APA Continuing Education Committee  
2016 Annual Report

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The CEC reviews all sponsors and organizations seeking APA CE sponsor approval, and also reviews and develops the Association's sponsor approval standards. The CEC identifies, promotes, implements and evaluates research, development and innovations in continuing education. The CEC also works with the APA Office of Continuing Education in Psychology to make program recommendations. This report provides information on some of CEC’s major activities for 2016, particularly related to the work of the Office of CE Sponsor Approval and the Continuing Education Committee.

**Application Reviews**

During 2016, the Continuing Education Committee reviewed a total of 392 applications from organizations seeking approval as sponsors of continuing education for psychologists. Of these, approximately 135 were applications submitted by new applicants. As of December 2016, approximately 803 organizations were APA-approved sponsors of continuing education for psychologists.

**Review of Sponsor Approval Standards**

The CEC discussed several policy items related to continuing education at both their April and September 2016 meetings, which included:

- Continued development of the Continuing Education Sponsor Approval Online Application System (CESA OAS) which was launched on January 1, 2016.
- Modifications to the CE Sponsor Approval website and communications in conjunction with the CESA office.
- Ongoing development of resources to promote best practices and quality in continuing education and professional development.
- Review of the Annual Reporting process for approved sponsors.
- Exploration of best practices and outcomes associated with CE and Continuing Professional Development (CPD), in line with APA’s Strategic Plan to be a data-driven, evidence-based organization.

**Quality Professional Development and Continuing Education Resolution**

The *Standards and Criteria for Approval of Sponsors of Continuing Education for Psychologists* (August 2015) were implemented on January 1, 2016. The revised *Standards and Criteria* reflect principles outlined in the approved APA policy, the Quality Professional Development and
Continuing Education Resolution. As of January 1, 2016, approved sponsors were expected to be in compliance with the new Standards and Criteria.

The new Standards and Criteria can be found online.

**CEC Interaction with the Field of Professional Psychology**

With the implementation of the new Standards, the CEC engaged in a number of important and ongoing communications with groups who represented various perspectives within professional psychology. The CEC continued to work with the Office of CE Sponsor Approval to enhance resources for sponsors and prospective sponsors for the promotion of best practices when developing CE offerings to psychologists.

**Continuing Education in Psychology Activities at the 2016 APA Convention**

The CEC, working with the Office of Continuing Education in Psychology, offered 68 workshops at the 2016 APA Convention, and approximately 317 convention sessions for CE credit. The number of workshop slots filled was 1,561 and a total of 1,580 individuals paid to earn CE credit for the sessions they attended. Drs. Jessye Cohen-Filipic (CEC Chair) and J. Kim Penberthy (CEC member) presented “How to Make the Most of Your CE Sponsorship: Changes and Innovations,” at the 2016 APA Convention in Denver, Colorado. Drs. Jessye Cohen-Filipic (CEC Chair) and Jennifer Taylor (CEC Vice-Chair) also presented “From College to Community: Best Methods for Teaching Diversity to Students and Lifelong Learners” during Convention.