

Behnke, Stephen

From: Linda Woolf, Ph.D. <woolfm@webster.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 11:38 PM
To: Behnke, Stephen
Subject: Re: resolution - continuing the process

Hi Steve,

Behnke, Stephen wrote:

I think we're two ships passing in the night...All of the international/UN documents that the Resolution relies upon (other than references, which I certainly don't think necessary to include) are on the webpage, as far as I can see—that's correct, isn't it?

Yes. I think it is all there.

I think the next step (after we hear from the Ethics Committee) is to post the Resolution and the Justification on the part of the APA website that only Council has access to—we're just one step away from doing that (and in the meanwhile I'd be sending the Resolution backchannel to folks whose support you want—it will be VERY important to have people ready to speak up as soon as the document is made available—that's important momentum for the Resolution.)

Judy and I have talked about this and to a certain extent is in her and Corann's ballpark. I'm not on the COR list so I will not know when it goes out or see any potential responses. Hopefully, we will have all of our ducks lined up and prompted so that as soon as it is sent, others are primed to immediately chime in with their support. Those first responses are critical to the direction that the discussion takes from that point on.

I think today's news about Geneva Rights is going to have a very positive effect in bringing people together.

I agree. Looks like Nightline is going to be discussing Guantanamo Bay again so I think I'll tune in.

If I haven't said it before, I really appreciate all of your work on this issue. You are clearly going above and beyond and I hope you get a bit of down time while in Greece.

Best,

Linda

Behnke, Stephen

From: Linda Woolf <woolfm@webster.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 12:39 AM
To: Behnke, Stephen
Subject: [Fwd: Re: withholding APA dues to protest ethics (or lack thereof)]
Attachments: GuantanamoSiteVisitLetter.doc

Hi Steve!

Here is how I've been spending my time! See below.

Now, I must confess, I did not realize how much power you hold in the palm of your hand I didn't realize that you had the power to move to bring the moratorium to a discussion and vote at Council. Someone, please pass this man the gavel! Personally, I think you should have a t-shirt made up with the logo "point man."

Seriously, there are many times I wish I could just rip the proposed resolution out of Neil's very well-meaning hand and have Corann, Judy, and I take a run with it. I'm frustrated that there are responses to the ethics committee letters but it doesn't result in any of the minor tweaking that is needed to the Resolution. It seems to be an "either-or" proposition.

If you meet with Neil, you may want to not only communicate the number of hours we spent networking/working but how each of these contacts often resulted in very useful changes to the resolution. It was a very interactive and dynamic process. Of course, to keep away from the "changes as corruption of the original ideal" schema, you can use examples, such as our contacts with folks like Mike Wessells and other human rights scholars who provided a number of good suggestions.

On a totally different note, I'm attaching a draft of a letter that we hope to bring to the APA leadership. Corann is checking on the process and Judy has made some suggestions for revisions, so this is just a rough draft at this point.

In my spare time, classes start tomorrow ;-) I have 5 regular classes (3 credit hours) and 1 weekend (1 credit hour) class. Not being one to ever waste an opportunity to use info learned in one context in another context, check out my 1 credit hour ethics course at <http://www.webster.edu/~woolfm/torturesyllabus.html>.

Wishing I was in DC so I could take you out to lunch. You work too hard and put up with too much grief!

Best,

Linda

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: withholding APA dues to protest ethics (or lack thereof)
Date: Mon, 15 Jan 2007 11:29:19 -0600
From: Linda Woolf <woolfm@webster.edu>

Behnke, Stephen

From: Linda Woolf <woolfm@webster.edu>
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2007 11:31 PM
To: Behnke, Stephen
Subject: Re: FW: Inquiry

Hi Steve,

I think Behnke as Wallenberg is more appropriate. You are dancing as fast as you can to help folks but uninformed critics are wanting to lock you up is a Russian gulag!

Moreover, you dress so much nicer than Eichmann!

Linda

Behnke, Stephen wrote:

Behnke as Eichmann. Ouch.

-----Original Message-----

From: Uwe Jacobs, PhD [mailto:uwejacobs@juno.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2007 9:50 PM
To: Behnke, Stephen
Subject: RE: Inquiry

Steve - One colleague stated you had the ethics of Eichmann. I think that qualifies for aggressive. Meaning: you produce the bureaucratic excuses and legal defenses that keep psychology in places like Gitmo rather than working toward honest reckoning and clear disassociation from the Bush administration's torture policies.

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-- "Behnke, Stephen" <sbehnke@apa.org> wrote:

Uwe, I'm at the Multicultural Summit at the moment, and so can write only briefly. That's correct about facilitating Neil's resolution moving forward, but I'm curious about my role and position being questioned "quite aggressively." Can you help me understand more about the context--what is it that people are questioning?

Steve

From: Uwe Jacobs [mailto:uwejacobs@juno.com]
Sent: Fri 1/26/2007 6:35 PM
To: Behnke, Stephen
Subject: Inquiry

Steve - I have been told you are facilitating a process with Neil