

**Minutes: General Business Meeting**  
**Division 15: Educational Psychology**  
**August 6, 2016 - APA, Denver, CO**  
Submitted by: Ji Hong, Division 15 Secretary

President Nancy Perry opened the meeting at 5:00 PM

Approval of minutes from 2015 business meeting. Thorkildsen moved to approve the minutes. Williams-Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

President Perry then gave her report about this year's Division 15 activities. First, she highlighted our effort to focus on early career scholars, both at the graduate and beginning career stage. This year we've attended, particularly, to the needs of our Early Career Psychologists and worked closely with Chair, Meca Williams-Johnson, who has increased activity levels of this group throughout the year as well as at the conference. Perry also highlighted that funds from Taylor & Francis have enabled us to implement three new awards. Last year we gave the Student Poster Awards for the first time. This year we worked with the Publications Committee and the International Committee to finalize the terms and receive nominations for the "International Student Research Award" and the "Outstanding Article from EP" award. The award for Outstanding Article was given to Susan B. Nolen and colleagues. The International Committee decided not to give the International Student Research Award this year due to an insufficient pool of nominations. Perry highlighted several changes in division activities, particularly: (1) the membership's approval of 7 new bylaws (e.g., The term for the Presidential-line will be 4 years and include a year as Vice President; The Finance and International Committees are now standing committees.), and (2) the EC's approval, on advice from the Finance Committee, of a new investment advisor (TIAA, formerly TIAA-CREF) and a new investment strategy that should boost the long-term sustainability and advancement of the Division.

Gill, the Treasurer, could not attend the Business Meeting, so Perry gave the budget report. Our net income in 2015 was \$249,786 and expenses were \$166,915. She explained that the difference (\$82,781) is appropriate in order to maintain financial health of our division, especially when the bulk of our income comes from Division 15's proprietary journal, *Educational Psychologist*, which does not guarantee the stability of the division's finance in future.

Perry also gave the membership report. As of June, we have 1,891 members. Our goal for 2017 is to have 2,300 members. Wade George, the Division's communication manager, reported that the Division had over 7,800 combined social media followers, which makes us a leader among APA Divisions in this regard.

Perry thanked the current out-going leaders and the newly elected leaders of the Division as well as the new fellows, awards recipients, incoming program chairs, participants in Early Career Psychologists activities, and graduate student mentoring program participants including graduate students, research mentors, and identity mentors.

Thorkildsen shared memories and quotations of the three Memorial Award recipients: Gabi Solomon, Jerry Bruner, and Claire Ellen Weinstein.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.)