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**Publications & Communications Board
Meeting Minutes
15 February 2023**

Attendance

Members

Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA (P&C Board Chair); Steve Kozlowski*, PhD; Richard E. Petty, PhD; Pamela T. Reid*, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP; Mark Sobell, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect)

Affiliates

Tammy Allen, PhD* (Liaison, Board of Scientific Affairs); Katie Corker, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair); Jennifer Crocker, PhD, ABPP (Chief Editorial Advisor); Catherine Haden, PhD; Candice Hargons*, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Heejung Kim, PhD; Katie Witkiewitz*, PhD (Council of Editors Chair-elect)

Not Present

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Michael Lamb, PhD (Council of Editors Chair); Mo Wang, PhD

Staff

Sue Harris, PhD; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Josh Merin; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD; Alvin Walker*; Eva Winer*; Aaron Wood*

**partial attendance*

Note: These minutes are presented in alignment with the meeting agenda and meeting book. In practice, Item 7, "Report on EDI & Editorial Practices" was discussed out of sequence after Item 8 "PsyInfo Update".

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett opened the meeting by welcoming members-elect Drs. Heejung Kim and Catherine Haden and new APA Treasurer Dr. Michael Hendricks.

1. RECEIVED: Chief Publishing Officer Updates

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons reviewed developments in APA's publishing program, including a request by an APA division for a sponsored special issue of a journal and the potential implications of various decisions on this matter by APA.

2. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

Danny Wedding reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee's (JAC) January 2023 meeting. P&C Members praised the footprint analysis prepared by APA staff and shared in association with the proposal to authorize journal editors at strong, high performing core titles to work to increase submissions, accepted content, and publish more pages annually. P&C Members revised the motion pertaining to the request by Dr. Albarracín's to revise the scope and proposal to introduce statements and tables of limitations for the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition*. The revision was intended to make explicit that replications are considered by the journal.

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board approves extension of the current editor of Traumatology's term by one



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year and opens the editor search for the journal in May 2023.

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board approves Dr. Albarracín's revised scope statement, addition of statements and tables of limitations requirements as well as the discontinuation of the Innovations in Social Psychology article type. The P&C Board recommends that word limits in introductions and discussions take the form of a suggested length in template letters to authors and that a bullet point should be added making clear that replications are considered.

Motion Approved:

Motion: The P&C Board approves additional pages for twelve high performing journals for which staff expect increased acceptance rates in 2023.

3. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Update

Dr. Jennifer Crocker shared her appreciation of serving in the role of Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA). She next reviewed the role and the types of cases that emerged in 2022. Cases relating to accusation of data fabrication or manipulation are rare but are particularly challenging; APA is handling the largest mass retraction in its history. There is a complicated case relating to editorial judgement that is also playing out. Kathleen Kendall-Tackett shared appreciation for the sensitivity and judgement with which Dr. Crocker approaches the CEA role.

4. APPROVED: Open Science & Methodology & Amending P&C Board Operating Procedures

The Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel (OSM) proposed that the panel be expanded from three to five members.

Motion Approved:

That the Open Science and Methodology (OSM) section of the P&C Board Operating Procedures be amended as follows (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted; underlined material be added):

Open Science and Methodology

The Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel (OSM) advises the P&C Board on open science, transparency, and methodology in science. The expert panel meets regularly to discuss the evolving landscape of open science in psychological research and make recommendations to the P&C Board to advance open science and transparency in publications. The OSM Chair serves as a resource for APA authors, reviewers, editors, and the Chief Editorial Advisor in cases related to open science. The OSM Chair is appointed by the chief staff officer with the concurrence and approval of the Publications and Communications Board. The OSM Chair serves a renewable two-year term. ~~[Two]~~ Four experts from the discipline will be appointed to the OSM Expert Panel by the OSM Chair to a term coinciding with that of the OSM Chair. The P&C Board Chair, Chief Editorial Advisor, Council of Editors Chair and Chair-elect, and Publisher, APA Journals and Books will be invited to OSM meetings and may give input but will not vote on OSM recommendations. The OSM Expert Panel shall be reevaluated for reauthorization by the P&C Board every four years.



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5. APPROVED: APA Policy Review

Every five years APA conducts a review of all Council of Representatives approved policies to ensure the policies are up to date. Josh Merin walked the P&C Board through the review process. The P&C Board reviewed the four policies it was assigned.

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board recommends that the 1971 "Advertising in APA journals" policy be maintained.

