

# MINUTES

## APA Division 15 Business Meeting

August 19, 2007  
San Francisco

President Lyn Corno opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. Ellen Mandinach, 2007 program chair, then gave an overview of the division program, involving 14 hours of programming this year. She urged everyone to submit next year and stated that it was important to find ways to make the conference more affordable in order to increase attendance.

Corno provided an overview of the work of the Executive Committee during the past year. The board is scheduled to meet twice a year, and this past year also held a fall retreat. Some of the retreat initiatives included providing better support for the treasurer's office, creating two \$1,000 dissertation research awards, and starting the strategic planning process. This year the committee also decided to create budget lines to support the historian, the Graduate Student Affairs co-chairs, and the program chair.

At that point, Corno introduced treasurer Jonna Kulikowich to provide the treasurer's report. Kulikowich reported that the division has a very healthy financial account, particularly as a result of strong scholarship on the part of division members, which has provided handsome assets from *Educational Psychologist*, the *Handbook of Educational Psychology*, and the *Psychology in the Classroom* series. Currently *Educational Psychologist* brings in about \$75,000 per year. The division has nearly \$500,000 between investment and checking accounts, with a projected income of \$100,000 for the year. The board agreed at the retreat to keep twice the

annual budget, or a total of around \$125,000, in a checking account and the remainder in an investment account. Kulikowich also reported that incoming treasurer Chris Wolters will meet with her to transfer files and transition to the new role.

Corno continued the president's report by noting that she has created a membership committee, with Karen Murphy as chair, and discussed the importance of building membership in the years ahead. Another important step this year was the creation of a membership brochure, which is available at the division services table at the conference.

One of the major activities of the publications committee and executive board this year has been revisiting the *Educational Psychologist* contract. Following Larry Erlbaum's retirement, Erlbaum contracts were taken over by Taylor and Francis, and this represented a good time to consider new contracts. A request for proposals elicited five, all with good terms, and the publications committee, under the leadership of Gary Phye, has worked hard on this, and has recommended two publishers for further consideration. President-elect Eric Anderman will be working on this issue with the incoming chair of the publications committee, Patrick Kyllonen, with support from APA legal counsel, and they will return to the executive committee to recommend a final choice, which must be made before the current contract expires in December.

Another set of tasks this year has been working on language changes in the bylaws that are necessary to reflect how the division actually operates. A more significant bylaw change that is being proposed is the move to a two-year presidency, which was discussed at the business meeting last year. Corno reported that it has been difficult for the president to do all that is needed in one year, with too much time spent making appointments, running meetings, and getting up to speed. A longer time frame will permit the president more potential for leading the division in more programmatic ways. These bylaw changes will be in the apportionment ballot members receive in the fall. If passed, the next election, conducted in the spring, will be for a two-year president. Pat Alexander suggested that the board consider the cycle of president relative to the cycle of other officers, given that the treasurer and secretary both serve three years, so that the terms aren't ending at the same time but are staggered. Gale Sinatra reported that this was done in AERA Division C. Corno and Anderman agreed that they would work on this timeline issue.

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### Future APA Convention Sites

#### 2008

Boston, Massachusetts  
August 14–17 (Thursday - Sunday)

#### 2009

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
August 6–9 (Thursday - Sunday)

Five individuals were awarded APA Fellow status this year: Eric Anderman, Karen Harris, Mary McCaslin, Karen Murphy, and Gale Sinatra. There was a question from a member who is a fellow of two other divisions who said he had been discouraged from applying for Division 15 fellow status a few years ago; Corno encouraged him to apply again, and Alexander noted that there are different procedures for those who are already fellows and want to become a fellow of another division.

Corno reported that another task this year was the coordination of awards within the division, which will now be synchronized. They will all be announced in the spring and then individuals will give their talks the following year.

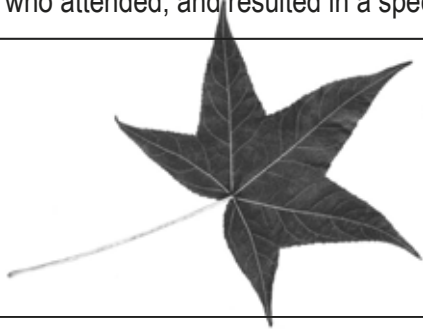
Corno introduced president-elect Eric Anderman, who reported that the board is also planning a conference on the teaching of educational psychology. This was last done in 1996 in Scottsdale, was highly rewarding for those who attended, and resulted in a special issue of

*Educational Psychologist*. The board decided at the retreat that the division would hold a similar conference, probably in June 2008 in Columbus, Ohio. Anderman noted that the conference will address issues of teaching both introductory and advanced educational psychology.

The meeting was opened for other business. Hagop Pambookian inquired about divisional representation to International Affairs and whether he was still the representative. Corno reported that she had recently appointed Judith Torney-Purta for this role. Corno asked to get further information from Pambookian in writing and the matter will be referred to the new president.

The final act of business was to present plaques and certificates to outgoing officers and committee members, who were thanked for their years of service to the division.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Barbara Hofer**, Secretary



### **Richard E. Snow Award for Early Contributions**

Division 15 (Educational Psychology) of the American Psychological Association seeks nominations for the 2008 Richard E. Snow Award for Early Contributions. This award is given to someone who has completed their doctoral work within the past ten years, has made significant research contributions to the field of educational psychology, and is a member of APA Division 15 at the time of consideration. Nominations are due by 18 January 2008.

If you wish to make a nomination for this award, email electronic copies of a nomination letter describing the contributions of the nominee to the field of educational psychology, the individual's vitae, and a representative reprint of the individual's research to: Paul Schutz at [paul.schutz@utsa.edu](mailto:paul.schutz@utsa.edu)

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