

Commission on Accreditation (CoA) 2008 Annual Report

Composition of the 2008 Commission on Accreditation

Appendix A to this report presents a brief profile of the 2008 Commission on Accreditation (CoA) membership. There were 32 members of the CoA. In terms of individual diversity, 38% of the CoA members were women; 9% were of ethnic minority background; and 13% represented other forms of individual diversity. In terms of discipline diversity, psychologists serving on the CoA represented 29 (54%) of the APA divisions, within which 66% were APA Fellows. Among the psychologists on the Commission, 28% were ABPP Diplomates. Seventeen states from various regions of the country, plus the District of Columbia, were geographically represented on the Commission.

Staff Liaison: Susan Zlotlow, PhD

Accreditation Reviews and Consultation: Annual Summary

During calendar year 2008, the CoA, chaired by Jeffrey Baker, PhD, met on the following dates: April 3-6, July 17-20, and October 16-19, completing the reviews of 81 doctoral programs, 47 internship programs, and 7 postdoctoral residency programs for a total of 135 complete reviews. Of those programs, 131 (97%) either attained initial accredited status or maintained their prior accredited status. Four programs received a final adverse action. Other programs, not included in that total, were deferred for further information. Appendix B to this report presents the growth in the number of accredited programs by decade. The CoA also completed numerous preliminary reviews. In addition, the CoA reviewed complaints filed against accredited programs as well as special reports submitted by programs other than those accounted for in the major reviews discussed above. The CoA held its annual policy meeting on February 7-10 in conjunction with an orientation for new members. Topics discussed during the policy meeting included: site visitor training; practicum, internship, and postdoctoral training issues; competencies and their assessment; and potential changes to the *Guidelines and Principles* and Implementing Regulations. Throughout the year, the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation staff and the Commission provided consultative guidance to programs and constituent groups.

Accreditation Policy

Following a period of public comment that ended on February 14, 2008, the CoA reviewed the comments received on potential changes to Section 3.1 of the *Accreditation Operating Procedures* (AOP) regarding site visitor selection and the definition of the generalist visitor for doctoral programs. In considering the comments received, the CoA voted not to make these changes at this time. The CoA plans to increase its efforts at recruiting generalist site visitors and to review the operations of its new database before taking final action on either of these proposals.

Following a period of public comment that ended on February 14, 2008, the CoA voted to approve a change to Section 8 of the AOP which clarifies that the outcomes of programs applying for initial accreditation will be made public. After review of the public comments received and approval from the APA Board of Directors in June 2008, the CoA made this change effective July 2008.

Public Comment

The CoA made 3 proposed clarifications to the *Guidelines and Principles* available for public comment: two proposed Implementing Regulations clarifying the language of Domains D.1 and D.2 regarding diversity recruitment/retention and education/training in all accredited programs, and a proposed clarification of CoA's expectation regarding the meaning of empirically supported

procedures as used in the G&P for doctoral and internship programs. To obtain further information on these proposals or to provide comments, please visit <http://apaoutside.apa.org/AccredSurvey/public/>. The comment period is open until March 23, 2009.

Transition from a Committee to a Commission

The year 2008 was the first year that the Commission on Accreditation was in place. Several mechanisms of process evaluation allowed the CoA to monitor the transition from a 21-member Committee to a 32-member Commission. In February, the CoA held an extensive orientation and training program for all members, in conjunction with its policy meeting. In August, the CoA released an official statement to the public on the status of the transition. That statement can be viewed on the Accreditation website at <http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/transitionupdate.html>. At the same time, the CoA conducted a survey of its members to obtain feedback on the leadership structure and functioning of the new Commission. In October, these data were reviewed. After discussion, the CoA voted to continue the same leadership structure into 2009 of a Chair and two Associate Chairs (one for Program Review and one for Quality Assurance). The leadership structure will be reviewed again in 2009 to determine whether changes need to be made for 2010.

Accreditation Assembly

The CoA held its second Accreditation Assembly on May 30-31, 2008 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with an attendance of approximately 200 individuals. The CoA surveyed attendees on all aspects of the Assembly, including programming, scheduling, and location. Attendees expressed appreciation for the topics discussed and training offered at the event and for the opportunity to interact with the CoA on the future of accreditation in psychology. The CoA reviewed these data at its July 2008 meeting and determined to hold a third Assembly in May of 2009. The Assembly will be held in San Diego, California in keeping with the trend of rotating the location across the country to make it convenient for as many participants as possible.

2008 CoA MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Representing Academic Leadership for Graduate Education in the Discipline of Psychology

Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP)

- W. Edward Craighead, Ph.D., ABPP, Emory University. APA Member (Div. 12)/ Fellow (Div. 12). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1970, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Thomas M DiLorenzo, Ph.D., University of Delaware. APA Member (Divs. 2, 12, 25, 38). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1984, University of West Virginia.
- Martin Heesacker, Ph.D., University of Florida. APA Member (Div. 8)/Fellow (Divs. 17, 51). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1983, University of Missouri, Columbia.
- Deborah S. Richardson, Ph.D., Augusta State University. Ph.D., Social Psychology, 1978, Kent State University.

