

Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (CSOGD)
2024 Annual Report
American Psychological Association

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Mission

- (a) Study and evaluate on an ongoing basis how the issues and concerns of sexual orientation and gender diverse (e.g., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer [LGBTQ]) psychologists can best be dealt with;
- (b) Encourage objective and unbiased research in areas relevant to sexual orientation and gender diverse (e.g., LGBTQ) adults and youths and the social impact of such research;
- (c) Examine the consequences of inaccurate information and stereotypes about sexual orientation and gender diverse (e.g., LGBTQ) adults and youth in clinical practice;
- (d) Develop educational materials for distribution to psychologists and others; and
- (e) Make recommendations regarding the integration of these issues into the APA's activities to further the cause of human rights of sexual orientation and gender diverse (e.g., LGBTQ) individuals and communities.

Meeting Dates (all via videoconferencing)

- January 24, February 28, March 22-23 (SCM), March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 17, August 28, September 25, October 16, November 20, December 11

Membership

Taymy Josefa Caso, PhD (2022-2024), Katherine Arrendella (2022-2024), Roberto Gonzalez, PhD (2023-2025); Erin Liebich, PsyD (2024-2026), G. Nic Rider, PhD (2023-2025), and Anneliese Singh, PhD (2024-2026)

Staff Liaison: Tanya Burrwell

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

Members of the Committee have a wide range of lived experiences and identities including, but not limited to trans/transgender, cisgender, non-binary, woman, man, gender non-conforming, queer, gay, deaf, Black, bi-racial, Indian American, White, Asian American, Latinx, early career.

Major Activities

There was a total of 26 activities that CSOGD participated in or initiated in 2024.

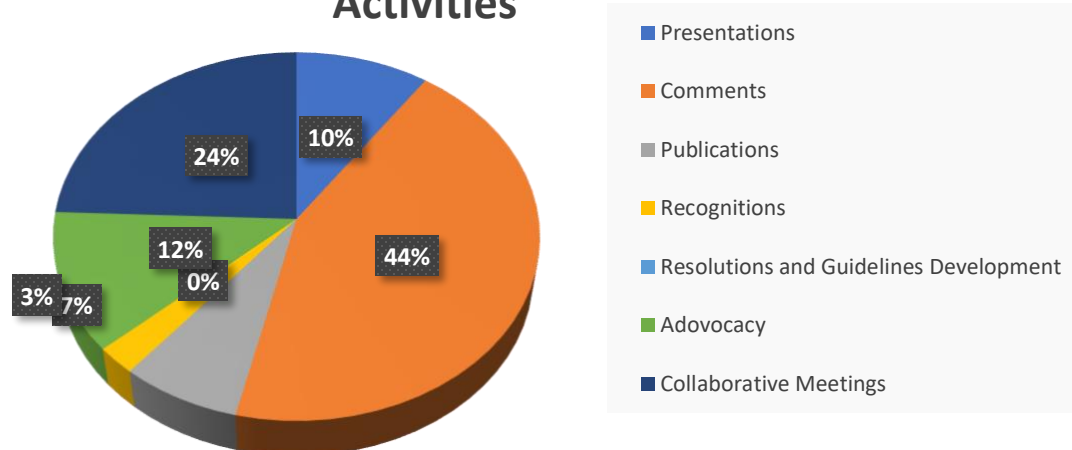
Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	1
Comments	10
Publications	1
Recognitions	0
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	1
Advocacy	5
Collaborative Meetings	8

Figure 1

Insert Pie Chart here with # of Presentations, Comments, Publications, Recognitions, Resolutions & Guidelines Created/Initiated, Advocacy Activities, and Collaborative Meetings.

Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity 2024 Activities



Presentations

Presentation #1

On August 10th, CSOGD partnered with CEMA, CWP, APA Advocacy, APAGS-CSOGD, APAGS-CARED and Division 45 (Society for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Culture), convened the 2024 CEMA Networking Breakfast. The event included a panel discussion, "Intersectionality and Advocacy in Psychology. Presenters represented members from CEMA, CSOGD, CWP and APA Advocacy. CSOGD Chair, Dr. Taymy Caso served as a panelist for this discussion.

Professionals and students were provided with an opportunity to network with committee members, leadership, and APA Advocacy staff to discuss social issues and current legislative actions.

