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Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:12 PM
To: Rhea Farberman (rfarberman@apa.org); Behnke, Stephen Houran
Subject: FW: [COR] Response to Recent CoR Discussion Related to Ethics Matter

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

From: jmarrigo@cox.net [<mailto:jmarrigo@cox.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 11:12 PM
To: Kaslow, Nadine
Subject: Re: [COR] Response to Recent CoR Discussion Related to Ethics Matter

Dear Dr. Kaslow,

Thank you for your considerate reply.

Jean Maria Arrigo

On Thu, Feb 20, 2014 at 10:50 AM, Kaslow, Nadine wrote:

> Dear Dr. Arrigo,
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> In response to your post about adding the Dr. Leso case to the Council
> meeting agenda let me provide some information concerning the process
> of adding items to the agenda.
> At the start of each Council meeting, the President reviews the order
> of the agenda and asks if anyone wants to change the order in which
> items will be handled or add anything new to the agenda. If someone
> wants to add a new item, a 2/3 vote of Council is needed to do so. (A
> ¾ vote of Council is needed to add items requiring new financial
> expenditures.) Your opportunity to request the addition to the
> agenda will occur at the opening of the meeting tomorrow morning. Be
> sure that if you do put forward such a request, that there is clarity
> with regard to what the specific focus of the agenda item would be.
> Nadine

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Council Representatives List [<mailto:COR@LISTS.APA.ORG>] On
> Behalf Of Jean Marie Arrigo
> Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 6:24 PM
> To: COR@LISTS.APA.ORG
> Subject: Re: [COR] Response to Recent CoR Discussion Related to
> Ethics Matter

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> I also request addition of the Leso decision to the agenda.

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> Jean Maria Arrigo

> Division 48 Representative

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> ---- Jeanne LeBlanc <jeannemleblanc@HOTMAIL.COM> wrote:

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>> If possible, I would like to have this added to the agenda.

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>> Dr. Jeanne LeBlanc.
>> Representative, BC
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>> Sent from my HTC
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>> ----- Reply message -----
>> From: "Scott Churchill" <bonobo@UDALLAS.EDU>
>> To: <COR@LISTS.APA.ORG>
>> Subject: [COR] Response to Recent CoR Discussion Related to Ethics
>> Matter
>> Date: Wed, Feb 19, 2014 10:31 AM
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>>>> Dear Nadine,
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>> I do not wish to add to the burden of all the items already on the
>> Agenda for the upcoming Council meeting, but want to take advantage
>> of the timing of this discussion of the Leso case to present for
>> discussion a follow-up to last summer's Council vote to accept the
>> report of the Task Force on the PENS Review.
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>> My intent was to propose this for the August 2014 meeting of Council,
>> though some Council members might find this timely enough to merit
>> addition to the current agenda.
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>> Whatever the case with regard to what can be placed on the current
>> agenda, it would be good to get feedback from colleagues on Council
>> as to whether the attached proposal would be considered a friendly
>> "sequel" to last summer's vote.
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>> I solicited the help of someone who had been working independently of
>> Council behind the scenes to clarify these issues (Dan Aalbers,
>> copied here, who would be happy to answer anyone's questions) in such
>> a way that would be a logical follow-up to Council's stance against
>> torture, with a resolution aimed at a more pro-active stance on the
>> part of APA that would at least demonstrate to the public our good
>> faith in stating our position against torture.
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>> Thanks for listening, and see you all tomorrow.
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>> Scott Churchill
>> Div 32
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>>>> On Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 10:57 PM, Kaslow, Nadine <NKASLOW@emory.edu>
>> wrote:
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>>> January 23, 2014
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>>> Dear CoR Colleagues:
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>>> We appreciate your important discussion of the outcome of the ethics
>>> complaints concerning John Leso, PhD. The intent of this communiqué
>>> is to give Council members more information about how the Ethics

>>> Committee adjudicates ethics matters and specifically what occurred
>>> in the Dr. John Leso matter.

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>>> Each ethics complaint filed with the APA Ethics Office is
>>> individually and thoroughly reviewed based on the available
>>> evidence. In keeping with the Committee's rules and procedures, and
>>> based on its commitment to due process, the Committee moves to open
>>> a specific case against a member only if certain conditions are met.
>>> Specifically, the Ethics Committee bears responsibility for proving
>>> any charges of unethical behavior. Further, the Committee must base
>>> its actions on specific evidence of individual wrongful behavior
>>> that can be shown to be directly attributable to the accused. In
>>> the matter related to Dr. Leso, the Committee did not proceed with
>>> formal charges against Dr. Leso because it was determined that the
>>> allegations could not be proven consistent with the Committee's
>>> burden of proof.

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>>> The review process continued for an extended period of time (7
>>> years) in order to include additional information as it was released
>>> into the public domain. In other words, as complete and careful a
>>> review of the available evidence was undertaken as possible. The
>>> review consisted of evidence (as opposed to supposition) and was
>>> conducted in a manner to ensure that the ethics process was kept
>>> insulated from political pressures.

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>>> In terms of any future complaints that may be made about possible
>>> involvement of APA members in torture or other forms of inhumane
>>> treatment, the outcome of the Dr. Leso case does not set any
>>> precedent for future determinations by the Ethics Committee. Any
>>> future cases will be reviewed individually, thoroughly and on their
>>> own merits.

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>>> We also want to take this opportunity to remind Council members that
>>> APA's policies strictly prohibit any member involvement in torture
>>> or other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or
>>> punishment in any and all circumstances. This policy has been in
>>> place since 1986. Since then, the Council has passed many additional
>>> policies to specifically define what constitutes torture and to
>>> safeguard detainee welfare. In July 2013, the Council of
>>> Representatives passed a unified, comprehensive policy to reiterate
>>> and clarify the association's anti-torture position and the role of
>>> psychologists in national security settings:

>>> <http://www.apa.org/about/policy/national-security.aspx>

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>>> In closing we want to acknowledge that questions about unethical
>>> behavior and inhumane treatment of detainees by health professionals
>>> are of the utmost concern to all of us. The Ethics Committee also
>>> has a responsibility to live up to its due process rules and to
>>> balance the rights of the individual filing a complaint with the
>>> rights of the individual against whom the complaint was made. In
>>> balancing all of these demands, it was determined that closing the
>>> complaint against Dr. Leso without formal charges was the
>>> appropriate action.

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>>> A few Council members have expressed an interest in ensuring that
>>> their constituents and other APA members have sufficient information
>>> about the decision pertaining to Dr. Leso. We agree. The
>>> information shared with you in this memo will be posted on
>>> [*APA.org*](http://APA.org), shared with members and/ or the public who contact APA
>>> with comment or questions, and used to respond to media coverage as
>>> those opportunities arise.

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>>>APA Ethics Committee

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