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## Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) Meeting

Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2025

Hybrid (Grand Hyatt Washington, DC or Zoom)

**BEA Members:** Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD (Chair); Karen Brakke, PhD; Laura Koppes Bryan, PhD; Tim A. Cavell, PhD; Cynthia Cornejo, PsyD; Janelle Farias; Michele Gregoire Gill, PhD; Kim Gorgens, PhD; Annette Kluck, PhD; Lali McCubbin, PhD; Jenni Redifer, PhD; Sam McQuillin, PhD.

**APA Staff:** Sue Orsillo, PhD (Head of Education); Jessica Hopey; Bob Walsh; Karen Stamm, PhD; Nicole Barnes, PhD; Valencia Lagbo. *Partial attendance:* Aliza Epstein; Martha Boenau; Emily Leary Chesnes; Beth Schwartz, PhD; Aaron Joyce, PhD

**Liaisons** (partial or full attendance): Brett Opelt (Rehabilitation Psychology); Paula Shear (COGDOP); Jennifer Engler (Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology); 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); Jenee Edgerton (APA Graduate Students); Drew Christopher, PhD (Society for the Teaching of Psychology)

**APA Members & Guests** (partial attendance): Debra Kawahara, PhD (APA President); Wendi Williams, PhD (APA President-elect); Cynthia de las Fuentes, PhD (APA Immediate Past President); Arthur C. Evans, PhD (APA CEO); Karen Naufel, PhD; Natasha Alston, MPS (Chair, Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools/TOPSS); TOPSS Members: Michael Berndt, MEd; Stephanie Franks, MS, MEd; Kari Hall, MA; Melissa Rogers, MEd; Joshua Viau, PhD, Virginia Welle, MS; Jennifer Thompson, PhD; Frank Worrell, PhD; Elizabeth Yost Hammer, PhD (Co-Chair, Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education/CABE); K. Des Robinson, MS (Co-Chair, CABE); CABE Members: Ngoc Bui, PhD; David S. Kreiner, PhD; Julie Lazzara, PhD; Darshon Reed, PhD; Heather Schoenherr, MS; and Victoria C. Taylor, EdD; Sita Patel, PhD (Committee for Global Psychology)

Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD, 2025 Chair of the APA Board of Educational Affairs (BEA), called the meeting to order and welcomed BEA members, liaisons, guests, and APA staff.

### Approval of Minutes

- **APPROVED:** BEA reviewed and approved the December 2, 2024, meeting minutes.

### Report of the Head of Education

Sue Orsillo, PhD, APA Head of Education, provided an overview of recent Education-focused initiatives at APA. Key areas of focus include:

- Broadening and diversifying pathways into the psychology profession.
- Enhancing career outcomes for psychology majors.
- Raising awareness of psychology's impact.
- Supporting population health in PK-12 schools to support the well-being of staff and students.

### **Council of Representatives Update**

BEA received updates from the February 2025 Council of Representatives including the outcome of the revised *Guidelines on Trauma Competencies for Education and Training*, which were approved, and the proposed *Guidelines for a Competency Framework for Master's and Doctoral Degree Education and Training in Health Service Psychology*, which Council opted not to approve. Discussion followed.

### **Psychology Workforce and Education Trends**

Karen Stamm, PhD, Senior Director of the APA Center for Workforce Studies (CWS), presented updated CWS research and data tools, along with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) projections. Discussion ensued.

### **State of Education: PK-12 Public Education/Joint Special Issue**

BEA received an update on the joint special issue initiative focused on PK-12 education.

### **State of Education: Addressing the Great Cliff and Academic Threats Through Resources**

BEA received an update on the project aimed at addressing the great cliff and academic threats through targeted resources.

### **Update from APA Advocacy Staff**

Kenneth Polischuk, APA Deputy Chief for Education and Training Policy, presented an update on APA's advocacy efforts and answered questions.

### **Meeting with the APA CEO and Presidential Trio**

APA President Debra Kawahara, PhD, Past President Cynthia de las Fuentes, PhD, President-elect Wendi Williams, PhD, and APA CEO Arthur C. Evans, PhD, joined BEA to discuss some of the urgent challenges facing education.

### **Revised APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (Ethics Code)**

BEA reviewed and modified their collective feedback on the revised Ethics Code and agreed to submit the comments.

### **Committee Updates**

The Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE), co-chaired by K. Des Robinson, MS, and Elizabeth Yost Hammer, PhD, presented updates on their recent and upcoming work and priorities related to undergraduate education. Discussion followed.

The Committee of Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS), chaired by Natasha Alston, MPS, shared highlights from their 2024 work and provided an overview of their priorities for 2025. Discussion followed.

### **BEA Workgroup on Equitable Admissions for Psychology Graduate Programs**

BEA received a brief status update confirming that work on these guidelines is still in progress.

### **NBI 17E: Expansion of Membership Eligibility to Master's-Level Psychology Professionals**

BEA, designated as one of the referral groups for this item, engaged in a brief discussion with a representative from the APA Membership Board, which is the lead reviewing board for this item.

### **BEA Liaison Report: Coalition for Psychology in Schools and Education (CPSE)**

Michele Gill, PhD, liaison to CPSE, gave an update on CPSE's work, which focuses on applying psychological science to enhance schools and promote the academic success and well-being of students and educators. CPSE develops resources for children, adolescents, families and educators.

### **Joint BEA-BPA Discussion: Diverse Professional Pathways – Aligning Practice and Education**

BEA joined the Board of Professional Affairs (BPA) for a discussion focused on how BEA and BPA can align their work going forward.

### **Executive Session**

- **DISCUSSED**: Proposed *Training Guidelines for the Specialty of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*
- **APPROVED**: BEA supported an individual leave of absence policy request through August 31, 2025.
- **APPROVED**: BEA supported granting the CoA authority to develop and disseminate a call for three Master's Special Appointments to CoA for non-renewable three-year terms using an appointment process identical to that described for open seats, as outlined in Implementing Regulations A.1.
- **APPROVED**: BEA finalized three recommended slates for the 2026-2028 term. Per the APA Association Rules, the fourth slate will be submitted by the Board of Scientific Affairs.
- **APPROVED**: BEA finalized a list of nominees for the 2026-2028 Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subspecialties in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP) Education slate.