



Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2024, via Zoom

BEA Members: Karen Naufel, PhD (Chair); Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD (Chair-Elect); Karen Brakke, PhD; Laura Koppes Bryan, PhD; Tim A. Cavell, PhD; Lali McCubbin, PhD; Erica Musser, PhD; Jenni Redifer, PhD; Kim Gorgens, PhD; Sam McQuillin, PhD; Susan Opotow, PhD. **Not present:** Jessica Kendorski, PhD.

Incoming BEA Members: Cynthia Conejo, PsyD; Janelle Farias; Michele Gregoire Gill, PhD

APA Staff: Sue Orsillo, PhD (Head of Education); Bob Walsh; Jessica Hopey; Emily Leary Chesnes; Aaron Joyce, PhD; Karen Stamm, PhD; Wendy Williams, PhD; Nicole Barnes, PhD; Aliza Epstein; Valencia Lagbo.

Liaisons: A. Jordan Wright, PhD (Society for Personality Assessment); Catherine Vieira-Baker, PhD (Board of Professional Affairs); Marianne Fallon, PhD (Psi Chi); Joseph Comaty, PhD (APA Council of Representatives); Christine Selby, PhD (Council of Representatives); Emily Mousilo (Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology); Joe Hammer (Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs); Mark Sampson (Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies); Ramona Mallott (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards); Jude Bergkamp, PhD (National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology); Hideko Sera, PsyD (Board of Directors); Noelle Lefforge, PhD (Board of Directors).

Guests: Sharon Nichols, PhD

Karen Naufel, PhD, 2024 Chair of the APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), called the meeting to order. Sue Orsillo, PhD, APA Head of Education, introduced herself to the group.

1. Approval of the September 2024 BEA Meeting Minutes

BEA updated the draft minutes from the September 30, 2024, meeting.

- **APPROVED:** BEA voted to approve the September 30, 2024, meeting minutes.

2. State of Education: K-12 Public Education

BEA reviewed a proposal developed in response to their inquiry to ascertain interest in a joint special issue. BEA plans to continue their discussion of the proposal via email to determine the next steps.

3. State of Education: Addressing the Great Cliff and Academic Threats Through Resources

BEA received an update on the project, which consists of targeted resources in a toolkit format.

4. APA Participation in the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)

Each fall, BEA and the Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) are invited to nominate local psychologists who are members of APA to volunteer to serve as judges at ISEF. The 2025 ISEF competition will be held May 10-16, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio. Members of BEA were asked to submit names and contact information of potential judges residing or teaching in the Columbus area to APA staff.

5. Updating Council Policies

The Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) recommends edits to the APA policies currently entitled *Doctorate as the Minimum Entry into the Professional Practice of Psychology* (2006) and *Policy on Challenges to the Doctoral Standard for Psychology* (2002) to better align APA's efforts to support and integrate master's degree psychology professionals into the profession. BEA was asked to recommend that Council approve the edits to the policies, which protect both the title 'psychologist' and who can use it (professionals who hold psychology doctoral degrees) while simultaneously strengthening the practice of psychology by creating opportunities for master's trained psychology professionals to also provide psychological services informed by the science and research foundation of the discipline.

- **APPROVED:** BEA recommends that Council approves the edits to the policies currently entitled *Doctorate as the Minimum Entry into the Professional Practice of Psychology* (2006) and *Policy on Challenges to the Doctoral Standard for Psychology* (2002).

6. BEA Liaison Reports

Jessica Kendorski, PhD, liaison to the Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA), and Karen Naufel, PhD, liaison to the Committee of Early Career Psychologists (CECP), submitted written reports with updates from their respective liaison groups.

7. Executive Session: Questions for APA President-Elect Candidates

APA boards and committees were invited to develop up to three questions that reflect important issues related to APA's overall mission and strategic plan. The APA Election Committee will select six final questions, and the candidates' written responses will be highlighted in an issue of the *Monitor on Psychology*. BEA deliberated potential questions for submission and agreed to submit one question for consideration by the APA Election Committee.

8. Executive Session: BEA Future Directions

BEA engaged in a discussion.

9. Executive Session: BEA Farewells

BEA honored departing members Jessica Kendorski, PhD, Erica Musser, PhD, Karen Naufel, PhD, and Susan Opatow, PhD.