

**APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs  
in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority**

**Minutes of Open Meeting**

**October 17-18, 2014**

American Psychological Association  
750 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20002  
*Conference Room 5083*

**Present:** Joseph E. Comaty, PhD, MP (Chair); Neal R. Morris, EdD, MS; Linda O. Summers, PhD, MPH, MSN, MA; Steven R. Tulkin, PhD; Alice M. Young, PhD (Vice-chair).

**APA Staff Present:** Cathi Grus, PhD, Education Directorate; Deborah Baker, JD, Practice Directorate; Dan Abrahamson, PhD, Practice Directorate; Tammy A. Barnes, Practice Directorate.

**Members Absent:** Marlin C. Hoover, PhD, MS, ABPP-CL

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**9:00am - Joseph E. Comaty, PhD, MP, Chair, opened the meeting and introduced the two new members, Dr. Neal Morris & Dr. Steve Tulkin.**

**Agenda Item 01: Legal Orientation**

Ann Springer, JD, Associate General Counsel APA Office of General Counsel provided committee members a briefing on legal principles associated with their service and answered questions.

**Agenda Item 02: Approval of minutes from October 2013 open meeting**

Dr. Comaty asked the members of the committee to review the minutes from the October 2013 open meeting.

Action: The minutes were approved as written.

The committee then discussed whether to post approved meeting minutes to the committee webpage.

Action: The committee voted to post approved open meeting minutes with a notation indicating the outcome of closed session items to the webpage. To ensure currency of this information the committee will take action to approve the minutes via email rather than waiting until the next face to face meeting. If the electronic vote is unanimous the vote will be considered official. If not the committee will need to discuss verbally.

Action: The committee voted to include designation decisions in the committee's annual report which is posted on the committee's website.

**Agenda Item 03: Minutes from BEA and CAPP meetings**

Dr. Abrahamson and Deborah Baker provided members of the committee an overview of the most recent CAPP meeting as information. Dr. Grus provided the same for the BEA meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 04: APA Convention 2014**

Alice Young, committee vice-chair, provided a summary of her presentation to Division 55 at the APA annual convention. Attendees were given an overview of the committee and its work and there was opportunity to solicit information from them about current psychopharmacology practice.

#### **Agenda Item 05: RxP Designation Committee's submission for the Self-guided activity for APA Boards and Committees; Report on outcome from Council of Representatives' August meeting**

The committee was provided information about the submission of their responses to the self-guided activity for APA boards and committee and outcome from the August Council of Representatives meeting related to changes in APA governance.

#### **Agenda Item 06: Changes in Executive Director for APA Education Directorate.**

The committee was provided information about the retirement of Dr. Cynthia Belar and the hiring of a new Executive Director for Education, Dr. Diaz-Granados.

#### **Agenda Item 14: Process for ensuring the currency of scientific knowledge in the curriculum**

The committee has an ongoing project to develop technical assistance material to assist and encourage designated programs to utilize the most recent scientific knowledge in their curriculum.

Action: The committee will continue to work on this project. Dr. Comaty will develop an example to share with the committee to be used as a model.

#### **Agenda Item 15: Application Submission Deadline for 2015**

Action: The committee approved May 4, 2015 as the deadline for receipt of applications to be considered in 2015.

#### **Agenda Item 16: Interim Reports**

The committee was provided information about interim reports due from designated programs in 2015 and discussed deadline for receipt.

Action: Interim reports will be due on the same date as applications, May 4, 2015.

#### **Agenda Item 17: Association rule changes for inclusion of early career psychologists on APA boards and committees**

The committee reviewed a request to provide input on the implications of an item that proposes that all APA boards and committees include representation of an early career psychologist.

Action: The committee agreed to provide comment on this item.

**Agenda Item 18: Changes to CAPP**

The committee was provided information about changes to the scope of CAPP that will result in CAPP shifting its focus to be entirely on items related to the APA Practice Organization. This will mean that the committee will no longer report to CAPP (but will continue to report to BEA). It has not been formally confirmed that the committee's reporting structure will shift from CAPP to the Board of Professional Affairs (which will handle C-3 Practice issues) when this change goes into effect in 2015.

The committee discussed sending the committee chair to the BPA meeting for education and updates.

Action: The committee voted to request Jan Chiucio attend the next meeting to report on PEP stats.

**Agenda Item 19: Translating science task force report**

The committee reviewed a report and recommendations from a task force convened by APA President, Dr. Nadine Kaslow.

**Agenda Item 20: Next meeting date**

**Action:** The **next meeting** of the RxP Designation Committee will be **October 23-24, 2015**

End of open session minutes