

**American Society for Adolescent
Psychiatry Minutes of the Executive
Committee [abridged] Meeting March
24, 2004**

Present: Richard Rosner, M.D., President
Robert Weinstock, M.D., President Elect
Stephen B. Billick, M.D., Treasurer and
Vice President Dominic Ferro, M.D.,
Secretary Perry B. Bach, M.D. Mark
Wellek, M.D. Leonard Henschel, M.D.
Lois Flaherty, M.D. Glen T. Pearson,
M.D. Richard Ratner, M.D. Virgil Cox,
M.D.

Dr. Billick noted the need to accentuate membership development. In the past we have counted on the local societies (which are diminishing) to recruit which does not occur currently. He will contact past chairs of the Membership Committee to get ideas of what has worked in the past. It is noted some requests for membership come through the web site.

Drs. Billick and Flaherty will submit a program for 2005 APA Annual Meeting. Dr. Billick noted that there will be ASAP Programs at APA, 2005, American Academy of Forensic Scientists, 2005, and American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, 2006.

Web Site Update: Dr. Flaherty noted the web site has since been updated and the table of contents for Volume 27 and 28 has been posted. Dr. Flaherty will review the web site and this will be discussed at the Council on Educational and Scientific Activities.

Bylaws. Dr. Bach reported on the proposed bylaws (see accompanying article). Motion: Dr. Weinstock moved that the officers should be elected at an annual business meeting of ASAP by a plurality by of those present and voting at the meeting. Passed. Dr. Ratner suggests that as a part of the process, the candidates are featured in the newsletter before an election and those interested will participate in the election process. National functioning will be different from the previous local societies style. Dr. Katz is concerned about abolishing the House of Delegates. This has been the main way to disseminate information. Dr. Billick echoes these concerns but feels that this is the way to energize the councils. Dr. Ferro notes this is an effort to make the table bigger with the officers and societies representatives. Motion: Dr. Weinstock moved to amend

the proposal to include any society with ten members. Second: Dr. Katz Motion: Motion passed. This will be published in the newsletter and members will have the opportunity to speak. If members have any objection they should communicate their concerns or questions to their ASAP President. The Executive Committee expressed appreciation to Dr. Bach for a job well done.

Report from the President: Dr. Rosner noted that most of his efforts have gone into the area of adolescent addiction. Appreciation was expressed to Dr. Mace Beckson for his work in organizing the Task Force on Adolescent Addiction. Dr. Beckson has been invited to edit a section in the Annals. The Textbook on Adolescent Psychiatry has been published. 80% of the first printing is sold. The structure at Arnold Publishing is changing and they will not be publishing our textbook on addiction. The section editors will be: Dr.s. Billick, Weinstock, Nair, Ferro, Charles Scott and Richard Frances.

Report from the Treasurer: Dr. Billick reported there was a significant loss for the year 2003 and presented a balanced budget for 2003. The 2004 budget is a break even budget. .

Report from the nominating Committee 2004-2005 President Robert Weinstock President-Elect Stephen B. Billick, M.D. Vice President Dominic Ferro Treasurer Mohan Nair Secretary Fabian Saleh At Large Perry Bach, Mace Beckson.

2005-2006 President Stephen Billick President Elect Dominic Ferro, Vice President Perry Bach, M.D. Treasurer Mohan Nair Secretary Fabian Saleh At Large Scott McAfee, Mike Miller and Mace Beckson. The nominating committee will firm up the 2005-2006 slate by the Fall Meeting. Dr. Wellek expressed concern about not much continuity or experience on the Executive Committee. Dr. Flaherty suggests having the Immediate Past President remain involved on the Executive Committee.

New Business: Update from Assembly Allied Organizations Liaisons/APA Activities: Dr. Ratner represents ASAP in the Assembly as the AAOL Representative. One action paper has been filed on adult ADHD asking the council on research to look at the efficacy to

establish separate criteria for adult ADHD. Motion: Dr. Ratner moved that adult criteria be explored to establish the criteria. This has been sent to Joint Reference Committee and AAOL for action for DSM V. Motion passed. Dr. Flaherty suggested that this is an opportunity for ASAP to take a leadership role. ASAP could write a review article. The second item: Medicare Expansion. ASAP would be interested in exploring the coverage for families including dependents as a viable option within our domain. Motion: Dr. Ratner moved authorizing the exploration of this issue by the APA. Motion passed.

APA Council on Children, Adolescents and Their Families: Dr. Flaherty reported that Dr. Wellek has become an integral part of this council. Teaching about mental health in schools has been our current project and obesity among children is one topic that has been introduced without much interest expressed. The council reviewed SPECT (single photon emission computerized tomography) and says one cannot make a psychiatric diagnosis with this technique.

**Meeting of the House of Delegates
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Roll Call: Present: Arizona, Colorado, Members at Large, Metro Washington, North Texas, Philadelphia, Southern California. The Florida Society was disbanded. San Diego is absent for its third consecutive meeting and will be officially disbanded effective this meeting.

Report from the Newsletter Editor: Dr. Henschel asked for articles. The idea of having a movie review column is still alive and submissions will be accepted and requested liaison reports from other organizations. Dr. Rosner noted that there has been only two issues of the newsletter. This is the major communication to our membership. There will be three issues of the newsletter annually. Dr. Flaherty felt that two issues and list serve commu-