

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
February 24, 2025, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Natasha Alston, Stephanie Franks, Kari Hall, Melissa Rogers, Joshua Viau, Virginia Welle, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Jenni Redifer, Emily Leary Chesnes, Beth Schwartz, Aliza Epstein

Unable to participate: Michael Berndt, Hideko Sera

Approving January TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the January 21, 2025, TOPSS Committee call.

TOPSS Subcommittees

Committee members broke into separate breakout rooms according to subcommittee assignments.

The Resources Subcommittee looked at a list of top TOPSS resources preselected by the group and identified 10 resources that most highly aligned with the APA mission and strategic plan and are not available elsewhere to teachers.

The Professional Development/Regional Network Subcommittee discussed ways to engage with the regional teaching networks and discussed top priorities for teacher professional development in 2025.

Both groups discussed subcommittee plans for the March spring consolidated meeting.

Planning for Spring Consolidated Meeting

Consolidated meetings are scheduled to be in-person/hybrid in Washington, DC, March 14-15, 2025. Committee members discussed items to discuss with the Board of Educational Affairs at the meeting.

APA 2025 Update

Virginia shared the planned line-up for TOPSS-invited speakers for APA 2025:

- *Randal M. Ernst Lecture: Psychology and the Law: Foundations, Resources, and Student Career Support*, William Douglas Woody, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
- *Lee Gurel Lecture: Human geography - "Help, I lost my map!": Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, Sarah E. Burgamy, PsyD, PhoenixRISE

A TOPSS-sponsored panel discussion on *Pathways Into the Profession: A Panel Discussion on Triumphs and Challenges* will also be held.

Engaging Psychology's Future: A 2025 APA Presidential Task Force

Committee members were reminded of Dr. Debra Kawahara's 2025 Presidential Task Force on Engaging Psychology's Future and encouraged to consider applying for funding to hold a career-focused event.

Next TOPSS Calls

Consolidated meetings will be held in Washington, DC, March 14-15, 2025. TOPSS will plan for calls for the remainder of 2025 at the March meeting.