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board recommends a housekeeping edit to the 1984 "Advertising in APA journals" policy as follows (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted; underlined material be added). "Advertising of ~~[doctoral]~~ educational programs in APA publications will be restricted to those schools or other institutions fully accredited by regional or other institutional accrediting associations recognized by the US Department of Education."

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board recommends that the 2000 "Freedom of scientific inquiry and presentation of research results" policy be maintained.

Motion Approved:

The P&C Board recommends housekeeping edits to the 2009 "Complimentary Subscriptions" policy as follows (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted; underlined material be added).

"(a) A member of the Publications and Communications Board shall, during the term of office, be entitled to receive the electronic Gold Package, delivered by ~~[PsyNET]~~ PsycNet. P&C Board members retiring from the board after July, 2009 shall receive the electronic Gold Package, delivered by ~~[PsyNET]~~ PsycNet for life.

(b) An editor of an APA journal shall be entitled, during the term office, to receive complimentary electronic Gold Package, delivered by ~~[PsyNET]~~ PsycNet, and shall be entitled to receive for life [a] complimentary ~~[print subscription and complimentary]~~ electronic access to the journal ~~[he or she]~~ they edited. During their term of office, an editor may opt to receive a complimentary print subscription of the journal they edit.

(c) Associate editors of APA journals shall be entitled, as long as they serve in these capacities, to receive [a] complimentary ~~[print subscription and complimentary]~~ electronic access to the journal which they serve.

(d) Consulting editors of APA journals shall be entitled, as long as ~~[he or she]~~ they serve[s] a specific journal, to receive [a] complimentary ~~[print subscription]~~ electronic access to that journal."

6. RECEIVED: Update on the Work Group on Journal Reporting Guidelines for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Justice in Psychological Science

Richard Petty and Rose Sokol shared an update on the activities of the work group. The P&C Board next shared feedback on the draft journal reporting guidelines produced by the work group. Participants were invited to share further feedback by email.

7. RECEIVED: Report on EDI & Editorial Practices



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Jasper Simons briefed the P&C Board on a recent editorial decision in a psychology journal not published by APA that resulted in the editor's resignation. The board discussed the handling of the instance and learnings for APA.

8. RECEIVED: PsycInfo Update

Alvin Walker, Eva Winer and Aaron Wood shared an update regarding PsycInfo. For over 55 years, APA PsycInfo has been the most trusted index of psychological science in the world. With more than 5,000,000 interdisciplinary bibliographic records, the database delivers targeted discovery across the full spectrum of behavioral and social sciences. This resource continues to enhance discovery and usage of essential psychological research to support scientists, educators, and students. The presentation touched on researcher pain points, the research notification service, subscription details and goals for PsycInfo. P&C Members shared appreciation for the performance of the program and excitement at recent additions and improvements.

Kathleen Kendall-Tackett thanked participants and called the meeting into executive session.

Executive Session

Members

Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA (P&C Board Chair); Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Richard E. Petty, PhD; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP; Mark Sobell, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect);

Not Present

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Candice Hargons, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Mo Wang, PhD

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED 2024 P&C Board Nomination Slate.



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Publications & Communications Board Meeting Minutes 4-5 May 2023

May 4

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA (P&C Board Chair); Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Richard E. Petty, PhD; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP; Mark Sobell, PhD; Mo Wang, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect)

Affiliates

Tammy Allen*, PhD (Liaison, Board of Scientific Affairs); Katie Corker, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair); Jennifer Crocker, PhD (Chief Editorial Advisor); Catherine Haden, PhD; Heejung Kim, PhD*; Michael Lamb, PhD (Council of Editors Chair);

Not Present

Dante Dixon, PhD (Liaison, Committee on Early Career Psychologists); Candice Hargons, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Katie Witkiewitz, PhD (Council of Editors Chair-elect)

Staff

Emily Ayubi; Steve Barnold; Sue Harris, PhD; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Timothy McAdoo; Josh Merin; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett opened the meeting by sharing a reminder about APA's Conflicts of Interests Policy and acknowledging returning Committee on Early Career Psychologists liaison Dante Dixon.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons delivered a brief update on APA Publishing. Simons shared that he views quality of the work and editorial processes at APA as always being the north star for the P&C Board as it navigates a changing environment.

