

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
January 24, 2023, 8:15 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Terri Lindenberg, Virginia Welle, Natasha Alson, Julie Gowans, Emily Polacek, Melissa Rogers, Tony Puente, Jennifer Thompson, Emily Leary Chesnes, Sue Orsillo

Unable to participate: Dana Melone, Debra Kawahara, Aliza Epstein

Terri welcomed everyone to the call, which began with introductions and an ice breaker activity.

Plans for Advancing TOPSS Goals in 2023

Terri reviewed the TOPSS Committee work plan goals for the year, developed by the Committee last year. In 2022, the Committee used subcommittees to advance the work plan goals and there was agreement the subcommittees were useful. Three possible subcommittees were recommended for 2023:

- Promoting Psychology Subcommittee: This group could take the lead in scripting the new TOPSS video, leading efforts to revisit the purpose of the student video/essay contest, and helping to coordinate review of student competition submissions.
- Resources Subcommittee: This group could take the lead in helping facilitate National Standards dissemination, helping to promote existing resources, and supporting and promoting the regional teaching networks.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Subcommittee: This group could take the lead in helping as needed with the new TOPSS project on EDI, brainstorming efforts to diversify TOPSS membership, helping to disseminate diversity related resources, and helping to keep EDI front and center in larger TOPSS discussions when considering other initiatives.

Staff will send a survey for members to share their preference for which subcommittee to join.

APA 2023 (Washington, DC, August 3-5, 2023)

TOPSS will have three hours of programming at APA 2023. The Committee was invited to consider possible speakers or topics for APA 2023.

Panel discussions on different topics of interest to TOPSS could also be considered, as could a session on high school psychology that could reach APA members who may want to learn more about TOPSS and issues important to the Committee. Staff will share a google document for members to share other names or topics.

There was a discussion on ways to bring more local high school teachers to APA or if TOPSS could offer Zoom sessions for local teachers. An informal roundtable discussion over Zoom could allow teachers to discuss challenges together.

Calls and meetings in 2023

Standing TOPSS Committee calls on the third Monday of each month worked for everyone on the call. The Committee agreed to plan on a Monday, February 13, call with the federal holiday the following week. Calls have been held at 8:15 PM eastern.

TOPSS is able to hold a hybrid meeting in Washington, DC, March 17-18. Those who can attend in person were asked to complete an online waiver by January 30. Information about hotel and travel will be shared in the coming weeks.

New member orientation

A new member orientation on APA and TOPSS was given to the new committee members. The slides will be shared with everyone.