

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 7, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present: Debra M. Kawahara, PhD; Wendi S. Williams, PhD Cynthia de las Fuentes, PhD; Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD; Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD; Rhonda B. Allen, PhD; Aldo M. Barrita, PhD; Luz Maria Garcini, PhD, MPH; Margaret Kovera, PhD; Noelle Lefforge, PhD, ABPP; Mary Ann McCabe, PhD, ABPP; Lindsay Patterson, CIA, CPA; Hideko Sera, PsyD

Board Members Absent: Jermaine Jones, PhD; Elizabeth Louis, PhD

A. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve forwarding to the Membership for a vote the following amendments to Article VIII, Sections 7 and 8 of the APA Bylaws (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted):

7. The Recording Secretary shall be a Member of the Association, elected by ~~[the immediately previous]~~ Council following nomination by the Board of Directors, and shall serve for a term of three years, beginning on January 1 of the year following the individual's election, and shall not succeed themselves in this role. The Recording Secretary shall not be eligible to appear as a candidate on the Board member-at-large or Treasurer election ballots for at least one year after the individual's term has expired. The Recording Secretary shall serve as secretary of Council and of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these Bylaws. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the records of all meetings of Council and of the Board of Directors; to file and hold subject to call and to direct the publication of such records, reports, and proceedings as are authorized by these Bylaws and by vote of Council or the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting; and to perform all other secretarial duties for Council and the Board of Directors as are not delegated to the chief executive officer. In the event that the Treasurer shall not be able to complete a term for any reason, the Recording Secretary is authorized to perform the duties normally assigned to the Treasurer until the individual is replaced under procedures defined in the Association Rules.

8. The Treasurer shall be a Member of the Association, elected by ~~[the immediately previous]~~ Council following nominations by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of three years, beginning on January 1 of the year following the individual's election and shall not succeed themselves in the role more than once. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to appear as a candidate on the Board member-at-large or Recording Secretary election ballots for at least one year after the individual's term has expired. The Treasurer shall deliver an audited report for each fiscal year to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee and serve ex officio, without vote, on the Publications and Communications Board. In the event that the Recording Secretary shall not be able to complete a term for any

reason, the Treasurer is authorized to perform the duties normally assigned to the Recording Secretary until the individual is replaced under procedures defined in the Association Rules.

The Bylaw ballot will be sent to the Membership in November 2025 if there is another Bylaw amendment being sent in 2025. Otherwise, the Bylaw ballot will be sent to the Membership in November 2026.

The Board voted to recommend that Council approve amending Association Rule 110.9 as follows (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted):

110-9. RECORDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER ELECTION

110-9.1 Nominations are solicited from the voting Members of the Association. The slate is determined by the Board of Directors. There shall be at least two nominees on the final election ballot for Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Only APA members are eligible for nomination. Association Rule 110-1.2 provides additional requirements regarding the selection process.

110-9.2 Members of ~~[the immediately previous]~~ Council shall elect the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer. Preferential ballots are used.

110-9.3 Results, with the final tally of votes cast, are reported to Council within 30 days.

The above Rule change would become effective if, and when the Bylaw amendment is approved by the Membership.

B. The Board voted to 1) determine that the *Guidelines for a Competency Framework for Master's and Doctoral Degree Education and Training in Health Service Psychology* poses no undue risk to the Association and 2) refer the item to the Council Leadership Team for a content review and to make a recommendation to Council.

C. The Board discussed the recommendations from the Awards Work Group and will be asked to determine next steps at a future Board meeting.

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January 28, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

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Board Members Absent: Elizabeth Louis, PhD

A. In executive session, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Gilles Chatelain, PhD and Swen J. Kuhne, PhD, as new representatives to the United Nations for three year-terms to begin immediately and end December 31, 2027, with the potential for one renewal term.

B. The Board voted to 1) determine that the *Professional Practice Guidelines on Measurement-Based Care* poses no undue risk to the Association and 2) refer the item to the Council Leadership Team for a content review and to make a recommendation to Council.

C. The Board voted to 1) determine that the *APA Clinical Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Adults* poses no undue risk to the Association and to 2) refer the item to the Council Leadership Team for a content review and to provide a recommendation to Council.