Comment***Comm #1***

APA Policy Statement Supporting Inclusive Care for Transgender Communities

Comm #2

Resolution on the Healthcare of Transgender, Gender Diverse and Nonbinary Children and Adolescents.

Comm #3

Resolution on the Secure Storage of Firearms and Lethal Means Safety Strategies to Prevent Suicides

Comm #4

Draft Call for Nominations for Transgender Guidelines

Comm #5

Revised Resolution on Sexual Health Education

Comm #6

Committee on Aging (CONA) Revised Resolution on Ageism

Comm #7

Proposed Title and Draft Scope for Masters Trained Professionals in Health Service Psychology

Comm #8

NBI Process Survey

Comm #9

NBI 11C: Association of Jewish Psychologist' Affiliation with APA and Seat on Council as an Ethnic Group

Publications

Pub #1

CSOGD collaborated with members of TOPPS and Education Directorate staff to provide subject-matter expertise toward the development of the TOPSS Lesson Plan Review - The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Modular Lesson Plan/Teaching Resource for High School Psychology Teachers. *(expected on early 2025)*

Recognitions

Rec #1

CSOGD proposal for the revamped CSOGD Achievement Awards program was submitted for further consideration by BAPPI and the BOD (currently on hold).

Resolutions and Guidelines Development

Res#1

CSOGD provided follow-up to the P&P 5 Year Policy Review related to CSOGD policy, *Employment Rights of Gay Teachers*.

Advocacy

Adv #1

CSOGD provided subject-matter expertise toward APA's response to the NIH Request for Information on Sexual Violence at Educational Institutions

Adv #2

CSOGD provided subject-matter expertise toward APA's response to the NIH's RFI regarding their 2026-2030 Strategic Plan for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research

Adv #3

CSOGD provided input for the Advocacy Coordinating Committee's (ACC) 2024 Priorities Survey

Adv #4

CSOGD maintained ongoing communication and collaboration with Advocacy staff, including an item/update on the monthly meeting agendas.

Adv #5

CSOGC in collaboration with CEMA, CWP, APA Advocacy, APAGS-CSOGD, APAGS-CARED and Division 45, convened a panel discussion on “Intersectionality and Advocacy in Psychology” during the 2024 CEMA Networking Breakfast at the APA Convention in Seattle, WA.

Collaborative Meetings

CM #1

CSOGD maintained ongoing communication and collaboration with BAPPI liaison, including invites to the monthly meetings and additional meetings to check-in as needed.

CM #2

CSOGD convened an in-person meeting for the Spring Consolidated Meetings on Friday, March 22 – Saturday, March 23. Guests (both virtual and in-person) included members from the Board of Directors, Advocacy, and liaisons from Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Policy & Planning Board, American Psychological Association Graduate Students, the Committee on Women in Psychology, the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, and the National Council of Schools for Professional Psychology (NCSPP).

CM #3

CSOGD maintained oversight of the APA Leadership and Participation in the International Network on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns and Transgender Issues in Psychology (IPsyNET). Members received an updated report during the March 2024 Spring consolidated meetings. CSOGD member Dr. Taymy Caso, represented the committee on the APA Oversight Group that monitors APA’s involvement with IPsyNet, which includes representatives from BAPPI, CIRP, APAGS, and Divisions 44 and 52.

CM #4

CSOGD members participated in working meetings with members of TOPPS and Education Directorate staff toward the further development of the TOPSS Lesson Plan Review - The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Modular Lesson Plan/Teaching Resource for High School Psychology Teachers.

CM #5

CSOGD Chair, Dr. Taymy Caso served as the CSOGD representative attending the Addressing Population Health via Mental Health Technology Virtual Summit.

CM #6

CSOGD members participated in a series of planning meetings with CEMA, CWP, Advocacy, APAGS-CSOGD, APAGS-CARED and Division 45 regarding the coordination for the CEMA Breakfast meeting and discussion panel, “Intersectionality and Advocacy.”

CM #7

CSOGD Chair, Dr. Taymy Caso served as the CSOGD monitor to APAGS-CSOGD. CSOGD members rotated attendance at the APAGS CSOGD meetings. A monitor from APAGS CSOGD was invited to attend the CSOGD monthly meetings.

CM #8

CSOGD Chair, Taymy Caso and 2024 Chair-elect, Roberto Gonzalez participated in the 2-part BAPPI workshops, Human Rights Framework Strategy Sessions, in October 2024.