2. RECEIVED: Open Science & Methodology (OSM) Briefing

Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair Dr. Katie Corker briefed the board regarding recent activities of the committee. OSM has been assessing Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) implementation and TOP activities. OSM feels there is room to improve and is working with editors individually to make these improvements. OSM is available to APA editors and staff for individual consultations. The P&C Board expressed excitement that APA's open science initiatives will also help to advance equity and inclusion. Kathleen Kendall-Tackett and Jasper Simons thanked Dr. Corker for her leadership of the OSM Expert Panel.

3. RECEIVED: Council of Editors (COE) Update

Council of Editors Chair Dr. Michael Lamb shared an update on recent activities of the Council. Lamb called attention to the COE's March meeting. At the meeting, the COE discussed TOP requirements and implementation. The editorial fellowship program drew a



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good deal of enthusiasm from the COE as a means to diversify the editorial pipeline. The COE also discussed efforts to add diversity beyond the editorial fellowship program. Finding and motivating reviewers is a perennial topic for the COE and was discussed again at the March 2023 meeting.

4. RECEIVED: 2022 Journals Office Report

Dr. Rose Sokol reviewed the performance of APA's journals program in 2022 and fielded questions. APA has 89 journals and published more than 5700 articles last year. APA Publishing worked with APA's Communications Office to send 28 press releases in 2022 which yielded more than 2900 stories. In a collaboration with APA's Science Directorate, editors flag newsworthy items for featuring in an APA newsletter, Editor's Spotlight. The newsletter is growing and has a notably high open rate. Supply chain and IT security challenges from a vendor negatively impacted the journals program printing operations in 2022. 63 APA journals have an impact factor and 35 of these journals have an impact factor in the top 10 in their category. P&C Members discussed the benefits and opportunities of increased digital distribution of journals. A member proposed the idea of adding Amazon Kindle access to APA published journals.

5. APPROVED: Extending the Editorial Fellowships Program

Steph Pollock presented an update regarding the performance of the pilot program and took questions from P&C Members and Affiliates.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board approves a two-year extension of the editorial fellowships program, expiring December 31, 2025.

6. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Update

Dr. Jennifer Crocker shared an update regarding her activities as Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA). Dr. Crocker walked the P&C Board through examples of recent cases she has adjudicated, including judgements of when there is danger of copyright infringement, an issue of concern of data fabrication and a circumstance where a potential co-author could not be located. Dr. Kendall-Tackett shared appreciation for Dr. Crocker's judgement and service.

7. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

Journal Advisory Committee (JAC) Chair Danny Wedding reviewed JAC's April 2023 meeting including informal questions and feedback that JAC recently shared with the editors of *Emotion* and the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition*.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board approves a one-time special section for Psychological Bulletin. After assessing performance of the one-time special section, the Editor of Psychological Bulletin may return to the Journal Advisory Committee to request a recurring special section.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board approves the addition of an EDI-focused rating criterion in the editor search process and an expanded statement of interest incorporating nominees' commitment to and history of advancing EDI.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board votes to reject the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition special associate editor (AE) role to handle AE



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submissions, but rather to reinforce the solution in the APA Editor's Handbook. Further, the P&C Board votes for staff to explore the practical implications of publishing handling editor names in published articles and report back at the next meeting.

8. APPROVED: Publications Policies Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Research and Publications

Lois Jones discussed the use of Artificial Intelligence text generation software such as ChatGPT in the drafting and citation of articles and implications for APA's publishing program. The P&C Board agreed that AI will be an important subject of conversation at its next meeting and beyond.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board establishes the publication policy that when artificial intelligence (AI) is used in the drafting of a manuscript for an APA publication, the use of AI must be disclosed in the methods section and cited. AI cannot be named as an author on an APA scholarly publication.

Motion Approved: The P&C Board establishes the publication policy that when artificial intelligence (AI) is cited in an APA scholarly publication, the author must employ the software citation template, which includes specifying in the methods section how, when and to what extent AI was used. Authors in APA publications are required to upload the full output of the AI as an appendix or supplemental material.

9. RECEIVED: Progress Update Against BSA-P&C Joint Task Force Report

Steph Pollock briefed the P&C Board regarding progress made relative to the BSA-P&C Joint Task Force Report. The Joint Task Force with the Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) was proposed by the Publications & Communications Board (P&C) in 2020 to "Review issues of racial/ethnic inequalities in psychology research and publication practices in light of a BSA proposal and the broader ED&I framework discussion across APA". P&C Members asked whether outcomes will be disseminated. Steph Pollock that dissemination is already happening at the journal level and that staff will consider broader dissemination. Members praised Steph Pollock's efforts.