Representing the Core Scientific Activities of the Discipline of Psychology

APA Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA)

- Kenneth J. Sher, Ph.D., University of Missouri. APA Member (Div. 38)/Fellow (Divs. 1, 12, 28, 50). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1981, Indiana University.

Representing Professional Education and Training in Psychology

Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC)

- Jeffrey M. Baker, Ph.D., University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. APA Fellow (Div. 38)/ APA Member (Divs. 12, 22, 40), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Education Psychology, 1982, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.
- Donna L. Horn, Ph.D., Veteran Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System. APA Member. Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1978, University of Tennessee.
- Joyce Illfelder-Kaye, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University. APA Fellow (Div. 17). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1980, The Ohio State University.

Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP)

- Nancy S. Elman, PhD., University of Pittsburgh. APA Member (Divs. 17, 43). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1971, University of Pittsburgh.
- Rodney K. Goodyear, Ph.D., University of Southern California. APA Fellow (Divs. 17, 29). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1972, University of Illinois.

Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs (CDSPP)

- Rick J. Short, Ph.D., Middle Tennessee State University. APA Fellow (Div. 16). Ph.D., School Psychology, 1984, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- William O. Strein, Ed.D., University of Maryland. APA Member (Div. 16). Ed.D., School Psychology, 1979, Pennsylvania State University.

Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (CUDCP)

- Elizabeth A. Klonoff, Ph.D., San Diego State University. APA Fellow (Divs. 12, 35, 38, 45), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, 1977, University of Oregon.
- Bob Gene Knight, Ph.D., University of Southern California. Fellow (Divs. 12, 20). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1979, Indiana University.

National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPPP)

- Kelly M. Ducheny, Psy.D., Chicago School of Professional Psychology. APA Member (Divs. 02, 44, 45, 52). Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, 1993, Wright State University.

- Linda K. Knauss, Ph.D., Widener University Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology. APA Member (Divs. 12, 16, 31, 42, 52, 53), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1981, Temple University.

APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) and National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP)

- Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D., Adler School of Professional Psychology. APA Member. Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1992, Temple University.

Academy of Psychological Clinical Science (APCS)

- Howard Berenbaum, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. APA Member (Div. 12). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1987, Indiana University.

APPIC-Training Communities CoA Nominations Committee (ATCCNC)

Other Internship Groups

- Richard J. Seime, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic. APA Member (Divs. 31, 38)/Fellow (Div. 12). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1974, University of Minnesota.
- Wayne G. Siegel, Ph.D., Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center. APA Member (Divs. 12, 18, 41), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1993, University of Iowa.

Postdoctoral Training Groups

- Brad Lee Roper, Ph.D., Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center. APA Member (Divs. 12, 40), ABPP (Clinical Neuropsychology). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1992, University of Minnesota.

Representing Practitioners of the Profession

APA Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) and APA Committee for Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP)

Institutional Practice

- Patricia P. Alexander, Ph.D., Mississippi State Hospital (Whitfield). APA Member (Div. 18). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1992, University of Mississippi.
- Ruperto M. Perez, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology. APA Member (Divs. 44, 51)/Fellow (Div. 17). Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 1993, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Independent Practice

- Kathie S. Nichols, Ph.D., Private Practice. APA Member (Divs. 41, 53), ABPP (Clinical). Ph.D., Clinical Child Psychology, 2000, University of Kansas.
- Norma P. Simon, Ed.D., Private Practice (retired). APA Member (Div. 35)/Fellow (Divs. 17, 39, 42, 46, 52), ABPP (Counseling and Psychoanalysis). Ed.D., Counseling Psychology, 1968, Columbia University.

Council of Specialties (CoS)

Specialized Practice

- David W. Hess, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University. APA Member (Divs. 22, 40), ABPP (Rehabilitation). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1991, Nova Southeastern University.

Representing the Public Interest

General Public

- Betty J. Horton, Ph.D., Consultant. Ph.D., Nursing Science, 1998, Rush University.
- Judith Watkins, Ed.D., Consultant. Ed.D., Organization and Leadership, University of San Francisco.

Individual and Cultural Diversity

APA Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI)

- Carlton W. Parks Jr., Ph.D., Alliant International University, Los Angeles. APA Member (9, 16, 44, 45)/Fellow (Div. 27). Ph.D., Developmental Psychology, 1986, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Representing Graduate Student Consumers of Education and Training

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)

- Eric Andrew VandeVoorde, Doctoral student in Counseling Psychology program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Open Seats

APA Commission on Accreditation (CoA)

- David E. McIntosh, Ph.D., Ball State University. APA Member (Div. 16). Ph.D., School Psychology, 1990, Ball State University.
- Roger L. Peterson, Ph.D., Antioch New England Graduate School. APA Member (Divs. 2, 12). Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1971, Purdue University.

Appendix B

Number of Accredited Programs by Decade

<u>Year</u>	<u>Doctoral</u>	<u>Internship</u>	<u>Postdoctoral</u>	<u>Total</u>
1948	36	---	---	36
1958	78	62	---	140
1968	97	102	---	199
1978	40	138	---	278
1988	246	347	---	593
1998	312	450	2	764
2008	374	469	48	891