

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
May 20, 2024, 7:30 PM Eastern time**

Participating on call: Terri Lindenberg, Natasha Alston, Michael Berndt, Stephanie Franks, Emily Polacek, Melissa Rogers, Emily Leary Chesnes, Aliza Epstein, Sue Orsillo

Unable to participate: Virginia Welle, Jennifer Thompson, Frank Worrell, Jenni Redifer, Hideko Sera

Approving April TOPSS meeting minutes

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

Updates on TOPSS Business

Sue provided an update on challenges that recently arose with two TOPSS projects and the plans in place to resolve and prevent similar challenges moving forward. Stephanie and Mike gave a brief update on the TOPSS webinar on resources planned for May 21. Sue invited Committee members to help disseminate a number of TOPSS-related initiatives over social media and/or to any interested colleagues, as listed in the agenda.

Call for Nominations for 2024 TOPSS Committee Election

The Committee considered possible candidates for the 2024 election, paying attention to the qualities the Committee recommended looking for in member-at-large candidates (i.e., teachers from outside the United States, those teaching on-level psychology, and early career teachers).

Travel Awards Program

The Committee spent time in breakout rooms discussing the APF travel award program TOPSS has offered since 2022, considering if the program is having the intended impact and whether adding more funding to this initiative would help TOPSS better meet the program's goal and have impact.

Small Group Working Time

Committee members spent time in small groups to discuss either the Tuesday, May 21 webinar on TOPSS resources or the revisions to the new teacher handbook.

Upcoming TOPSS calls

The next TOPSS calls are scheduled for:

- Monday, July 15, 7:30 PM ET
- Monday, August 19, 7:30 PM ET

There will be no full committee TOPSS call in June.