10. RECEIVED: Update on Collecting Demographic Data

Steve Barnold presented an update on APA Journals' journal level demographic data collection methods and next steps for further improving this data collection in 2023. P&C Members again asked whether this data will be distributed beyond the board. Staff noted and welcomed the suggestion.

Kathleen Kendall-Tackett thanked outgoing Council of Editors Chair Michael Lamb for his service to both the Council of Editors and P&C Board. Dr. Kendall-Tackett next shared her appreciation for the valued service of P&C Board Members Drs. Richard E. Petty and Mark Sobell as they approach the conclusions of their terms on the board. P&C Members and Affiliates joined Dr. Kendall-Tackett in sharing their appreciation with Drs. Petty, Sobell and Lamb. Drs. Petty, Sobell and Lamb in turn shared their appreciation for the P&C Board and their experience of service. On behalf of the P&C Board, Chair-elect Danny Wedding expressed his gratitude for Kathleen Kendall-Tackett's service as P&C Chair. Members, affiliates, and staff also shared their appreciation. Dr. Kendall-Tackett thanked participants and called the day's meeting to a close.



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May 5- Executive Session

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA (P&C Board Chair); Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Richard E. Petty, PhD; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP; Mark Sobell, PhD; Mo Wang, PhD*; Danny Wedding, PhD (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect)

Affiliates

Jennifer Crocker, PhD* (Chief Editorial Advisor)

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

*partial attendance

1. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED the transition plan for onboarding a new Chief Editorial Advisor in 2025.
2. In Executive Session, RECOMMENDED 2024 Editorial Office Budget
3. In Executive Session, RECOMMENDED 2024 Page Budgets
4. In Executive Session, ELECTED Dr. Michael Roberts as the 2023-2024 P&C Board Chair-elect.
5. In Executive Session, APPROVED the Opening of Editor Searches for 2025 Cycle.
The P&C Board appointed search chairs and co-chairs to serve on the committees for journals that have editor searches opening in 2023: *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*; *Neuropsychology*; *Psychological Methods*; *Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*; *International Journal of Stress Management*; *Journal of Rural Mental Health*; *Psychology of Consciousness*; *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*; *School Psychology*; *Stigma and Health*; *Technology, Mind, and Behavior*; *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*; *Traumatology*
6. In Executive Session, APPROVED the Selection of 2025 Journal Editors.
The P&C Board selected editors for the following editorships opening in 2025: *Clinician's Research Digest*; *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes*; *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*; *Psychology and Aging*; *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*; *Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*; *Families, Systems, & Health*; *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*; *Psychology of Violence*; *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*

Editor searches for *Decision* and the *Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology & Economics* were extended.



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Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Catherine Haden, PhD; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA; Heejung Kim, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD*; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect); Mo Wang, PhD*; Danny Wedding, PhD (P&C Board Chair)

Affiliates and Guest

Tammy Allen, PhD (Liaison, Board of Scientific Affairs); Katie Corker, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Committee Chair); Jennifer Crocker, PhD, ABPP (Chief Editorial Advisor); Elena Grigorenko, PhD (Council of Editors Chair-elect); Candice Hargons, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Richard E. Petty, PhD* (former P&C Board Member)

Not Present

Dante Dixon, PhD (Liaison, Committee on Early Career Psychologists); Katie Witkiewitz, PhD (Council of Editors Chair)

Staff

Steve Barnold; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Josh Merin; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD; Anne Woodworth

**partial attendance*

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Danny Wedding opened the meeting by welcoming new members Catherine Haden and Heejung Kim. Wedding next welcomed new Council of Editors Chair-elect Elena Grigorenko pending her arrival.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons delivered an update on APA Publishing. Simons feels the focus of the P&C Board on setting thoughtful editorial policies sets it apart and that this deliberative approach P&C continues to build its prestige. Simons next called attention to remarks by APA CEO Dr. Arthur Evans at APA's recent Convention highlighting all that APA is doing to advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Simons stressed that publishing is an important part of this effort. Lastly, Simons shared that APA's publishing program is progressing well towards its financial goals for the year.

2. APPROVED: Open Science and Methodology Items

Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel (OSM) Chair Katie Corker presented three proposals emerging from OSM for P&C Board approval.

Motion approved: The Publications and Communications Board adopts the publishing policy that the Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) Guideline-related disclosures be included only in the Method section.

Motion approved: The P&C Board adopts the publishing policy that core titles publish the names of action editors in all articles.



