

## **PBS-SIG 2006 Business Meeting Notes on Discussion and Decisions**

### SIG Mission

#### Membership Sign-up

### SIG Bylaws

1. Matt moved to adopt.
2. Jennifer Zarcone seconds
3. No discussion.
4. All in favor, no opposed or abstentions.

### Supporting ABA's Position Statement on FC

Would supporting the FC statement send an indirect message that there are some position statements that the SIG does not support?

Suggestion to remedy this is to declare support for all of ABAs position statements and specifically mention FC and any other highly relevant statements to the interests of the SIG.

### Volunteer Sign-up

Support needed for newsletter, website maintenance, poster competitions, etc.

### Sponsoring PBS Events at the ABA Conference

Discussion on how and whether to highlight PBS in upcoming conferences

- The Precision Teaching folks highlighted their presentations and that increased by a factor of 10 their submissions but they decided not to go for a separate program area to avoid isolation
- The decision to request a separate area may evolve naturally as the SIG matures.
- Suggestion to use the listserv to recruit presentations and to bring presentations together in symposia.
- Helpful for the SIG to help submit a handful of symposia on new and critical aspects of the field
- Continue using listserv to disseminate information on PBS related presentations and have them highlighted in the program book.

### Other Business

Defining PBS – should we or shouldn't we include a definition on the website?

- Obligation as the SIG to take leadership on this
- Could use a definition already created by OSEP or APBS
- A well operationalized definition of PBS is necessary and difficult to create.
- Have a PBS-SIG member participate in the APBS definition process
- PBS has become an important legal term used in education and schools and so the ramifications of a definition should be considered with caution and the importance of the exercise should be appreciated
- It is difficult or impossible to define PBS according to specific interventions or technologies, too much debate about this list can detract from the greater question

regarding empirically validated technologies and how they are used to help individuals.

- Suggested goal is to develop a working definition for the meeting next year and work towards adopting it

#### Membership

Should membership in APBS be promoted within the SIG?

- Next APBS conference is March 7, 8, 9, 2007 in Boston
- Don't require membership but support with links on website and cross membership discussions

What else should we do?

- Publishing more in JABA? Other journals outside of the typical PBS journals
- Requesting a special issue in a journal like Educ and Training, MR, Focus, etc
- Encouraging participation in ABA
- ABA is working towards having a practitioner journal, still on the table about whether or not it will go forward
- If it does go ahead, that publication will be a good venue for PBS materials