

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

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

Unable to participate: Melissa Rogers, Jennifer Thompson, Aliza Epstein, Hideko Sera

Approving September TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the September 16, 2024, TOPSS Committee call.

Updates on RFP Program

Committee members received an update on a November 13 webinar on the Request for Proposals (RFP) to Support Teaching Workshops. Members were reminded of the December 1 RFP deadline and encouraged to reach out to faculty members and other contacts to encourage these colleagues to consider applying to the program.

Call for Pacing Calendars

Committee members discussed the call for pacing calendars disseminated earlier this year and asked to consider next steps in collecting these calendars. Considering the new Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum that launched this year and a pending new International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum to be released for the 2025-2026 school year, TOPSS agreed to focus on collecting on-level calendars for now, with a focus on collecting AP next spring and summer and IB calendars the following year.

Members were encouraged to submit their own on-level calendars for consideration, and recommended contacting past TOPSS election candidates for their calendars as well. All Committee members were encouraged to reach out to at least one colleague each to solicit on-level pacing calendars.

Small Group Discussions and Reporting Out

Committee members divided into two groups to discuss the draft call for the 2025 TOPSS Competition for High School Students and remaining funds through the 2024 APF David and Carol Myers Grant.

New teacher resource manual

Committee members were asked to review a draft revision of a resource manual for new teachers and share any feedback by December 1, 2024, to Emily Leary Chesnes at eleary@apa.org.

Update on 2025 APA Presidential Initiative

Virginia and Sue gave a brief update on the 2025 APA Presidential Initiative on Engaging Psychology's Future. This initiative will encourage meetings at high schools and community colleges to introduce students to psychology professionals who will share their different career paths in psychology. A webinar will be held on January 13, 2025, to kick off the initiative.

Questions for APA President-Elect Candidates

All boards and committees are invited to develop questions for the 2025 APA President-Elect candidates. Committee members agreed to submit the questions TOPSS proposed in 2023 again.

Next calls

A TOPSS webinar on the new set of EDI resources will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 7:30 PM eastern. The final TOPSS call of 2024 will be held Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 PM eastern.