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Motion approved: *The P&C Board adopts the publishing policy that all core journals are required to implement the Contributor Role Taxonomy (CRediT).*

3. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

Journal Advisory Committee (JAC) Chair Michael Roberts reviewed JAC's July 2023 meeting. The P&C Board quickly reached alignment in response to JAC's recommendations.

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the one-time special section proposal and request for additional pages as proposed by the editor of Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the topics proposed for the four issues of Volume 11 (2025) of Translational Issues in Psychological Science (TPS).*

4. DISCUSSED: Expressions of Concern in APA Journals

Annie Hill led a discussion regarding whether APA should alert readers to serious concerns about published research by publishing expressions of concerns when investigations are inconclusive but serious, well-founded concerns remain or while investigations are being conducted. The P&C Board discussion included how expressions of concern are shared, criteria and process for publishing concerns and that publishing poorly founded concerns could serve as a blot on the records of authors. The P&C Board shared a desire for further legal and Council of Editor's input, along with more explicit proposed criteria and processes if votes are conducted on the issue.

5. RECEIVED: Update on Journal Author Publication Forms

Rose Sokol presented an update on new author forms for journal articles accepted for publication at APA Journals.

6. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

Dr. Jennifer Crocker shared an update regarding her activities as Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA). Crocker focused on discussing her role and briefly reviewing issues that have recently emerged.

7. APPROVED: Journal Article Reporting Standards for Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

Mo Wang briefed the P&C Board regarding the Journal Article Reporting Standards for Race, Ethnicity, and Culture (JARS-REC). The Board accepted two late amendments to the JARS-REC; adding a statement "Researchers should state explicitly if they are not allowed to ask participants about race and ethnicity in the country of data collection" and moving the recommendation for Transparency and Openness Promotion disclosure from the author note to the Methods section, in line with the decision made at this meeting (item 2a).

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the Journal Article Reporting Standards for Race, Ethnicity, and Culture.*

8. DISCUSSED: EDI & Journal Related Individual Achievement Metrics



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Rose Sokol led the P&C Board in a discussion of individual achievement metrics of scholars used to measure their performance beyond the impact factor of the journal in which they publish. The P&C Board engaged in extensive discussion of different potential metrics and their tradeoffs.

9. APPROVED: Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence

Lois Jones presented potential policies regarding the role of generative Artificial Intelligence tools in the drafting, editing, and peer reviewing of journal articles submitted for publication in APA Journals. The P&C Board reviewed the two AI related publishing policies passed at its May 2023 meeting. The board then discussed potential policies in relation to the two existing AI publishing policies.”

Motion approved: The authors are responsible for the accuracy of any information in their article. Authors must verify any information and citations provided to them by a generative AI tool. Authors may use, but must disclose generative AI tools for specific purposes such as editing.

Motion approved: No submitted content may be entered into generative AI tools as this violates the confidentiality of the process.

Danny Wedding thanked participants and called the board into executive session.

Executive Session

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Catherine Haden, PhD; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA; Heejung Kim, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect); Danny Wedding, PhD (P&C Board Chair)

Affiliate and Guest

Candice Hargons, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Richard E. Petty, PhD (former P&C Board Member)

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED the Selection of the 2025 *Decision* Journal Editor.



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**Publications & Communications Board
Meeting Minutes
5-6 October 2023**

October 5

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Catherine Haden, PhD*; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA; Heejung Kim, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD*; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect); Mo Wang, PhD; Danny Wedding, PhD (P&C Board Chair)

Affiliates

Tammy Allen, PhD (Liaison, Board of Scientific Affairs); Katie Corker, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Committee Chair); Jennifer Crocker, PhD, ABPP (Chief Editorial Advisor); Elena Grigorenko, PhD (Council of Editors Chair-elect)

Not Present

Pamela T. Reid, PhD

Staff

Emily Ayubi; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Timothy McAdoo; Josh Merin; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Sharon Ramos; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

Note: These minutes are presented in alignment with the meeting agenda and meeting book. In practice, agenda item 3, the Open Science & Methodology Briefing was discussed out of sequence during a pause in agenda item 2, the Journal Advisory Committee Report.

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Danny Wedding opened the meeting

1. RECEIVED: Chief Publishing Officer Updates

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons delivered an update on APA's publishing program. Simons said that the P&C Board's north star is a focus on quality. Simons described APA's new partnership with Cambridge University Press relating to PsycLearn. The P&C Board discussed the association's recent agreement with ResearchGate, which will provide authenticated users access to APA journal content and provide APA usage data for its content on the ResearchGate platform. Simons and P&C Board Members shared appreciation and remembrances in relation to the recent passing of longtime APA chief operating officer and chief financial officer, Archie Turner.

2. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

JAC Chair Michael Roberts reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee's (JAC) September 2023 meeting. The P&C Board first voted on eight inaugural editorials. Roberts then walked the board through three agenda items that began with requests from editors. In response to a request from an editor to limit the word count of introductory and discussion sections, the P&C Board engaged in discussion of the tradeoffs these limits would have for both authors and editors. The P&C Board elected to ask staff to provide its sense to the editor that this issue is a matter of editorial discretion that does not require the input of the P&C Board. In



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discussing and responding to a request regarding the editorial fellowship program, the P&C Board prioritized adherence to the original intent of the program and maximizing the number of editorial fellows.

Motion approved: *The P&C Boards approves the inaugural editorial for Emotion.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for Journal of Comparative Psychology.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves Dr. Aidan G. C. Wright's inaugural editorial for Journal of Psychopathology and Clinical Science.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves Dr. Albarracín's inaugural editorial for the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for Rehabilitation Psychology.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the option to post calls for proposals on Editor initiated special issue topics in American Psychologist.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board rejects the proposal to offer 2-year terms for editorial fellows.*

Motion approved: *The P&C Board adopts the publishing policy that editorial fellows cannot apply for a second term as a fellow at the same journal.*

3. RECEIVED: Open Science & Methodology (OSM) Briefing

Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair Dr. Katie Corker shared a brief update on the activities of the panel. Recent foci for OSM include revising materials for authors and editors regarding open science and reviewing compliance with Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) Guidelines. P&C Board Members thanked Dr. Corker for her service as OSM Chair.

4. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

Dr. Jennifer Crocker reviewed recent concerns she has encountered as Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA). Dr. Crocker has been focused on crafting clear and comprehensive correction and retraction notices without adding evaluative information. In another circumstance, Dr. Crocker had to consider appropriate bounds of engagement for an editor who wanted to investigate the validity of concerns regarding a manuscript submitted during their editorship.



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5. APPROVED: P&C Board Sponsored Programing for the 2024 APA Convention

The P&C Board reviewed its approach to programming at APA's Convention.

Motion approved: *The P&C Board approves the How To session types for the dedicated two hours of P&C Board-sponsored programming and requests one additional programming hour during APA 2024 to support APA Books.*

6. RECEIVED: Inclusive Language Guidelines Update

Emily Ayubi presented an update on APA's *Inclusive Language Guide* and forthcoming revisions. Ayubi next answered questions from the P&C Board, particularly focusing on gender diversity.

7. RECEIVED: Update on Engaging Authors from the Global South

Rose Sokol presented to the board regarding a project to increase outreach to and support for authors from the Global South, beginning with a subset of APA's Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) partners. The board posed questions and shared thoughts regarding ways to advance the project, including article submissions where the science is strong, but the author's command of the English language is not. The P&C Board next discussed opportunities for proactive outreach to forge deeper relationships in underrepresented parts of the world.

8. RECEIVED: Peer Review Terminology Update

Lois Jones updated the P&C Board regarding peer review terminology. The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has published Standard Terminology for Peer Review. The goal of the standards is to provide consistent terminology so that there is more transparency to authors and reviewers. Two APA staff members were part of the committee leading to these standards. The Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel is also discussing these issues. The P&C Board discussed how APA Journals align with these standards.

9. RECEIVED: Generative Artificial Intelligence Briefing

Jasper Simons and Lois Jones reviewed artificial intelligence (AI) related policies already established by the P&C Board and provided framing for the subsequent discussion. The board then engaged in extensive dialogue regarding opportunities, risks and likely judgements that will need to be made relating to generative AI within academic publishing.

Danny Wedding thanked participants and called the day's meeting to a close.

October 6 Executive Session

Members

Catherine Haden, PhD; Michael Hendricks, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC, FAPA; Heejung Kim, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD*; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (Journal Advisory Committee Chair and P&C Board Chair-elect); Danny Wedding, PhD (P&C Board Chair)

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Not Present

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Pamela T. Reid, PhD; Mo Wang, PhD

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Succession Plan
2. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED: Editor Search Updates from Chairs
3. In Executive Session, APPROVED: Areas of Focus for the 2023-2024 P&C Board Targeted Nominations Statement
4. In Executive Session, APPROVED: Next Open Science and Methodology (OSM) Expert Panel Candidates
5. In Executive Session, APPROVED: Next Translational Issues in Psychological Science (TPS) Editor