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Examination Development and Evaluation Activities:

a. Significant changes in examination:

No significant changes, but traditional option candidates will submit work examples that have been conducted within 2 years (rather than 6 months) of submitting the application. Also, one designated person reviews all initial applications to determine if they meet gero-specific criteria.

b. Evaluation of Examination Components:

We have modified the oral examination scoring criteria to make it more reliable and to better align it with the competence ratings endorsed by ABPP. Now, if one examiner does not pass the candidate (score of 2 = less than adequate) on one of the Functional or Foundational competencies, a discussion will be triggered by the entire oral examination committee. After the discussion, a vote will be taken and majority rules. We continue to make minor modifications in the Ethics vignettes to make sure the procedure is standardized and scored in a reliable manner.

c. Certification (exam) manual revision to meet ABPP Template Requirements:

As noted above, the manual is in process.

Comments on examiner pool, evaluation, and training:

Currently 11 board members and 2 non-Board members are part of the examiner pool.

Board activities specifically related to:

- a. Special initiatives
- b. Joint Board/Academy Activities
- c. Toward Diversity Goals
- d. Recruitment Plan for New Applicants

In addition to regular postings on the geropsychology LISTSERVs and newsletters re ABGERO, we conducted a webinar to attract new applicants by detailing the application process. Future plans call for continued publicity re the benefits of the specialty in geropsychology, and perhaps a more formal webinar to be made available via ABPP.

Brief summary of general governance meeting(s) of Board. (Please attach Board minutes to this report):

We had one official teleconference meeting as we began the process and one meeting at last year's ABPP workshop series. We communicate on a regular basis via email regarding our progress, and after the oral examinations. The 'Ethics' committee met last week to finalize the vignettes and scoring criteria. Official minutes when we meet next.

Comments and recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

We are hoping to become a full-fledged specialty by December, 2014. At this point, we have completed oral examinations of all the Board members (n=11), and nine non-Board members. In the pipeline, we have one applicant whose generic materials are currently being reviewed, 11 candidates who have passed the generic and gero-specific qualifications but have not submitted their Practice Samples, and one candidate who has passed the generic and gero-specific qualifications and Practice Sample but who has not been scheduled for the oral exam.

Due November 1, 2013