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**Publications & Communications Board
Meeting Minutes
5 March 2025**

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Heejung Kim, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (P&C Board Chair); Danny Wedding, PhD

Affiliates

Lisa DeBruine, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair); Qiwei (Britt) He, Ph.D. (P&C Member-elect); Anne E. Kazak, PhD (Chief Editorial Advisor); Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); John Ruiz, PhD* (Chair-elect, Council of Editors)

Not Present

Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC; Cecil Reynolds, PhD

Staff

Sue Harris, PhD; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD; Barbara Ungiert

**partial attendance*

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Michael Roberts opened the meeting by welcoming attendees.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons noted questions that have emerged in response to executive orders and the new political environment. Simons discussed potential areas of exposure for APA. APA will be looking to the P&C Board and the Council of Editors for input. P&C will need to consider its work in light of the future of research integrity. P&C discussed the potential to work with partners who face similar considerations and how APA can best engage. Simons next discussed the recent National Institutes of Health public access policy and its implications in the new environment.

2. RECEIVED: Conflicts of Interests Policy Reminder

Josh Merin reviewed APA's Conflicts of Interests Policy with P&C Members.

3. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee (JAC) Report

JAC Chair Steve Kozlowski reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee's February 2025 meeting. With respect to the proposal for recurring special issues in partnership with the Comparative Cognition Society in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*, P&C discussed implications emerging from such partnerships, including potential conflicts of interest.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the recommendations issued by the Journal Advisory Committee (JAC) at JAC's February 2025 meeting.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the editorial proposal for *Journal of Applied Psychology*.



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Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the scope change proposal for *Psychology of Consciousness: Theory, Research, and Practice*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the Outlook article type as proposed by the Editor of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*.

Motion failed: That the P&C Board approves the recurring special issue as proposed by the Editor of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*.

4. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

Dr. Anne Kazak shared her first update as Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA). Dr. Kazak is working on cases that carried over from the previous CEA as well as a few new cases that have emerged. Issues largely have to do with retractions and related concerns. P&C Members shared their gratitude with Dr. Kazak for taking on the role.

5. DISCUSSED: Governmental Changes that Affect Publishing

Dr. Rose Sokol led a discussion to solicit the perspectives of P&C Members regarding developments that may prove impactful relating to APA's publishing program. P&C discussed points including removal of DEI terms from government websites, banning these phrases in journal articles, and threats to funding for research. Future areas of consideration for the P&C Board include efforts to help scientists communicate the value of their research to everyday lives to maintain credibility of science and how to strategically impact perceived threats on science.

6. RECIEVED: Update on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in APA Journals

Lois Jones shared an update on the ways in which authors have disclosed using generative AI systems in their journal articles since the creation of the APA Policy on the Use of Generative AI in Scholarly Communications. P&C shared appreciation for the update and the ways the policies are working. P&C discussion points included the detection of AI and implications for international submissions. P&C discussed the current categorizations used in APA's editorial systems and pointed out that the acquisition, interpretation, and analysis of data are different things. P&C stressed their interest in continuing to track how the field of psychology is using AI.

7. RECEIVED: Briefing on EDI Toolkit for Journal Editors, Second Edition

Dr. Sue Harris briefed the P&C Board regarding the publication of the second edition of APA's EDI Toolkit for Journal Editors.

8. Open Discussion

Time was set aside for the Publications and Communications Board to discuss matters of interest and import to P&C Members. A P&C Member discussed data measuring demographics of journal participants. P&C discussed what data is currently available and considered options and tradeoffs for potentially improving APA's work. P&C discussed positionality statements and how individuals need to make informed personal decisions about disclosure given the current climate (and discussed a situation where an author was harassed after disclosing elements of personal identity).

Michael Roberts thanked participants and called the general session of the meeting to a close.



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Executive Session

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Heejung Kim, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (P&C Board Chair); Danny Wedding, PhD

Affiliate

Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors)

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED the 2025 P&C Board nomination slate.



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**Publications & Communications Board
Meeting Minutes
24-25 April 2025**

24 April

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC; Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Heejung Kim, PhD; Cecil Reynolds, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (P&C Board Chair); Danny Wedding, PhD

Affiliates

Lisa DeBruine, PhD* (Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair); Elena Grigorenko, PhD (Chair, Council of Editors); Anne E. Kazak, PhD (Chief Editorial Advisor); Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); John Ruiz, PhD* (Chair-elect, Council of Editors)

Staff

Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Mare Meadows; Josh Merin; Hilary Peterson; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD; Daniya Tamendarova; Autumn Towne; Barbara Ungiert; James Whitfield

**partial attendance*

Agenda

Note: Item 7 was discussed out of sequence, before Item 6.

