

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
April 15, 2024, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Virginia Welle, Terri Lindenberg, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Melissa Rogers, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Jenni Redifer, Emily Leary Chesnes, Aliza Epstein, Sue Orsillo

Unable to participate: Natasha Alston, Emily Polacek, Hideko Sera

Approving March TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the March 23-24, 2024, TOPSS Committee call.

Update on Clayton State University Proposal

Virginia Welle provided an update on the revised proposal from Clayton State University to hold a summer workshop for psychology teachers. The revised proposal was approved by the Committee and APA staff will work with Clayton State faculty members to confirm approval and process payment.

Update on TOPSS Academic Achievement in Psychology Certificates

Sue Orsillo shared background on this certificate program and shared a modified version of the certificate that clarifies it is one of teacher recognition and not of direct APA or TOPSS recognition. Committee members agreed there was value in the revised certificate, which will be posted online this month.

Regional Teaching Networks

The Committee was asked how it wanted to achieve several recommendations regarding regional teaching networks that were made at the March 2024 meeting. The Committee discussed possible plans to hold webinars for those interested in starting a regional network or those who have received funding to support regional networks. The Committee agreed it wanted to make a webinar presentation and/or sharing of lessons learned part of the grant application process in 2025, as a stipulation of receiving grant funds, but for 2024, a webinar for those interested in hosting a regional network was recommended. Committee members were asked to consider which members they know in New York, North Carolina, and Texas, and to encourage teachers they know in these states to consider applying for a regional network grant.

Small Group Working Time

Committee members spent the remainder of the meeting in small groups to discuss the following topics:

- Mike and Stephanie discussed and developed a plan for a May webinar, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 PM eastern, on TOPSS resources.
- Melissa and Virginia met to discuss the revisions to the new teacher handbook.
- Jennifer, Frank, and Terri discussed outreach on the *National Standards*.