

Fellows Town Hall Meeting Monday, November 10, 2014

Q1: What are the key issues/challenges facing the field in the next 3-5 years?

- How to best achieve a scientist-practitioner model
- Make sure we are clear on our organizational purpose, don't get too narrow
- Find a way to integrate/be inclusive or sport/performance, health & exercise psychology – many of the issues we address will necessitate expertise across both of these areas
- Some young scholars view AASP as not the best place to present their research – leaving because they don't think it is a good fit; need to address
- Many of the conference presentations do not do a good job of incorporating the scientist-practitioner model at all. Thought one reason was that we allow too many students to present at conference – they wouldn't be able to address practitioner part of the equation as well. Come up with a white paper or guidelines on exactly what we mean by this in submissions. Hold panel at conference that talks specifically about scientist-practitioner model
(check with Glyn Roberts to see what notes he would have on this)
- Trying to avoid have the Focus Areas look like silos – need clarity from the Board as to what they meant by this?
- Better focus on the applied work – often gets lost in the theory
- Diversity, especially racial and ethnic
- Certification process – moving from portfolio to exam-based
- Problem of having not addressed/solved some of the issues identified 20 years ago

Q2: How should AASP position itself to address these issues?

- Some people believe the pendulum has actually swung over to more practitioner driven than scientific/academic driven
- Put together Ad-Hoc Committees to frame or discussion some of these questions – Define the problem? What are some of the solutions?
- Movement toward performance psychology doesn't have to all performance enhancement
- Concern about external body running sport psychology certification
- Collect data on the intent of sport psychology graduates – what are they doing with their degree? Where are they going? What jobs are they getting? Would help us to better define where we should go as an organization.
- Training of graduate students – the viability of retaining graduates programs at universities. Without licensure, programs might be cut.

Q3: What are you looking for from AASP at this stage in your career?

- Experienced members looking for social and networking, but there is a disconnect between this group and the students as to how they view sport psychology
- Ways to draw back some of the elderstatesman into AASP

Q4: Other comments or suggestions?

- How does AASP fit into a mosaic of like organizations, scientific and athletic associations? Better liaisons with these groups. How do we make ourselves more of a voice?
- To what degree does the AASP budget is being used to help produce better practitioners?
- Concern that too many low quality abstracts are being accepted into the conference
- Expressed concerns that certain “names” are being left off the conference program by the CPC in the current review system – group asking for more subjective control and placement of content/names that isn’t totally dependent on reviewer scoring