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Dr. Michael Roberts opened the meeting by welcoming attendees, noting that this was the P&C Board's first in-person meeting since the 2020 pandemic.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons began by recognizing James Whitfield on the occasion of Whitfield's 40th anniversary on staff at APA. James Whitfield spoke to the evolution of his work at APA. P&C Members asked about how APA's metadata work was evolving and expressed their appreciation to James Whitfield.

Simons noted that publishing is on track to reach its 2025 budget despite the complex environment. APA publishing recently launched an online subscription to APA Style content for academic institutions, called the APA Style Manual. The Interim U.S. Attorney has sent letters to select journal editors referencing potential biases; these letters seem to pose threats to scientific freedom and the independence of scholarly publications. The American Association of Colleges and Universities sent a letter calling for the protection of academic freedom, to which APA is a signatory.

2. RECEIVED: 2024 Journals Office Report

Dr. Rose Sokol shared that the Journals Office had a productive 2024. 79 of APA's journals (both APA core titles and those in the Educational Publishing Foundation imprint) have impact factors. The Journals Office continues to seek ways to improve the service provided to authors, editors and to explore new product offerings that would respond to evolving needs in the research and practice communities. APA continued to actively promote its journals in



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2024 via 18 press releases, the APA Journals Facebook, Bluesky, and X (formerly known as Twitter) profiles and through various outreach initiatives and resources such as APA Journals Article Spotlight, Reviewer Recognition Service, ORCID, and Kudos.

3. RECEIVED: Council of Editors Update

Council of Editors Chair Dr. Elena Grigorenko reviewed the recent Council of Editors meeting, including discussions of how to best engage in the current socio-political environment. Council of Editors Chair-elect Dr. John Ruiz noted the level of interest in Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) Guidelines and overall high level of engagement from editors. P&C discussed constructive engagement in the present environment.

4. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

JAC Chair Steve Kozlowski reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee (JAC)'s April 2025 meeting. Dr. Kozlowski noted JAC's concerns about the proposal for Statistics, Transparency, and Rigor (STAR) editors for *Psychology*, *Public Policy*, and *Law*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the changes to the scope statement of *Traumatology*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the changes to the scope statement of *Neuropsychology*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the scope change proposal for *Psychology of Violence*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the proposal for a Consulting Associate Editor for *Neuropsychology*.

Motion rejected: That the P&C Board approves the proposal for Statistics, Transparency, and Rigor (STAR) editors and Computational Social Science editor for *Psychology*, *Public Policy*, and *Law*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the proposal for a Computational Social Science editor for *Psychology*, *Public Policy*, and *Law*.

5. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

New Chief Editorial Advisor, Dr. Anne Kazak reviewed her early experiences in the role. Dr. Kazak discussed carry-over cases from the last CEA term and potential issues related to executive orders. The most frequent cases thus far have related to retractions and corrections. P&C asked about and discussed the origins and commonalities of these cases.

6. RECEIVED: Open Science & Methodology Briefing

Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel (OSM) Chair Dr. Lisa DeBruine shared that OSM has been focusing on the revised Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) Guidelines. OSM Members have worked to make using the guidelines more coherent and are updating the OSM Manual to be consistent with the new guidelines. P&C expressed appreciation for OSM's work.

7. DISCUSSED: Generative Artificial Intelligence & Publishing



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Dr. Rose Sokol shared an update concerning authors who reported the use of Generative AI in APA journal submissions. Of the 5.7% of corresponding authors who reported using Generative AI during 2024 the vast majority (77.1%, 488 manuscripts) of use cases were for text editing. P&C discussed its existing policies relating to AI. P&C considered ways to conceptualize AI, use cases, different AI systems, disclosures, policies from peer organizations, implications for science, and potential further steps.

8. DISCUSSED: Reviewer Engagement Strategy

Lois Jones shared that APA Journals is developing a multi-year reviewer engagement strategy to address ongoing reviewer burnout and recruitment challenges. For years, editors have expressed concerns about reviewer availability and the impact of review delays on journal lag times, the author experience, and psychological science. APA Journals distributed a Reviewer Feedback Survey in spring 2024; a key takeaway was that APA Journals already offer many of the incentives that reviewers ranked among the most important. Key goals for APA include decreasing the number of review invitations declined and reducing turnaround times. The P&C Board discussed ideas and resources that could help APA meet these goals.

