

**ISC SC conference call
January 18, 2007**

Members Present: Diana Conti, Betty Bekemeier, Susan Radius, Tamar Klaiman, Charlene Sanders, Steven Wallace

Members Absent: Michael Case, Nsedu Witherspoon

Staff: Fran Atkinson

Topic	Discussion	Action
II. Approve minutes		Approved
III. Reports from APHA staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ISC-COA Joint Membership Workgroup (Paul from ISC is leaving this group, need new ISC-SC rep). Working on trying to devise joint affiliate-APHA membership. Spivak chairs, Fran staffs. 2. Lisa Maldonado from Population, Family Planning, & Reproductive Health reports that they are working to change the name to Sexual and Reproductive Health. The process takes a section vote, then the governing council must approve the change. 3. Fran noted that the new website is up www.apha.org and that content continues to build out on it. Some ISC-SC members suggested moving the member log-on buttons away from the top center and put more content in that box. 4. The e-communities are being developed as a new feature. Stay tuned. 5. Elections information is being distributed 6. Samir Banoob from International Health expressed concern about possible extra costs of secondary sections. Although there will be an addition fee, it has not been set as of yet. 7. The International Health & Medical Care sections have endorsed a new "Trade Group" forum. Other areas where there is interest in developing new forums include family violence, men's health, genomics, Population health as a spin-off from PFPRH. It is estimated to take 6 months to create a new forum. Groups will need assistance with application process to become either a Forum, SPIG or Section. They should use the background information provided with the application to assist in forming the group. 	Betty might be interested; follow up

IV. Member Unit Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SPIG and Forum application forms were discussed. Charlene suggested adding names and member numbers, if possible, to those wanting to join the new unit. This would assist the staff. However, it was also mentioned that requesting this information could act as a deterrent for members/individuals to easily join the group. 2. Workplan form was discussed and OK'd. 	Diana will email workplan form to chairs, etc. ISC-SC liaisons will contact chairs to discuss.
V. Advocacy Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was felt that the advocacy process was somewhat opaque, and the Exec Board asked the ISC for feedback on the process. 2. APHA staff wants the association to be at the table in policy discussions 3. Questions arose about how there has been interaction with sections in the past and present. 4. Since the legislative priorities are clearly identified, there needs to be more interaction with sections to identify relevant policy topics related to those priorities, etc. There are tiers of resources & roles, including leader, participant, respondent 5. There was a discussion about what the process was in working with HQ on advocacy issues. 	5. Diana will present @ next ISCSC mtg info re the policy process for chairs, who to contact, etc. + info distributed earlier. Make this a topic for fall ISC mtg
VI. Election Process, Susan	Susan presented data on the competitiveness of section elections. It was noted that the headings were not accurate (should be competitive and noncompetitive?), and the chair & secretary data showed the same numbers in both categories. It was discussed that previously competitive elections were required, but not necessarily held for all offices. This has been changed to reflect the reality of section elections, and to allow for experienced leaders to continue in positions.	Susan will clarify data for next meeting.
VII. Liaison Reports	Liaisons had nothing to report for this meeting.	
VIII. Other/New business		