

## NQA Research and Education Committee Minutes - 6/24/12

Those present: Maryann DiEdwardo, Alan Graham, Eric Imbody, Matthew Komelski, Kathy Levac and CJ Rhoads

- 1) The committee welcomed new member Maryann DiEdwardo. She indicated her enthusiasm for joining the committee as she has interest in research. A formal request will be presented to the BOD to finalize Maryann's membership. Eric agreed to serve as acting secretary this month. Matthew Komelski agreed to accept committee secretarial duties on an ongoing basis beginning next month.
- 2) CJ shared about the makeup of the upcoming conference research panel which will consist of Dr. Alan Graham, moderator, Dr. Matthew Komelski and Dr. Linda Larkey. She shared that Dr. Qin Xiping was continuing to wait for a Visa and that Dr. Penny Klein is coping with serious health problems but definitely wants to attend. CJ shared that while she hoped both could attend, the panel could work with three panelists and a moderator if necessary. CJ further shared that she had organized a teleconference on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm Pacific Time with Alan and all panelists to plan for the conference presentation. It is hoped that Gary Giamboi, who is currently studying in Japan can meet with Dr. Qin so both can attend the phone call.
- 3) The committee discussed the need to develop a glossary of definitions that would clarify various Qigong terms that may be used in future research associated with the committee or with other researchers who wish to use these definitions. Glossary resources discussed included the NIH website list of definitions, Ken Cohen's book, The Way of Qigong and the English and Chinese versions of Wikipedia. There was an extended discussion regarding whether to describe all Qigong research using the term "Tai Chi" due to that term being more recognizable by the general public. A contrasting opinion was shared that it was important to specifically use "Qigong" when discussing research with this discipline whether or not this term is less popular than "Tai Chi", as accuracy was of crucial importance when defining terms. Maryann agreed to investigate the above terminology resources before next meeting.

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- 3) continued - CJ discussed the Committee writing a letter of support from the NQA to Dr. Joel Bennett of Organizational Wellness and Learning Systems regarding an NIH SIBR grant in collaboration with Roger Jahnke. Both had requested a support letter from the NQA to be included in a file of other letters for customary documentation of a support network for the grant. This letter of support needs to be received by Dr. Bennett by July 10<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that CJ would contact Mark Reinhart and Annie Roberts to arrange for the BOD vote to hopefully approve the support letter (and perhaps a BOD letter of support) so that Dr. Bennett can receive the NQA by July 10<sup>th</sup>. If permitted by the BOD, the committee agreed to send a letter of support and I will sign it as acting secretary.
- 4) Other business - I clarified with the committee that I had agreed, at a previous meeting, to serve as a liaison for the research panelists in terms of transportation, registration and schedule information. I also agreed to facilitate having the panelist Bios be placed in the conference information section on the NQA website so members, conference attendees and those considering attending the conference could learn more about the panelists. CJ agreed to email all panelists requesting that they send me Bio information as soon as possible.

Next meeting will be on Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm Eastern Time  
Conference bridge #: 605-475-4333, code 919728

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Imbody, Acting Secretary