9. DISCUSSED: Author Achievement Metrics

Dr. Rose Sokol briefed the P&C Board on ways that authors can share their science with the public and measure the impact of their scholarly articles beyond traditional scholarly metrics. P&C discussed existing and potential options, including relating to work with current vendors. APA staff agreed to prepare a guide to help editors use recognition software.

10. DISCUSSED: Social and Political Developments

Jasper Simons shared an update and the P&C Board discussed ways the evolving socio-political landscape could impact scholarly publishing. Participants took turns sharing developments that may be impacting scholarly publishing.

11. RECEIVED: Update on Accessibility Features

Dr. Rose Sokol shared an update on recent efforts related to accessibility that are designed to best serve the consumers of APA eBook and database content. P&C expressed their appreciation for the work staff have done and asked for staff to find ways to highlight this work for institutions.

12. CONDUCTED: Open Discussion

Time was set aside for the P&C Board to discuss matters they found to be of interest and import. Members discussed that editing and reviewing may not always be highly valued at universities or healthcare institutions. This could impact recruitment of editors and reviewers. P&C Members discussed contextual incentives for editors and reviewers. P&C next discussed open access, open science, and sustainable revenue models.

Michael Roberts thanked outgoing P&C Members Dr. Kathleen Kendall-Tackett and Dr. Danny Wedding for their service and leadership as members and chairs of the P&C Board. P&C Chair-elect Steve Kozlowski next conveyed his gratitude for Michael Robert's example as P&C Chair. Members, affiliates, and staff shared their appreciation with Drs. Kendall-Tackett, Wedding and Roberts. Michael Roberts thanked participants and called the general session of the meeting to a close.

Executive Session



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Attendance

Members

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Affiliate

Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors)

Guest

Donna Euben, JD

Staff

Josh Merin; Steph Pollock; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED an editorial fellowships program.

25 April- Executive Session

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Kathleen A. Kendall-Tackett, PhD, IBCLC; Steve Kozlowski, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Heejung Kim, PhD; Cecil Reynolds, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP (P&C Board Chair); Danny Wedding, PhD

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Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors)

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

1. In Executive Session, RECOMMENDED 2026 Editorial Office Budget
2. In Executive Session, RECOMMENDED 2026 Page Budgets
3. In Executive Session, ELECTED Dr. Heejung Kim as the 2025-2026 P&C Board Chair-elect.
4. In Executive Session, APPROVED the Opening of Editor Searches for 2027 Cycle.
The P&C Board appointed search chairs and co-chairs to serve on the committees for journals that have editor searches opening in 2025: *American Psychologist*; *History of Psychology*; *Journal of Family Psychology*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; *Personality Processes and Individual Differences*; *Psychological Assessment*; *Psychological Review*; *Journal of Occupational Health Psychology*; *Motivation Science*; *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*; *Psychology of Men & Masculinities*
5. In Executive Session, APPROVED the Selection of 2027 Journal Editors.



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The P&C Board selected editors for the following editorships opening in 2027: *Behavioral Neuroscience*; *Journal of Applied Psychology*; *Journal of Educational Psychology*; *Psychological Bulletin*; *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*; *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*; *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*; *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*

6. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED Increased Challenges to Research Integrity
7. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED a New Journal Proposal



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13 August 2025

Attendance

Members

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Qiwei He, Ph.D.; Heejung Kim, PhD; Steve Kozlowski, PhD (P&C Board Chair); Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Andres De Los Reyes, Ph.D.; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP

Affiliates

Lisa DeBruine, PhD (Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel Chair); Anne E. Kazak, PhD (Chief Editorial Advisor); Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors); Koraly Pérez-Edgar, PhD (Chair-elect, Council of Editors); John Ruiz, PhD (Chair, Council of Editors)

Not Present

Cecil Reynolds, PhD

Staff

Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Chelsea Lee*; Tim McAdoo*; Josh Merin; Sharon Ramos; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair Steve Kozlowski opened the meeting by welcoming new P&C Members Qiwei (Britt) He and Andres De Los Reyes to P&C. Dr. Kozlowski next welcomed John Ruiz in his new capacity as chair of the Council of Editors and welcomed new Council of Editors Chair-elect, Koraly Pérez-Edgar to her first meeting of the P&C Board.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons began by noting activities at APA's recent Council of Representatives Meeting. Simons discussed the performance of and trends affecting APA's publishing program. He next focused on existing and potential impacts from the evolving political environment.

2. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee (JAC) Report

JAC Chair Heejung Kim reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee (JAC)'s July 2025 meeting. The P&C Board discussed Registered Reports, and their application. P&C next discussed the proposal for annual graduate student conference awards for the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition* in the context of APA's current approach to awards.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the departure editorial for *Neuropsychology*.

Motion approved: the P&C Board approves the scope change proposal for *Technology, Mind, and Behavior*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves implementation of Peer Community in Registered Reports for all titles whose editors wish to join as either "PCI RR friendly" or "PCI RR interested" journals.



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Motion failed: That the P&C Board approves the editor's proposal for annual graduate student conference awards for JEP: ALC.

3. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

Dr. Anne Kazak described her role as Chief Editorial Advisor (CEA) to new members and shared an overview of the types of cases that she has been receiving. Authors who cannot be located have become a more common issue of late.

4. APPROVED: Changes to Editorial Guidelines

Dr. Rose Sokol presented proposed changes to the guidelines on writing editorials from the APA Editor's Handbook, and on plans to promote the guidelines on editorials. P&C discussed the scope and application of the proposed changes to the guidelines, as well as the need to reinforce the guidance prior to JAC review of editorials.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the changes recommended by the JAC to the Editorial Guidelines and the staff plan for promoting the guidelines to editors.

5. APPROVED: Changes to APA Generative AI Policy

Rose Sokol presented proposed changes to APA's Policy on the Use of Generative AI in Scholarly Materials. The changes remove the requirement to upload Generative AI output as supplemental material with journal submissions. The P&C Board discussed practical implications of the change and challenges in using available tools to differentiate between AI generated content vs. plagiarized content. P&C noted that the AI policy will need to continue to evolve and be refined.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves removing the requirement to upload Generative AI output as supplemental material with journal submissions and approves the publication of guiding principles and examples of what and where to disclose the use of generative AI tools in scholarly materials.

6. DISCUSSED: Creating Structure for Forethought

Dr. Steve Kozlowski led a discussion regarding potential structures that are more conducive to the proactive sharing of insights and forethought from P&C Board Members. P&C Members discussed that new ideas come from impromptu conversations at in-person meetings and that these dynamics are challenging to replicate in a virtual setting. Members also discussed the challenge of the structured meeting format for making space for generative conversation, whether in person or virtual. Tactics discussed include creating time for a less formal structure in virtual meetings and offering informal virtual meet-ups for interested P&C Members to allow for the building of connections and relationships, which may in turn yield the generation of ideas, and devoting an agenda item late in the in-person meeting agenda, so that anything that had stimulated thoughts or interest could be discussed.

7. Open Discussion

Time was set aside for the Publications and Communications Board to discuss matters of interest and importance to P&C Members. A P&C Member shared that a colleague in Switzerland experienced challenges in accessing APA content. P&C discussed tradeoffs created by limitations in access, as well as existing read and publish arrangements.



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Steve Kozlowski thanked participants and called the general session of the meeting to a close.

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Affiliates

Anne E. Kazak, PhD* (Chief Editorial Advisor); Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors)

Not Present

Cecil Reynolds, PhD

Staff

Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

**partial attendance*

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED the formation of an Editorial Advisory Expert Panel.
2. In Executive Session, APPROVED Conflict of Interest Safeguards for Simultaneous Service on the P&C Board and as an APA Editor.



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**Publications & Communications Board
Meeting Minutes
6-7 October 2025**

6 October

Attendance

Members

Ronald T. Brown, PhD, ABPP; Catherine Haden, PhD; Qiwei He, Ph.D.; Heejung Kim, PhD*; Steve Kozlowski, PhD (P&C Board Chair); Natalie Porter, PhD, ABPP, APA Treasurer (ex-officio); Cecil Reynolds, PhD; Michael Roberts, PhD, ABPP

Affiliates

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Not Present

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Andres De Los Reyes, PhD

Staff

Cara Bevington; Corbin Evans*; Sue Harris, PhD; Annie Hill; Cheryl Johnson; Lois Jones; Josh Merin; Sharon Ramos; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD; Daniya Tamendarova; Barbara Ungiert*

*partial attendance

Agenda

Publications & Communications (P&C) Board Chair, Dr. Steve Kozlowski welcomed attendees.

1. RECEIVED: Briefing on APA Publishing

Chief Publishing Officer Jasper Simons discussed 2025 financial projections and expected longer term trajectories. P&C Members discussed strategic considerations relating to financial expectations. Simons next touched on the legal case regarding piracy between Anthropic and publishers. APA is closely monitoring the case to ensure compensation for APA authors. Josh Merin reviewed the P&C Board's Operating Procedures document with the board.