D. The Board voted to 1) determine that the *Guidelines for Psychological Practice in Health Care Delivery Systems* poses no undue risk to the Association and 2) refer the item to the Council Leadership Team for a content review and to make a recommendation to Council.

E. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve the following motion:

That Council authorizes the APA Board of Directors to establish an expert panel (consistent with the diversity matrix, particularly in terms of diversity in identity and experience representation, and ensuring adequate representation of members with an established history of advocacy on this topic) of approximately seven members, including at least one representative from APAGS, BEA, BPA, CPTA, and at least three Council of Representatives to develop an APA position statement regarding equity, fairness, and transparency in psychology licensure examinations. The expert panel should consider the perspectives of those who are unlicensed, pre-licensed post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, people of color, and those who have failed and needed to retake the psychology licensing exam, as well as those who could not retake the exam beyond the number of attempts stipulated by some State/Provincial Licensing Boards.

F. Debra M. Kawahara, PhD, presented a Posthumous Presidential Citation for Past President Norman Abeles to Dr. Abeles' family.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 4, 2025

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present: Debra M. Kawahara, PhD; Wendi S. Williams, PhD Cynthia de las Fuentes, PhD; Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter, PhD; Natalie Porter, PhD; Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD; Rhonda B. Allen, PhD; Aldo M. Barrita, PhD; Luz Maria Garcini, PhD, MPH; Jermaine Jones, PhD; Margaret Kovera, PhD; Noelle Lefforge, PhD, ABPP; Elizabeth Louis, PhD; Mary Ann McCabe, PhD, ABPP; Lindsay Patterson, CIA, CPA; Hideko Sera, PsyD

Board Members Absent: None.

A. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve the following amendment to Association Rule 90-2.1 (bracketed material to be deleted; underlined material be added):

90-2.1 There shall be a Committee for Global Psychology whose responsibility shall be, generally, to increase contacts of all kinds between psychologists in the United States and their colleagues abroad and, specifically, to (a) encourage and support the free circulation of psychologists and of psychological ideas and information; (b) promote and assist attendance at international meetings and conferences; (c) promote exposure to world psychological literature; (d) support programs of international exchange of psychologists at all levels of academic and professional training; (e) promote inclusion of an international perspective in the teaching of psychology at all educational levels; (f) increase sensitivity to cultural and linguistic variance at all levels of academic and professional training; (g) encourage the advancement of psychological knowledge that is relevant to international affairs and to encourage the application of that knowledge to the formulation of policy in international affairs; (h) monitor within the international context and take action in cases involving infringements of the rights of psychologists or abuse of psychological knowledge and techniques wherever these may occur, consistent with APA's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and with the Resolution Concerning Professional Ethics in Psychology (1976) of the International Union of Psychological Science, and apply psychological knowledge to the alleviation of psychological suffering attendant upon abuses of human rights; (i) initiate and maintain communication with international and regional organizations of psychologists, and with other national societies of psychology; and (j) assess and report on the potential effects of APA's plans, programs, and operations on psychologists in other countries and on other national and international associations of psychologists.

While issues of urgency may occasionally arise that require ad hoc actions and decisions of international importance, under normal circumstances APA boards, committees, divisions, and Council should be encouraged to communicate and consult with the Committee for Global Psychology before final action is taken. Such a procedure helps to ensure that an analysis of the potential short- and long-term international consequences of proposed actions and positions occurs before final decisions are made. The Committee shall consist of ~~twelve~~ eight members, ~~ten~~ seven to be elected, each for a term of three years, and one ~~two~~ to serve ex officio. The non-voting ex officio member[s] shall be [include] the APA chief staff officer or the chief staff officer's designee [~~, and one designee of the United States National Committee/International~~

~~Union of Psychological Science (USNC/Biopsy's), provided this individual is an APA member].~~
Members of the Committee may be APA Members or international affiliate members. At least one member shall be an early career psychologist, and at least one member shall be a Graduate Student member. The Committee shall report to Council through the Board of Directors.

B. The Board discussed the expertise and competencies needed for the two new members-at-large on the 2026 Board of Directors.

C. The Board had a debrief of the Council Town Hall focused on 1) the CEO Update to Council: How APA is working with members to address the rapidly changing policy landscape and 2) the February 2025 Council Item #12, Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of PTSD in Adults.