

**Minutes for the TOPSS Meeting
November 20, 2023, 7:30 PM (Eastern)**

Participating on call: Terri Lindenberg, Virginia Welle, Dana Melone, Natasha Alston, Julie Gowans, Emily Polacek, Melissa Rogers, Tony Puente, Jennifer Thompson, Jenni Redifer, Debra Kawahara, Emily Leary Chesnes, Sue Orsillo

Unable to participate: Aliza Epstein

Updates for the TOPSS Committee

TOPSS received updates on the November 13 webinar on the new TOPSS resources on diversity and representation; the second phase of the TOPSS project on diversity and representation, focused on disability and neurodiversity; the search for the next TOPSS college faculty representative, and an updated form to be sent to regional groups that use the TOPSS name (e.g., UTOPSS, CHITOPSS) since the “TOPSS” name is trademarked to APA.

Questions for APA President-elect candidates

All boards and committees were invited to develop questions for the 2024 APA President-Elect candidates. The Committee made a plan for developing and submitting questions by the December 1 deadline.

Plan for 2024 OSU Workshop

TOPSS received an update on a planned summer workshop at Oregon State University. Following a recent Committee vote, faculty contacts at Oregon State agreed to host a summer workshop for \$20,000, pending approval from the American Psychological Foundation. The Committee was asked to consider if there were names of teacher presenters they could recommend for the summer workshop in 2024. Several teachers were mentioned and APA staff will work with the TOPSS Committee chairs to develop a list to share with Oregon State. It was suggested that TOPSS have final approval of the 2024 teacher presenters.

Plan for 2024 RFP

TOPSS discussed the plan for inviting and reviewing applications in response to the Request for Proposals for one or more additional summer workshops.

The Committee reviewed an outline of the content to be included in the RFP Call and Application. Although the call mentions “summer workshops,” we may want to highlight that “workshops from May to August are preferred.”

TOPSS was asked to consider if there are specific faculty members, regional network leaders, and/or educational institutions Committee members might want to approach to encourage to apply.

The Committee thought hosting a meeting over Zoom in early January to describe the program and answer questions from potential applicants was a good idea.

APF Professional Development Awards

Staff will send a survey to the Committee to finish updates to the call for applications for the APF Professional Development Awards.

Next call

The final TOPSS call of 2023 will be held Monday, December 18, at 7:30 PM eastern.