Dear Colleagues

I hope that everyone had a wonderfully productive and positive fall semester. Elaine, Marita and I were recently at ADEA’s fall meeting. Prior to that meeting we were informed of some great news. We were competitively selected by our peers at ADEA to present our Behavioral Science Section program proposal entitled, “Addictions Education: Patients, Peers and Personal Reflections.” The program is scheduled for Sunday, March 17th, 2013, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM (see the full abstract later in the newsletter). By now many of you have also found out that your posters and presentations have also been accepted. We will try to provide you with a listing of posters and talks related to our section prior to the annual meeting. If you had a poster accepted you should be very proud, as the competition led to acceptance rates this year of only 63%.

At our Fall meeting we were updated about several key issues: (1) there are now 37 sections, 12 sigs, 2 new sigs applying for status and 1 sig applying to be a section, (2) at the 2013 conference there were 176 posters submitted and 110 accepted. There were also 36 student posters submitted and all but 1 was accepted, (3) meanwhile, there were 185 program proposals submitted this year which supposedly was a 200% increase in the number of submissions from 2012. Only 96 programs were accepted and ADEA expects approximately 13 sessions to be slotted at one time during the conference, (4) there will be an online job fair for dental students on Feb 2nd from 11am to 5 pm Eastern Standard time, (5) in 2012 there were 9 project pool proposals submitted, 7 were approved and 4 of the 7 were accepted for the 2013 ADEA conference, and (6) we learned that the 2014 theme for the ADEA conference should be the “neuroscience of learning,” looking at the science and evaluative methods used in examining how we learn.
Chairman’s address - continued:

I would like to also invite all of you to please attend our Behavioral Science section business meeting. At that meeting we have several very important issues to discuss: (1) elections for section secretary and councilor (please submit names for nominations to Joan, and Marita and myself), (2) section program proposal ideas and suggested speakers for 2014 ADEA program, (3) program pool funding for speakers in 2014 (up to 3K), (4) uses for proposed project pool funds (Deadlines are Feb 1 and Sept 1), and (5) new initiatives and overall group interests.

Please contact me at sschrade@iupui.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,

Stuart Schrader

Chair, ADEA Behavioral Science Section
Participating Sections: Behavioral Sciences, Dental School Admissions Officers, Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues, Practice Management, Student Affairs and Financial Aid

Title: Addictions Education: Patients, Peers and Personal Reflections

Abstract

You will become familiar with the theory and practice of diagnosing and treating “addictions” in contemporary dental education. You will learn how addiction/substance abuse has been conceptualized by dental institutions and how this concept has been practically applied by behavioral dental educators in the classroom and clinic. As a group we will address and evaluate our experiences in developing effective teaching strategies for the behavioral management of addictions with patients, ourselves and peers through the use of: (1) a panel presentation addressing the evidence based characteristics of addictions and experiences in teaching about, evaluating, and referring or treating addictions, and (2) a small group discussion with group exercises involving cases and/or videos involving the addictive stories of patients, colleagues and/or students.

Learning Objectives:

1) Upon completion of this session participants will better understand a working consensus for the conceptualization of addictions, means for assessment and successful interventions useful within the oral health community and its relationship to patients, students and peers/colleagues.
2) Upon completion of this session participants will be able to apply ethically sound, evidence based, brief intervention strategies for alcohol and drug use in identifying and assisting patients, students and colleagues.
3) Upon completion of this session participants will be able to identify and critically examine educational and administrative policies and procedures that take addiction education into account for the well-being of students, faculty and staff and more specifically the admissions, matriculation and graduation of students.

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The Councils of Sections (CoS) met as a part of a larger fall meeting of the Councils of Faculties; Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs Administrative Board; and Students, Residents and Fellows, as well as Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Affairs (AFASA), Minority Affairs and Gay Straight Alliance sections and the Academic Deans. These groups met separately and in plenary sessions throughout the meeting. The Council of Sections meeting is summarized below.

The CoS meeting consisted of the Administrative Board: Sharon Siegel (chair; scsiegel@nova.edu), Joan Kowolik (chair-elect; jkowolik@iupui.edu) Keith Mays (secretary; maysk@ecu.edu), Mark Wolff (member-at-large; mark.wolff@nyu.edu) and Mike Landers (vice-president; mal@case.edu), and the councilor and chair (or their designees) from each of the 37 sections and 11 SIGs.

CoS Newsletter. The CoS sent out its first newsletter a few weeks earlier, and the admin board is looking for feedback on its usefulness, timing, and content. It was produced based on member feedback, and is likely to be produced twice a year to begin with. Anyone with ideas for content should let Joan Kowolik know.

Section/SIG review. The annual section/SIG evaluation process is being revised so that it will be clearer and easier to understand. The new process will allow sections/SIGs to include activities that they may be coordinating with organizations outside of ADEA, thus providing additional opportunities to be engaged and relevant. The goal is to help sections/SIGs stay strong and sustainable. Two SIGs on the verge of obsolescence were offered and received leadership training.

CoS program fund (PF). Keith Mays, who chaired the ad hoc committee to develop the PF, gave a review of its development and first year of implementation. Until last year, sections had a combined fund balance of approximately $167K. These funds had accrued before open enrollment, at a time when section members contributed dues to their sections. Since open enrollment (2006), the fund balances had largely not been spent, and no new funds were coming in. Thus, the Council approved the PF, which would take 45% of section fund balances in a one-time move to prime the initiative, which was designed to improve the quality of programming at annual session. All sections and SIGs can apply for funding, which would provide up to $500 honoraria, up to $500 airfare (coach) and up to two days’ lodging and meals for non-ADEA members, and one day’s lodging and meals for ADEA members.

