

Summary of COPPS Meeting on Friday, August 8, 2025. 1:00 pm Mountain Time

This was a hybrid meeting with some members meeting in person together in Denver (where the APA meeting was held) and others participated by zoom

Members in-person: Nataliya Pilipenko, Kelly Champion, Megan Loew, Michelle Perfect, Stephen Lupe, Jeffrey Younggren, Robin McLeod, Gerry Koocher, and Lynn Bufka

Participants by zoom: Stella Nelms, Liesl Bryant, Paul Kettlewell

1. Natalie reviewed key activities of COPPS
 - Three members will end their term in 2025 (Natalia Pilipenko, Jeffrey Younggren, and Michelle Perfect) and three members joining COPPS for 3 year terms in January 2026 (Gerry Koocher, ?, ?)
 - We need to select a chair for 2026. Natalie, Jeff and Robin will discuss options for how to approach this
 - September 17 and 18 will be an in-person meeting at APA Headquarters in Washington, DC. Some ideas about agenda were discussed. COPPS members will be informed about making travel plans – email with instructions will be coming from APA staff
2. Framework Document
 - Some discussion held about whether this document should be an informal document that could be revised as needed, or be presented for review as an APA policy
 - Plan – COPPS members will review this one more time and then it will be sent to BPA for their review. Other APA groups will also review this document – such as legal folks and Ethics committee
3. Ethics Code Revision Task Force

Jeff led an extensive discussion about the current draft of the Ethics code and a recent presentation at the APA convention. There have been 2000+ comments sent to the Ethics Code Revision Task Force when they presented this draft for public comment. Concerns included this document being too long and a sense that it should primarily identify general guiding principles. The potential roles of PPGs and COPPS were discussed. Further discussion will occur at our in-person meeting in September.
4. Gerry Koocher (future member of COPPS starting in 2026) participated in part of the meeting. Introductions occurred
5. Lynn Bufka joined the meeting and some discussion held about some challenges that COPPS faces. One of those challenges was the question about how to decide what areas may need guidelines and how to make those decisions.

Respectfully

Paul Kettlewell