

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Division 15 of the American Psychological Association, Educational Psychology, August 22, 2002

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Pintrich. Welcome
2. Wolters/Winne moved for approval of the minutes of 2001 business meeting. Motion was approved
3. The President's report was delivered by Pintrich. Election winners were announced: Mike Royer – President-Elect; Secretary – Paul Schutz; Member-at-large – Judith Meece; Council Representative – Claire Ellen Weinstein. Thanks for all who agreed to be listed on the nominations forms for their service to the Division. Both Diane Halpern and James Bray have asked for the Division's endorsement for next year's APA presidential election. Both are scientists and would be a good fit with the Division's needs. Members are encouraged to vote for Halpern and Bray as either 1 or 2 on their ballots, as votes from one will be transferred to the second candidate as candidates are eliminated from the tallying process. The newsletter will be moving to an electronic format under the direction of the new editor Chris Wolters. Hopefully both the newsletter and our new web site will be functional by AERA. Pintrich has responded recently to APA's questions about many issues including research/evidence-based practice and educational policies. APA uses feedback from Division Presidents and then lobbies with various agencies such as NSF for more money for social science research from congress. Dues will remain the same for the division for next year. The \$9 assessment for APA members includes both the newsletter and Educational Psychologist. Bob Sternberg is the Thorndike award committee next year, the same year as he will be APA president. The new president-elect was introduced, Phil Winne.
4. Allan Wigfield, the Division's treasurer, notes that the Division is doing financially well. Most of the income for the Division comes from dues and publications.
5. Zimmerman delivered the Council Representative report. APA has come up with some ways to solve their financial shortcomings, so members won't be as hard hit as they could have been with dues increases. A new CEO for APA has been identified and an offer will be made momentarily. APA President-Elect Bob Sternberg created a task force on Psychology and Education, whose key goal was the creation of a Children's Bill of Rights. Among the materials that the Task Force is using to create the Bill of Rights is Division 15's Learner-Centered Psychological Principles. The initiative by Division 15 to expand the by-laws to include the word "Education" in APA's mission statement will be voted on during the summer meeting of the APA Council. This initiative has been strongly endorsed by APA's Board of Educational Affairs, the APA Policy and Planning Committee, and by President-elect Robert Sternberg.
6. The publications committee report was presented by Gary Phye. Phye announced that the membership of the committee will be increased slightly to deal with expanded publication process duties after approval from the executive committee. In addition, there will be a new book coming out of Division 15 publication efforts edited by Zimmerman and Schunk. The book is a historical view of the field of Educational Psychology called *A Century of Contributions*. Division 15 members will receive 35% off the publication price.
7. The program committee report was presented by Wolters and Yu. Chris and Shirley thanked all reviewers and contributors for an excellent program. There are over 150 presenters who were part of Division 15 and cluster-relevant programming. Any feedback on the cluster programming should be sent to Chris Wolters or to APA. In next year's cluster, we will add Division 2 (Teaching of Psychology) to our cluster, and Division 8 (Personality/Social) will be shifted to another cluster.
8. The Graduate Student Committee report was delivered in absentia for Davis and Summer. Eleven graduate students have been participating in special sessions this year including "developing a program of research" and "publishing in graduate school". Each student is also paired with a faculty mentor who researches in a similar area and students have multiple opportunities to interact with Division 15 leaders.
9. The Thorndike Award will be given to Joel Levin this year with Bob Sternberg the recipient of next year's award.
10. This year's Snow award will be presented to Andrew Elliott at 9:00am tomorrow morning. The deadline for next year's award is January 3, 2003.
11. The Dissertation Award is to be presented to Andrew Martin this year. The deadline for next year's award is Oct 16, 2002. All 2000 and 2001 dissertations are eligible for nomination.
12. The Fellows committee submitted one name to APA for fellow's status. The committee encourages all people to nominate themselves or others who you think are worthy of this great honor.
13. Angela O'Donnell reported that the Committee on the Teaching of Educational Psychology is working on common themes for educational psychology in teacher preparation. These themes will then be mapped to NCATE and other national standards.
14. Pintrich reported that the International committee has been active, inviting Erik DeCorte to give a talk here at APA. The group is also working on a cooperative relationship with the European EARLI group. There will be a meeting next August and we could still have time to put something like a symposium or panel together for their meeting. Interested parties should contact Pintrich.

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APA Division 15 Annual Graduate Student Doctoral Research Seminar

The Division of Educational Psychology of the American Psychological Association announces its Sixth Annual National Graduate Student Doctoral Research Seminar to be held August 7-10, 2003, during the annual meeting of APA in Toronto, Canada. Selected doctoral students will attend conference presentations, participate in social events, and meet with distinguished researchers. In addition, students will work with faculty in small groups to discuss the students' dissertation research and receive guidance and suggestions. The purposes of the seminar are to allow informal exchange of ideas about research, particularly the research plans of participating students, and to demystify the process of becoming a researcher. The seminar also encourages inter-university connections among students and with faculty sharing common interests.

The seminar will be limited to 15 students, no more than three students from any one institution. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time graduate students and approximately midway through their doctoral programs. (Ideally, students will be in approximately the third year of a full-time program, but having only begun preliminary work, such as drafting a prospectus, on their doctoral dissertations.) Selections will be made on the basis of the quality of the submitted work as well as how well the work fits the substantive and methodological interests of other applicants and expertise of participating faculty.

The seminar is offered free of charge. Division 15 will pay for meals and refreshments during the seminar, and will provide each student participant with a stipend that covers the cost of conference registration (student affiliate), Division 15 Membership, and some travel expenses. Because this year's conference will be hosted in an international venue, the stipend will be \$400.

Applications must include 5 copies of:

- * A 2-page vita that includes the applicant's name; address; telephone, fax, and e-mail; education; professional experience; conference presentations and publications--if any.
- * A 1000 word statement about research interests, the particular research you are undertaking for your doctoral degree, the current status of that research, and its relevance to your future research interests.
- * A 1-page list of selected works cited.
- * A 1-page letter of intent from the student explaining how she or he could benefit from as well as contribute to the seminar.
- * A letter of recommendation from the student's advisor describing the student's qualifications. This letter should be co-signed by the Department Chair.

Applications should be sent to:

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Deadline for Applications is March 1, 2003

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The international committee has also been working with the International Association of Applied Psychology and are trying to help recruit more members for that organization. Their meeting offsets the international congress for psychology (every 4 years). In 2004, the IAAP will meet in Beijing. In 2006, EARLI will meet in Athens, Greece.

15. Meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations!

**Theresa A. Thorkildsen
New Division 15 Fellow**