In this initial cycle, for the 2013 meeting, the call for PF submissions went out on March 16, with a deadline of April 23. Applicants were informed of acceptance by May 21. The call for annual session program submissions closed June 1. Keith emphasized the point that the PF selection process and annual session program acceptance process were entirely independent, so that a section could have a program approved for the PF but not for the annual session, and vice versa. Seven of the nine program PF submissions were accepted; four of the seven were also accepted for annual session. Thus $6400 was released to fund the four programs that were approved by both the PF committee and the annual session program selection committee.
Going forward, three section counselors will serve on the PF selection committee for one year renewable appointments, with the admin board secretary serving as a fourth member. The timeline for the 2014 annual session: April 1 submission deadline; May 1 acceptance notification and June 1 program submission deadline. The PF initiative will be evaluated after a few cycles, to be sure that it is meeting its goal of improving annual session program quality.

**ADEA Strategic Directions.** Sharon Siegel provided an update on ADEA’s strategic directions initiative, which began in 2011. From June of 2011 through February of 2012, the following CoS priorities were identified, guided by survey results from CoS members: 1) identify, evaluate and share models of cost effective dental education; 2) provide professional development for new educators; 3) identify and promote mechanisms to address access to care to improve the health of the nation; and 4) improve collaboration among sections. Programming should keep these priorities in mind. The CoS developed a tool kit to help officers understand their roles, and communication was increased via the initiation of the CoS newsletter.

**2013 Annual Session Abstracts and Posters.** Gail Childs, ER/DC councilor and head of abstract and poster reviews for annual session, indicated that last year’s annual session was a “perfect storm,” whereby we were in a smaller venue (Orlando), there was a lower first reviewer response rate, and 52% acceptance. This year, there is a new platform and new application, which will make it easier to get reports. There are three categories of submission: educational research, new programs, and works in progress. For the educational research category, all abstracts were reviewed by three reviewers. Also, this year if an abstract was rejected but seemed suitable for another category, it was put there for re-review. Of the 176 abstracts submitted, 110 were accepted (63% acceptance rate). The caliber of submissions was higher than last year. The ER/DC section is also working to strengthen the rubric for next year. However, it is not necessary for every section/SIG to present a program at annual session.

**CoS Project Pool.** Gail Childs also spoke about the CoS project pool, which began in 1995. There is information on the ADEA web site. There are two deadlines: February 1 and September 1, because of when the project pool committee meetings, but submissions may be made at any time. There were no submissions for February this year, and two for September. One of these was accepted, and the other received feedback. ADEA supports a $25K minimum budget for the pool. The evaluation rubric is on the ADEA website; the web site will soon include a list of all projects that have been funded since it began. After discussion, it was agreed that one or two “prototype” projects will also be posted, to give members an idea of what the committee is looking for. Three members serve two-year terms, by appointment.

**2013 Annual Session.** Sharon announced that the CoS business meeting at annual session will be on Saturday March 16th. The closing of the House of Delegates is a day earlier than usual, on Tuesday March 19th from 3:30 to 4:30. She hopes that this will help everyone in travel planning for the meeting. Meeting registration opens at the end of November. All section officers are expected to attend the Council of Sections business meetings as voting members, and all members are invited to attend. They are also expected to attend the Council of Sections business meetings as well as their section forum. Monique reported that she is trying to change the listserv system so that you don’t have to
re-up for a listserv when you renew your membership. Right now, listservs are set up as an opt-in feature, and members must opt in each year. She was asked whether we could revisit the opt-in status; while she had been informed that this was a privacy issue, others have been members of listservs that are automatic opt-out (a clear preference of the group).

**Miscellaneous.** Mike Landers talked about the Presidential task force on the cost of dental education and borrowing, which was recently constituted and has met once. A change in DC code related to non-profits means that ADEA must review its bylaws; it has been 50 years since such a code change has occurred. President Gerry Glickman is looking for responders for a debate at 2013 annual session on the topic of midlevel providers. Anyone interested should let him or Ron Botto (Annual Session Program Committee chair; rwbott2@email.uky.edu) know.

David Waldschmidt, ADA Director of Testing Services, provided an update on development of the integrated NBDE exam, which will replace the current Parts I and II no earlier than 2017.

Emily Rhineberger (ADEA application services) provided an overview of online initiatives of the past year as well as what is being planned for the near future. 2600 individuals attended the two-day online predental fair last year. They are now undertaking an online career fair for dental students, tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2013. She showed the prototype of the site, which includes virtual exhibit hall, auditorium, and chat room. The live chat part of the site will be up from 11 am to 5 pm eastern time on February 2. The site should be up and running sometime in early to mid-December. Appropriate section officers have been contacted for content.

A member asked whether we could get summary reports of some of the presentations at this meeting, including the dental fair, project pool and program fund. Joan indicated that this could be included in the newsletter.

Steve Young’s program theme for 2014 (The Science of Learning) was released earlier than in the past, to encourage more program collaboration. Denice Stewart will be the Annual Session Program Committee chair. Monique (council liaison) provided a “Jeopardy” style game to test everyone on ADEA policy and procedure, with special emphasis on the Council of Sections.

Ted Pate indicated that Alan Levine from Houston had died after battling liver cancer. Bill Butler asked whether we could formally recognize CoS members who have passed away in the last year. Sharon indicated that we could do a necrology report at both the fall meeting and annual session.

The end of the meeting consisted of small group discussions among various sections with their admin board liaison. Much discussion focused on difficulties with budgets that don’t allow individuals to travel to the various meetings, separation of section programs and business meetings, and size of the meeting venue to allow adequate programming.

**Upcoming Meetings:**
2013 Annual Session: March 16-19, 2013, Seattle WA. Theme: Landscape of Learning
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