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AGENDA

NQA Research and Education Committee

Meeting: **March 25, 7:00 pm Eastern Time, 4:00 pm Pacific Time**
(meetings are generally the fourth Sunday of each month)

Conference Number: **605 475-4333 code 919728**

Attended: CJ Rhoads (cjrhoads@taijiquanenthusiasts.org) (Chair)
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Business Meeting

Old Business:

Research Panel Progress

CJ Rhoads reported that Kevin Chen and Gloria Yeh can't make it. Next she will contact Dr. Chenchen Wang. If she says yes, the panel is full. Panelists so far are:

Alan Graham - Moderator
Dr. Matthew Komelski
Dr. Linda Larkey
Dr. Qin Xiping

Name Change

Alan Graham reported on last meeting discussion, saying that initially the idea was that the committee (named Education and Research Committee) would develop educational standards for teaching Qigong teachers. But after Matthew Komelski joined the committee, the focus switched to putting together a research panel for the annual conference. Especially since the board discouraged the committee from developing educational standards.

The committee decided that this was a topic we wanted to discuss.

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The annual NQA Conference will be held at The Hilton Washington Conference Center in Vancouver, WA on the weekend of July 27 - 29, 2012. Please mark these dates on your calendar and check the website for further updates.

New Business:

Mission statement (Should it be revised or accepted as is?)

After reviewing the mission statement, the committee voted to accept it as it was without revisions. The mission of the committee is:

To provide our membership relevant, current scientifically sound research that can assist them in the education of the public on the profound health benefits of QiGong and Medical QiGong in an easy to understand format. To provide our membership opportunity for participation in qigong research.

International Research Agenda (Potential project: should we or shouldn't we?)

The committee decided to add this topic to the discussion list. Everyone thought it was a good idea, though there was some hesitancy about how doable it was.

Terminology Clarification (Potential project: should we or shouldn't we?)

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Press Releases (Are there any? Who does them? How often? Where?)

The committee did not know if press releases were sent, and had not seen any, though Mark R Reinhart was identified as "Editorial" who needed to approve any releases. The process, however, and whether the board needed to approve them had not been determined. Committee members on the Board would raise the issue if there was time at tonight's meeting, but if not, CJ is encouraged to call Mark Reinhart directly to discuss the idea.

Resources

(Research or Education or Both? On web site? Printed?
Who Does them now? Should we revise?)

The committee was not entirely sure of the process to make changes on the website, though they described it as ephemeral and difficult. Again, changes would need to be approved by Mark Reinhart, and Mark Melchiorre did the actual work, but there was no formal process to make requested changes that they knew of.

CJ is encouraged to call Mar Melchiorre directly to find out how to get this done. The committee does believe that we should move forward on this, especially if we could develop an organized strategy for funneling information on current research to members and the general public.

Discussion

Mission statement (**no discussion - matter resolved.**)

Name Change

Further discussion on whether to change the name to just *Research*, change it to *Research and Education*, or leave it *Education and Research*. Vote of committee was 3 for *Research and Education*, and 1 for just *Research*. It was determined that, since the board was revisiting the entire committee structure, it would make sense to wait until they've defined the committees and roles they'd like the committees to play before making a formal request.

There was some discussion on whether EDUCATION meant teacher training or research dissemination (as in educating the public). CJ noted that if everyone thought that Education meant teacher training, then perhaps we should drop it because the focus of the committee was on research and educating the public on the research, not training teachers. CJ also noted that NQA may want to consider being the centralized resource and tool provider for members to offer teacher training to the public rather than offering the training themselves (putting themselves in competition with their own members).

International Research Agenda (**no discussion; to be put on next meeting Agenda**)

Terminology Clarification (**no discussion; to be put on next meeting Agenda**)

Press Releases (**no discussion; to be put on next meeting Agenda**)

Resources (**no discussion; to be put on next meeting Agenda**)

Other Ideas?

Next month, we will want to discuss further the research panel and the logistics of it.

Alan thanked CJ for taking on chairing the committee.

Adjourned: 7:57 PM Eastern Time.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2012 7:00 pm Eastern Time, 4:00 pm Pacific Time