill reported that the Best Practices conference continues to be a success. The upcoming 2005 conference focuses on Best Practices in Teaching Critical Thinking Across the Psychology Curriculum. Bill Hill recognized Janie Wilson for her work as Convention Programming Chair. Bill also thanked Val Whittlesey for her work organizing the Society's preconference institute and STP programming at the American Psychological Society convention for the past three years. Dana Dunn will be taking over this responsibility. Also recognized were Regan Gurung for his work organizing the Society's preconference programming for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology's annual meeting and Bill Buskist for his work in organizing the 1-day teaching enhancement workshops.

### Elections and Appointments

Linda Noble reported that Bill Buskist was elected to the position of President-Elect and Val Whittlesey was elected to the position of Secretary of STP. Marky Lloyd and Dave Johnson were elected as Representatives to the APA Council.

### Teaching of Psychology (ToP) Editor

Randy Smith reported that four issues of the journal were published again last year with a total of 295 pages. Rejection rate for the journal was 81%. Randy thanked the section editors as well as article reviewers. Society members were urged to continue to make *ToP* a priority library subscription at their respective institutions. Randy Smith thanked Adrienne Lee for her service as Methods and Techniques Editor. Linda Noble will be assuming this editorial position.

### Long Range Planning

Loreto Prieto reported that the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) had developed quite a few initiatives over the past year. For example, the rationale for the dues increase is related to new initiatives aimed at recruitment and retention. Additionally, there will be new faculty institutes. Barney Beins and Patti Price were thanked for their service on the LRPC and Bill Buskist was welcomed to the committee.

### Internet Editor

Vinny Hevern reported that STP has a number of new resources available on the Web site such as the membership guide and two new books—*Essays from Excellence in Teaching* (Vol. 4) and *Preparing the New Psychology Professoriate: Helping Graduate Students Become Competent Teachers*. Additionally, non-APA members can now renew their membership on the Web site using PayPal®. Another book will soon be available on the Web site entitled, *Teaching of Psychology in Autobiography: Perspectives from Psychology's Best Teachers*. The PsychTeacher discussion list continues to grow and has approximately 1700 members. The number of individuals visiting both the STP Web site as well as the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP) Web site remains very high with over 100,000 unique visitors per year. Vinny Hevern stated that he has completed his terms as Internet Editor (9 years) and announced that John Williams has been appointed as the new Internet Editor. Additionally, the Society Web sites will be moved to the APA server to facilitate centralization of services.

### Council Representatives

Marky Lloyd reported that the APA is in good financial shape. Additionally, Council approved the *APA National Standards for the Teaching of High School Psychology*.

### Executive Director

Tom Pusateri reported that overall membership is fairly steady from last year. Assistance is still needed with recruiting new members, particularly stu-

dents. The membership directory is in the process of being updated and individuals need to send in any new information now. Non-APA members were reminded that they can renew their membership through PayPal and APA members need to make sure that Division 2 is on their APA billing statement.

### Publications Committee

Randy Smith (reporting for Steve Davis) reported that STP received a good number of high quality applications for Internet Editor. The Society is currently in the midst of several additional transitions including a search for a new OTRP Director and a new *ToP* Editor. It was noted that *ToP* is available through some library electronic databases and it is currently unclear as to the financial and contractual ramifications for the Society.

### Fellows

Ken Weaver announced the Fellows Committee received six completed applications for fellow status of which four were passed on to the APA for approval. As the Council of Representatives had not yet met for a vote, no results could be reported. It was announced that Rick Miller was elected to fellow status last year. Joan Chrisler and Ken Keith were thanked for their service on the committee. Fellow nominations of individuals who have made unusual or outstanding contributions to psychology should be sent to Ken Weaver at [weaverke@emporia.edu](mailto:weaverke@emporia.edu).

### Recruitment, Retention, & Public Relations Committee

Patti Price reported that the committee was implementing efforts to make the Society more visible. For example, an article has appeared in the *Psychology Teacher Network* and another will appear this December in the *Monitor*. STP has also started setting up tables at conferences and will begin distributing promotional items. Anyone attending a conference who wants to assist with recruitment should contact Patti at [pprice@wingate.edu](mailto:pprice@wingate.edu). Patti also announced that STP will begin awarding early career scholarships twice a year beginning in January. Twenty individuals will be awarded \$200 to attend conferences.

### G. Stanley Hall Lectures

Dana Dunn reported that this year's convention was host to four excellent G. Stanley Hall and Harry Kirke Wolfe lectures: Barbara Fredrickson, Daniel J. Povinelli, Barry Schwartz, and William Buskist. The committee (Ann Lynn, Ted Bosack, and Ken Weaver) was thanked for their hard work putting together a wonderful program.

### Fund for Excellence

Wayne Weiten reported that the Fund for Excellence continues to be in great shape thanks to the stewardship of Jim Korn. It was noted that Jim has resigned from the position and that new leadership for the fund will be needed. Jim was thanked for his foresight and creativity in organizing the fund.

