

**Minutes for the TOPSS Committee Zoom Meeting
September 16, 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, Jenni Redifer, Emily Leary Chesnes, Sue Orsillo

Unable to participate: Frank Worrell, Aliza Epstein, Hideko Sera

Approving August TOPSS meeting minutes

TOPSS approved minutes from the August 19, 2024, TOPSS Committee call.

Update from TOPSS Webinar on September 9

Mike Berndt and Stephanie Franks provided an update on the September 9 webinar on scientific thinking. They also reminded the committee of the plan to offer one final TOPSS webinar in 2024 and asked for recommended speakers. The webinar will be separately planned and scheduled following the call.

Planning for the 2025 APF Myers Fund grant proposal

TOPSS Committee members were asked to discuss and confirm its funding request for its 2025 APF David and Carol Myers Fund grant. In several earlier meetings, and using between-meeting surveys to encourage full participation in the decisional process, the Committee reflected on the needs of high school psychology teachers, reviewed the impact of previous initiatives, brainstormed potential options for enhancing impact, and identified their priorities. Informed by these discussions, the Committee made recommendations for the initiatives to be funded in 2025.

Planning for 2025 TOPSS workplan

The Committee discussed its goals and plans for 2025 and reviewed a draft workplan for next year. Committee members agreed the workplan draft was appropriate and approved the draft. Staff will finalize the workplan, which will be submitted by October 1 for internal review and approval.

Upcoming TOPSS Calls

The Committee agreed to hold calls on the third Tuesday of November and December: November 19 and December 17. The Committee will not hold a call in October and pressing business will be managed asynchronously via email.