

**APA Division 15: Educational Psychology
Executive Committee Spring (AERA) Meeting Agenda
April 2019
Toronto, Canada**

Date: Friday, April 5th

Times: 12:30pm to 3:00 pm

Venue: The Westin Harbour Castle, 1 Harbour Square, Toronto

Room: # 3439

Present: Gale M. Sinatra, Michael Nussbaum, Helenrose Fives, Michelle Buehl, Revathy Kumar, Beverly S. Faircloth, Gwen Marchand, Avi Kaplan, Sharon Nichols, Tim Urdan, Meghan Ecker-Lyster, Stephen Aguilar and Wade George

- Welcome (1 min, Dr. Gale Sinatra)
- Approval of Agenda ; Michael Nussbaum moved for approval of the minutes. Beverly Faircloth requested some minor corrections to the budget section of the minutes.
<Approved 10- 1 abstain>

Informational Items

1. Launch of the First Policy Brief.

Gale thanked Sharon Nichols, Wade George, and Michael Nussbaum for initiating and launching the policy committee.

(4 minutes)

2. APA Division 15 Program- Invited sessions

Sharon Nichols has organized an hour-long session, “Exploring the connection between Educational Psychology Research and Education Policy” with three speakers and Gale Sinatra as moderator for Thursday, August 8, at 9:00 am (APA Convention, Chicago, 2019).

(2 minutes)

3. Poster Awards

Committee members discussed the logistics of the Division 15 poster awards as it related to timing of proposal submissions, award decisions in conjunction with the APA poster award. The committee discussed the differences in assessment rubrics for Division 15 poster awards and APA poster awards. Gale Sinatra summarized the issues as follows: (a) the process for assessing the posters this year; and (b) a priori nominee for APA poster award that includes an award from Division 15 for the APA poster award nominee. In addition, the committee discussed the following issues.

- a. Time for poster proposal submission: Poster applications have to be turned in by July 1st (in order to participate for the APA poster award).
- b. Awardee selections: This years’ (2019) the poster award committee will determine who receives the Division 15 poster award and who is recommended (if anyone) for the APA poster award.

- c. Informing awardees: The poster award committee will select the top poster and then inform the authors.
 - d. Monetary award: The \$1,000 allocated for poster award be equally distributed between the APA poster nominee and the Division 15 poster presentation recipient.
 - e. Number of award recipients: There will be two Division 15 award recipients: APA poster award nominee and Division 15 poster presentation award.
 - f. Identification of student status
 - g. Rubric for award: Poster award committee would oversee providing the rubric for the award.
(22 minutes)
4. **APA session on Educational Psychology Research for Policy and Practice.**
Sharon Nichols talked briefly about a workshop planned for APA 2019 in which experts would share their knowledge on how to write policy briefs, how to do policy-related research, and how to disseminate work to policymakers. She stated that there were approximately 15 people who had expressed interest in such a workshop (so far). The workshop will be held at an offsite location and not at the convention center to control costs.
(5 minutes)
5. **Division 15 Logo**
Wade George briefed the EC committee on the logo selection process and received feedback from EC members on the various logos. Michael Nussbaum suggested that a motion be made to Approve Shape and Logo (Version 2), with color options to be decided later. Gale made a motion for all in agreement
<Approved 11- 0 abstain>
(15minutes)
6. **New Book Series**
Gale Sinatra stated that Taylor and Francis plan to relaunch the new book series that requires collaborative writing by researcher and practicing teacher. The Division 15 publication committee was not for supportive of this venture because it did not work out with Corwin the first time such a series was proposed. The committee members engaged in a detailed discussion of the pros and cons of such a series. Committee members were called on to vote .
 - a. Not support this venture (kill the project) [5 EC members voted to support this]
 - b. Discuss this again at the August meeting [5 EC members voted to support this]
Based on the tied vote Gale Sinatra decided to meet with Dan and Eric Anderman again and report back to the committee.
(23minutes)
7. **Budget Update**
Treasurer Beverly Faircloth provided the budget update. The submitted report was for the fiscal year 2018. She reported that the finances of the Division were in good shape. The treasurer stated that the Division currently has over 3 times the required operating budget.

The Division has \$15,000 gains reported after payments made for the handbook for the 2018 fiscal year. Beverly Faircloth also cautioned the committee that we need to keep a close eye on the budget as we approach the end of 2019 even though the division took in \$20,000 in surplus.

(5 minutes)

8. **Early career Award**

The discussion involved the number of awards to be made and the value of the award. Beverly Faircloth noted that the total amount for the Early Career Award was increased from \$12,000 to \$18,000 in Fall 2018.

Gale Sinatra made the motion that the Division award “up to 3 awards at a maximum of \$6,000/ award this year”.

<Approved 11 >

9. **Rules regarding Travel Reimbursement by APA**

Beverly Faircloth informed EC members that in future EC members will have to turn in receipts for every meal (with per diem for every meal -breakfast lunch and dinner- being the maximum amount for reimbursement).

10. **Committee Reports**

- a. Communications, Wade George:
 - 8 podcasts in April and 1 Webinar.
 - New logo
 - Need for Secret keeper (for passwords etc. – someone permanent within Division 15).
- b. Sharon Nichols:
 - Policy briefs and practice update.
- c. Change in date for Thorndike award
 - Gale needs to approve the Thorndike award and then request Clark Chinn to inform the Thorndike Award recipient, Steve Graham.
- d. Report on Finance Committee, Michael Nussbaum
 - Michael Nussbaum proposed moving the savings to AmeriFlex. Gale Sinatra suggested that the proposal should be taken up for an online vote.
- e. Early Career Development Group
 - Reported collaborations across APA AERA.
- f. APA Liaison, Sharon Nichols and Avi Kaplan
 - Reported that APA is establishing 2 new offices. The first one, a new advocacy model for making advocacy decisions. They are going to develop Metrics for assessing success of initiatives. The second was the establishment of an Applied Psychology Office. Avi Kaplan emphasized the importance of positioning Educational Psychology as an applied field.

11. **Closing**

Announcement of APA Div 15 Reception
Meeting adjourned.