### Teaching Awards

Elizabeth Yost Hammer noted that there was a good slate of candidates for all four awards and the winners are Stephen L. Chew—Robert S. Daniel Award 4-Year College or University Award; Joseph A. Mayo—2-Year College Award; Kristin H. Whitlock—Moffett Memorial High School Award; George M. Slavich—McKeachie Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award. More information about the winners will be in the Fall issue of *Teaching of Psychology*. Members are encouraged to nominate deserving teachers for these awards.

### Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP)

Janet Carlson reported that the OTRP Web site is being used extensively. Three new resources have been added of which two have already been downloaded more than 1,000 times. It was noted that there were five major revisions of existing resources and a number of new syllabi have been added to Project Syllabus. John Williams was thanked for all of his work as Associate Internet Editor. Janet also thanked Associate Director Chris Hakala, Assistant Director, Project Syllabus Jeanne Slattery, IRA Task Force Chair Tara Kuther, Mentoring Service Director Drew Appleby, and Departmental Consulting Service (DCS) Coordinator Loreto Prieto. The new DSC Coordinator is Tracy Zinn.

### Diversity Task Force

Loreto Prieto provided some background information noting that Neil Lutsky was asked to reconstitute and chair a task force on diversity in 1998. There have been a number of core members and they have published or pre-

sented at least 13 different empirical works. It was noted that the STP Executive Committee has approved that the task force become a standing committee. The Chair of this committee will have Executive Committee voting power and the committee will have a budget. This change is contingent on a bylaws revision and vote by the membership.

**President—Summary of Year’s Activities**

Bill Addison commented that all of the year’s activities represented a team effort. Bill reported a number of new and ongoing initiatives such as the membership directory, the scholarship of teaching task force, the task force on APA/APS collaboration, STP/PT@CC relations, the creation of the small grants program, a new dues category for retirees, and the vote to centralize the STP Web presence at APA. It was also announced that the 2-year college Teaching Award will be name the Wayne Weiten 2-Year College Award.

Bill thanked and recognized a number of individuals leaving STP office including, Associate Director, Society Programming Val Whittlesey, Departmental Consulting Service Coordinator Loreto Prieto, first STP Internet Editor Vinny Hevern, and STP Treasurer Ruth Ault.

Two Presidential citations were awarded to Elizabeth Swenson and Samuel M. Cameron.

The gavel was passed to Mary Kite in anticipation of her official term beginning January 1, 2005.

**Remarks by Incoming President**

Mary Kite recognized Bill Addison for his contributions to the Society and for all of his efforts for the teaching of psychology. Mary commented that next year will be in part a year of transitions with several new appointments including Director of Society Programming, OTRP Director, and *ToP* Editor.

Mary Kite commented on the development of the standing Committee on Diversity and highlighted STP’s commitment to diversity. She noted three important branches related to diversity concerns: (a) Diversifying the STP membership, (b) diversification of the psychology curriculum, and (c) diversification of the psychology student body including an effort to get students of psychology to think about teaching as a career.

Mary Kite also announced that she would like to explore plans to develop a teaching teleconference. She proposed a task force to develop a national teaching conference that would be interactive with local sites. Such a teleconference could then be web archived.

Mary Kite stated that her presidential theme will be “Teaching Communities.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Woolf  
Secretary

**Society for the Teaching of Psychology Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2004**

ASSETS	
Checking held by APA	\$32,760.81
Interest Receivable	1,487.50
Certificates of Deposit	89,264.97
IMMF <sup>a</sup>	154,286.79
Advances for STP	377.09
Vanguard Investment	66,492.26
Duke Bond + cash at IJL/Wachovia	79,305.72
Other long-term investments <sup>b</sup>	205,728.92
Deposits held elsewhere	
OTRP <sup>c</sup>	0.00
<i>ToP</i>	21,432.08
Kennesaw—assessment conference <sup>d</sup>	15,528.64
N. Lutsky—APS preconference	313.79 <sup>e</sup>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$666,978.57</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (dues collected in advance of FY 2004)</b>	<b>\$39,719.00</b>
Accounts payable (encumbrances)	\$825.25
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$627,259.57</b>

*Note.* I discovered an error in my year-end 2003 report: The long-range planning committee spent \$3265.78, not 2505.72 as reported. This means the “bottom lines” were also incorrect. Total expenses should read \$81,516.68 instead of \$80,756.62 and net income should read \$27,286.54 instead of \$28,046.60. A correction was published in *Teaching of Psychology*, 32(2),137.

<sup>a</sup>Short-term investment. <sup>b</sup>Fund for Excellence. <sup>c</sup>OTRP returned all of its funds into the general checking account. It appears as miscellaneous income in the year-end budget report. <sup>d</sup>Figure reported by Bill Hill on 11/17/04. <sup>e</sup>Approximate.