

Division 15: Education Psychology
EC Meeting
May 7th, 2020

Meeting minutes

Present: Helenrose Fives, Gale M. Sinatra, Michelle Buehl, Revathy Kumar, Gwen Marchand, Avi Kaplan, Sharon Nichols, Tim Urdan, Meghan Ecker-Lyster, Marcus Johnson, Sharon Zumbrunn, Jonathon Hilpert, Wade George, Jeff Greene, and Lisa Linnenbrink Garcia.

Welcome (Helenrose Fives, President)

1. Publications Committee (1:00 pm to 2:08 pm)

- **Editor Guidelines**

The policy suggested by Publications committee, that was to be discussed and voted on by the EC, included the guidelines for journal editors and associate editors desirous of publishing articles in their own journal or editing a special issue of the same. Gale Sinatra stated that the Publications committee had crafted the policy for the Division's journals after reviewing APA and AERA policy on this issue. The suggested policy is that if journal editors wish to submit a manuscript to the journal for which they are the editor or if they want to guest edit a special issue of the journal, it will require the approval of the Publications committee. This, according to the Publications committee is to ensure that there is no COI. Gale Sinatra suggested requesting the Publications committee to consider the APA policy of inviting a guest editor if an editor desires to publish in the journal that they edit – either for just the single manuscript written by the editor or the complete special issue if required.

The decision was made to request clarifications from the Publications committee and invite the chair of the Publications committee, Dr. Karen Murphy, to the Executive Committee August 2020 meeting.

- **Executive Committee Vote on Preprint Policy**

Gale Sinatra clarified that a 501c3 approved nonprofit organization is noncommercial otherwise it is commercial, and the challenges associated with classifying an organization as commercial or non-commercial.

Motion to vote to approve the Preprint policy as written.

Motion to move made by Avi Kaplan.

The motion was seconded by Gale Sinatra.

<Approved unanimous >

- **Executive Committee Vote: Special Issues as Books Contract with Routledge**

Routledge publishers proposed a book contract with the Division for converting select Educational Psychologist special issues into books with royalty split between SI editor/s and Division 15. Gale Sinatra proposed that the issue of royalties should be renegotiated with the publisher and that SI editor should not be compensated.

Gale Sinatra made the motion to approve the *concept of potential books out of SI* and that the royalties should be renegotiated with the publisher and all the royalties be given to the division and not the SI editor/s

Avi Kaplan and Meghan Ecker-Lyster seconded the motion

<Approved unanimous>

- **Executive Committee Recommendation Request for Next Steps with New Journal**

- Prospectus
- Call for Inaugural Editor

Executive Committee had to review the prospectus for the new journal, consider the call for the inaugural editor, and provide some suggestions for next steps in the new journal development process. Avi Kaplan and Gale Sinatra suggested that the new editor be first identified to ensure that the identified editor is involved in discussions associated with the new journal structure. It was decided that the identified new editor would come up with a proposal for the journal structure and this would then be vetted by the Publications committee and finally sent for approval to the Executive Committee.

Tim Urdan made the motion to approve the letter pending inclusion of the statement that the editor's proposal for the structure of the new journal will be vetted by the Publications committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The motion also included the clause that the Publications committee should get the editor first to get the process moving.

Motion was seconded by Marcus Johnson.

<Approved unanimous>

- **Executive Committee Recommendation Request: Outstanding EP Article**

Author notification will depend on where and how the APA 2020 meeting is held.

(2:08 pm to 3:08 pm)

2. **Thorndike Award:** The Award committee recommended Dr. Thomas Good

Motion to Approve made by Sharon Nichols

Motion seconded by Avi Kaplan

<Approved unanimous>

3. **Fellows Committee:** The Division Fellows Committee put forth four fellows to the APA committee.

4. **Budget :**

Wade George provided a break down of the money spent for various committees, awards and webinars. Jonathan Hilpert elaborated on the two budget lines: The Administration line and the Communications consultant line. Wade George and Jon Hilpert suggested that Webinar communications, policy briefs could be documented as line item expenditures in the budget for now and then consolidated, if necessary. The discussion also included getting the certificates, awards and plaques ready for the August APA convention. The decision was made to create pdf

certificates and to create a page on the Division15 website thanking committee chairs and members for their service.

Jonathan Hilpert stated that overall the financial position of the division is stable and in a good position.

5. **Graduate Student Seminar**

The decision was made to support the graduate students and give them the stipend even though the APA 2020 conference may be cancelled.

Motion to Approve made by Sharon Nichols

Motion seconded by Tim Urdan

<Approved unanimous>

6. Other issues

- **Small grant for timely and normative research on Covid 19.**
Discussions revolved around timely and relevant ideas and opportunities for submitting proposals on issues related to Covid19. Sharon, as APA council member shared that APA held a townhall meeting on this issue with the goal of supporting research on variety of topic areas around Covid19. So, she suggested it may be a good idea to figure out how Division 15 can support efforts made by its members to contribute to research on Covid 19.
- **Division Accounting**
Division accounting is slow and inefficient. T Division accounting hey reported significant profits in Capital gains that seemed unclear to the Treasures, Jonathan Hilpert and Gwen Marchand. They are working with Division Accounting for clarification. Going forward, Jonathan Hilpert suggested, the division may need to think about making changes to the budget.
- **Discussion: Virtual APA Convention**
Helenrose Fives stated that program committees have to wait to see what APA decides to do before making any decisions regarding the August APA 2020 meeting.

Adjourned at 3:08 pm