

### ISC conference call

February 21, 2007

**Members Present:** Diana Conti, Betty Bekemeier, Michael Case, Susan Radius, Tamar Klaiman, Steven Wallace (minutes), Nsedu Witherspoon; Liz Zelazek (COA Chair)

**Members Absent:** Paul Meissner, Charlene Sanders

**Staff:** Fran Atkinson

Topic	Discussion	Action
II. Approve minutes		Approved
III. Reports from APHA staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fran met with Andrew White about TFAIR (Task Force on Association Improvement and Reorganization) about the issue of members joining multiple sections. He would like the ISC involved in the process and input from section leadership over logistics. They have not yet met this year.</li><li>2. There was a discussion about joint membership with state affiliates and APHA. Betty agreed to be the ISC representative to the work group on this topic. It was asked how realistic joint membership was given that it had been discussed for over three years. The feeling was that leadership could keep the issue moving forward, perhaps with help from a co-chair. The original governing council intent of this planning process should be taken into account. The work group is comprised of 3-ISC, 3COA, 3 Executive Board and 2 Affiliate Presidents.</li></ol>	
IV. Elections	The issue of competitive elections was raised again. Arguments for and against were repeated and ISC-SC members are supposed to ask section leaders about this when they talk with section chairs next.	ISC-SC members send results to Fran by 3/19
V. Work Plan Revisions	ISC-SC members will discuss the usefulness and any changes to this form with their designated sections. One section has already reported that they use a different form already for planning	ISC-SC members send results to Fran by 3/19

	purposes.	
VI. Follow up on Executive Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the last executive board meeting the ISC was given good attention. There was lots of interest in section perspectives. Consensus of both Liz for affiliates (CoA) and Diana for ISC was that the Board is more respectful now of our issues.</li> <li>2. Advocacy - Diana noted that the Action Board chair in each section can help interact with the association around section specific advocacy issues, and link to the community. Liz asked if the Action Board fully understood affiliate dynamics; and they should get a sense of the mood of the affiliates.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Get Liz, Diana, and Lois (Action Board chair) to talk together about common issues and how to mobilize sections &amp; affiliates in a coordinated manner.</li> </ol>
VIb. Executive Board Committee Representatives needed	<p>Diana noted that EB needs reps for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISC-COA joint membership committee</li> <li>2. Social Responsibility Committee (re: fundraising policies &amp; targets)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Betty</li> <li>2. Steve</li> </ol>
VIc. Strategic Planning	Nell Gottlieb has asked how to coordinate ISC/Sections. Are EB liaisons to sections useful or needed? Yes. ISC-SC experiences with EB liaisons are varied from helpful to no contact. There are no guidelines about how they should function.	
VII. Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nse talked about the theme for the upcoming APHA meeting involves the environment, and the need to practice what we preach. She suggested asking the convention planning team to ask convention centers about recycling polices; establish catering options that include organic foods; ask about city environmental policies. There was a discussion about how hard it is to pick cities now given the existing guidelines and the number of participants. It was noted that even asking about these issues, even if they are not decision guidelines, can help. Sometimes they can be added to negotiations to move local policies.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nse and Fran will talk separately about how to implement this.</li> <li>2. Fran will talk with Donna about</li> </ol>

	<p>2. Abstract submissions – The deadline will be delayed this year. A discussion ensued about having a later, but firm, abstract deadline. All expressed concern about how early the deadline was.</p> <p>3. Section Budgets – Fran stated that she was working on her various budgets for FY08. She asked if there would be representation for SPIGs on the ISC SC. If there was representation, she would need to include adjust the ISC budget.</p> <p>4. SPIG – question about representatives to ISC steering committee and GC?</p>	<p>implementing a later, firm date in the future.</p> <p>4. Carry forward to next meeting</p>
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