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## ***President's Bulletin*** ***Adrian Sandler, MD***

I want to provide more frequent updates about your society in the form of a monthly bulletin. The Board and I hope this fosters more communication, thought, and interaction amongst our members between annual meetings. And what a great meeting it was in Savannah! Record attendance of 500 people, and a showcase of innovative programs and solutions (for example, see [autismnavigator.com](http://autismnavigator.com)). Hats off to Robyn Mehlenbeck, Carol Weitzman, Degnon, and all who worked tirelessly to make it happen. Mark your calendars for Cleveland, Oct 13-16, 2017!

Sincere thanks to Nate Blum and Terry Stancin for their many important contributions to SDBP as President and Past-President respectively. They embody all of Sternberg's triarchic intelligences – analytical, creative and practical – and more! It has been my privilege to work with and learn from them during the past year.

We are delighted that our former SDBP President Denny Drotar PhD, pediatric psychologist extraordinaire, has been awarded the Dale Richmond/Justin Coleman award! Also, congratulations to Lynn Wegner, MD, recipient of the 2016 AAP C. Anderson Aldrich Award, recognizing her many achievements in the field of child development, including her tireless work on behalf of SDBP members in the critical areas of coding and reimbursement. Marilyn Augustyn and Becky Baum have graciously offered to work with Lynn and the AAP on ongoing coding issues, on behalf of SDBP.

In 2013/14, Carol Weitzman spearheaded the creation of the annual SDBP Research Scholars Symposium. This year's symposium in Savannah was truly spectacular. The Board had an opportunity to review data demonstrating the success of the program. Participating scholars have made 45 research presentations at 2015 and 2016 SDBP meetings. Many have published their work. Most have submitted grants and have been funded. 44 of 56 participants from 2014 and 2015 are still SDBP members, and many are assuming positions of leadership in the Society. The Board and I enthusiastically voted to continue supporting and funding the annual symposium.

### **Facing the Future – Our Strategic Plan**

**The attached table** shows the three pillars of our Strategic Plan – **Education, Research, and Facing the Future** (previously known as "Viability!") – along with several selected recent accomplishments, and current projects and priorities within each pillar. Please take a few minutes to digest this overview.

In our recent Moonshot Survey of big, bold ideas, you the members gave us your thoughts and priorities. The Board, Management and I are working hard to define actionable next steps in our strategic plan that will support our members as we face the future. I will communicate more about these projects and priorities next month. **Stay tuned!**

## **EDUCATION**

*-Support life-long learning through synthesis, translation and dissemination of evidence-based DBP*

### **SELECTED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **2015/2016:**

- Development of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) for DBP, currently under review
- Hosted 2016 Education Workshop with 140 attendees
- Establishment of e-Resources on website
- Record attendance at annual meetings in Las Vegas and Savannah

### **CURRENT PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES:**

Further development and vetting of e-Resources

Development of resources on Best Practices in DBP Training

Educational offerings for 2017 and beyond

## **RESEARCH**

*-Promote high quality DBP research*

### **SELECTED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **2015/2016:**

- Highly successful Research Scholars Symposium providing guidance and mentorship to new researchers
- Extensive DBP-related activities at Pediatric Academic Societies meeting
- Several DBP Research Network collaborative projects and publications
- Coordinated special issue of JDBP and Pediatric Psychology journals on Sleep in Pediatric and Developmental Conditions

### **CURRENT PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES:**

Trainee research awards established for 2017

Continued funding and support for Research Scholars Symposium

## **FACING THE FUTURE**

*-Define and promote DBP globally  
-Grow talent pool and secure pipeline  
-Promote high-quality evidence-based interprofessional models of care  
-Strengthen and streamline the organization*

### **SELECTED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **2015/2016:**

- Begun work on Complex ADHD Guideline
- Workshop on DBP in low and middle income (LAMI) countries
- Membership of SDBP increased 5%
- Exceeded targets for increasing inter-professional diversity of SDBP membership
- Committee/SIG/Section restructuring
- Solid financial state of SDBP
- 2016 submissions to JDBP at record pace
- 2015 DBP Workforce survey data manuscript in preparation

### **CURRENT PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES:**

Planning collaboration with International Developmental Pediatrics Association (IDPA) to establish regional networks for DBP case-based learning

Dissemination of innovative and inter-professional models of DBP care

Continued SDBP participation in the process of establishing CPT codes and educating membership about coding issues