2. RECEIVED: Open Science & Methodology Briefing

Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel (OSM) Chair Dr. Lisa DeBruine shared that OSM will soon disseminate guidance about writing the Transparency and Openness Promotion Guidelines (TOP) section submission. On the occasion of Dr. DeBruine's last meeting as OSM Chair, P&C Members and staff expressed appreciation for Lisa's service.

3. RECEIVED: Chief Editorial Advisor Report

Dr. Anne Kazak shared that more cases are coming to her in her role as Chief Editorial Advisor. Increasing numbers of submissions to APA journals appear to be AI generated. P&C discussed signs of AI generated papers. APA is now tracking repeat offenders of submitting AI generated papers. P&C Members noted that they are also seeing more AI generated reviews and discussed how to manage this issue.

4. APPROVED: P&C Board Sponsored Programing for 2026 APA Convention



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The P&C Board discussed an expanded 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 two additional programming hours during APA 2026 to support APA Books and APA Style.

5. DISCUSSED: Generative AI & Research Integrity

Lois Jones walked the P&C Board through guidance relating to AI and research integrity from the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). P&C Members discussed implications within APA's publishing program. P&C discussed existing and potential mechanisms to help APA navigate the new landscape, including ways of authenticating authors.

6. APPROVED: Journal Advisory Committee Report

JAC Chair Heejung Kim reviewed the Journal Advisory Committee (JAC)'s September 2025 meeting. The P&C Board discussed editorials and title/ scope changes in an evolving environment.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approve a title update from *Families, Systems, & Health* to *Integrated Care: Health, Systems, and Families* in keeping with persistent trends in the field.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for *Psychological Methods*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for *Neuropsychology*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the inaugural editorial for *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*, contingent on appropriate revisions.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the requested permanent page ceiling increase for *Psychological Bulletin* starting in 2025.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the scope change proposal for *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Animal Learning and Cognition*.

Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves the scope change proposal for *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*.

7. DISCUSSED: Advocacy Priorities

Corbin Evans reviewed the role of APA Services, APA's 501(c)6 companion organization. He then highlighted areas of advocacy that are most pertinent to P&C's work including AI and research funding. P&C Members discussed the implications of decreases in research funding and the federal government shutdown.

8. APPROVED: Author Verification Process

Lois Jones walked the P&C Board through a proposed revision of the author verification and author form process for APA published journals following an internal review and assessment of industry practice.



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Motion approved: That the P&C Board approves updating the author verification and forms process from securing all author signatures post-acceptance, to securing all author confirmations during submission processing and only securing the corresponding author's signature post-acceptance.

9. DISCUSSED: Journal Outreach Options & Open Access Models

Daniya Tamendarova shared an update on article promotion options available to editors at APA published journals, and options for authors and institutions to increase access to journal content. Options include: press releases; Editor's Choice emails; sample articles made free-to-read on the www.apa.org journal website; Article Spotlights recommended by the editor are sent via email to other psychologists; social media posts; and Kudos summaries that are posted to an on an APA Showcase page written by authors to summarize their own research for a broad, scholarly audience. APA partners with Research4Life to provide institutions from low- and middle-income countries access to the research in PsycArticles through their Hinari program.

10. CONDUCTED: Open Discussion

Time was set aside for the P&C Board to discuss matters they found to be of interest and import. Members discussed *American Psychologist's* mission statement, function, and approach to special issues.

Steve Kozlowski thanked participants and called the first day of the meeting to a close.

7 October - Executive Session

Attendance

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Affiliates

Margaret Bull Kovera, PhD (Liaison, Board of Directors)

Not Present

Hortensia Amaro, PhD; Andres De Los Reyes, PhD

Staff

Annie Hill*; Josh Merin; Jasper Simons; Rose Sokol, PhD

*partial attendance

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED changes to the composition of the Editorial Advisory Expert Panel and APPROVED proposed nominees to the panel.
2. In Executive Session, APPROVED the ranked candidate list for the Open Science and Methodology Expert Panel chair term beginning in 2026.



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3. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED editor searches.
4. In Executive Session, APPROVED areas of focus for the 2025-2026 P&C Board Targeted Nominations Statement.
5. In Executive Session, APPROVED policy on Open Access/Article Processing Charges.
6. In Executive Session, DISCUSSED the mission statement of *American Psychologist*.