

**Minutes for the TOPSS Meeting
December 18, 2023, 7:30 PM (Eastern)**

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

Unable to participate: Dana Melone, Debra Kawahara

Thanks and Goodbye to Off-going Members

Terri thanked Dana Melone, Julie Gowans, and Tony Puente for their outstanding service on TOPSS and acknowledged Jenni and Debra as TOPSS liaisons from the Board of Educational Affairs and Board of Directors this year.

Update on National Standards Dissemination in 2024

The Committee was provided with an update on advocacy efforts to encourage state departments of education to adopt, adapt, or revise psychology standards to align to the revised National Standards. State-level contacts were made in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New Jersey in 2023.

Tony suggested staff consider writing an article for APA Division 52 (International Psychology) on the National Standards, offering that TOPSS could assist any international association interested in interpreting or adopting these standards. Emily Leary Chesnes shared there were approximately 300 TOPSS members that reside outside the United States.

APA 2024

TOPSS discussed the following issues regarding the three hours of TOPSS-sponsored programming at APA 2024 in Seattle, Washington:

- What are its goals for APA 2024 TOPSS sessions?
- What speakers might TOPSS want to approach?
- Who will contact which speakers, and by when?
- What are some preliminary topics and speakers to consider for the planned full day workshop before APA 2024?

TOPSS goals were discussed and several possible speakers were named. Staff and Terri will follow up with the Committee on next steps.

Reflections on 2023

The Committee discussed the following questions:

- Where did TOPSS have the most impact in 2023?
- Is there anything to be learned from the committee's process and progress that can potentially improve our work in 2024?
- What challenges and opportunities have committee members encountered in their roles as high school psychology teachers this year?

APA's advocacy in Florida regarding AP psychology and issues related to the lesson plans were

discussed. Providing teachers with trustworthy sources of information might be useful as the committee continues to discuss lesson plans.