

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
August 19, 2024, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Virginia Welle, Terri Lindenberg, Natasha Alston, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Emily Polacek, Melissa Rogers, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Jenni Redifer, Emily Leary Chesnes, Sue Orsillo, Bryan Gerber

Unable to participate: Aliza Epstein, Hideko Sera

Approving July TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the July 15, 2024, TOPSS Committee call.

Psi Alpha

Bryan Gerber, PhD, Executive Director of Psi Alpha, the national honor society for high school psychology students, joined TOPSS to provide background information on Psi Alpha and engage in a discussion with the Committee. TOPSS members engaged in a discussion on how TOPSS can be useful to Psi Alpha and what potential collaborations might be possible between the two groups.

Planning for 2025 TOPSS workplan and 2025 APF Myers Fund grant proposal

TOPSS began planning for its 2025 workplan as well as its funding request for its 2025 APF David and Carol Myers Fund grant. Committee members took a survey in early August to inform their discussion and Virginia and Sue gave a summary of survey results on the call. The survey covered priority areas for making an impact and both funding recommendations and potential changes for the APF Myers grant allocation, among other questions. Virginia also shared an overview of the two summer workshops supported by APF Myers grant funds: the Oregon State University workshop and the workshop at Clayton State University.

Committee members considered the survey results and noted the impact of regional teaching networks. Bringing together individuals who organize these teaching networks to share ideas and increasing the quality of regional networks were mentioned as potential ideas for 2025. Promoting the National Standards and continuing the EDI project were also mentioned as valuable initiatives.

Upcoming TOPSS Calls

The next TOPSS call is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 7:30 PM ET. It will be a 90-minute call.