

APA Division 7 Exec Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 23rd 2024

Time: 12pm EST

Attendees: Mark Cummings, Joy Osofsky, Natalie Brito, Yoojin Chae, Michael Cunningham, Sandra Simpkins, Sandra Graham, Sarah Friedman, Kelly Lynn Mulvey, Fanita Tyrell, Adam Winsler, Natasha Cabrera, Juan Del Toro, Patty Kuo, Sarah Pierotti

Topics of Discussion:

- **Awards Committees**
 - Chairs and committee members have been updated
 - Dana needs to update the website (Mark will reach out to her)
 - Email Adam Winsler after the website is updated (early Feb. - to ramp up interest)
- **Newsletter Updates**
 - Kenneth Rubin and Jean Rhodes will have features in the newsletter
 - Mark Cummings will have a feature entitled the Presidential Message.
 - Newsletter should be coming out soon
- **Division Journal Discussion**
 - Having our own journal would raise the profile of our division and promote developmental science. Shed light on topics/domains that are not emphasized.
 - Important to make sure that the journal does not overlap with other existing journals.
 - One potential gap: Children's exposure to war, political violence, and trauma
 - There was a question and discussion about what the format of the journal should be, including exploratory or pilot research, advocacy and public policy, comprehensive reviews, high quality empirical articles (e.g., process-oriented longitudinal research), high quality intervention research (translational, RCT designs), and Special Issues , in order to have the greatest impact/reach.
 - There was also some discussion on whether the journal's should cover something broad that reflects the entire division or something that is not emphasized in other journals (exposure to violence, including the implications for children and families of political violence and war, trauma,

community and gang violence in the USA and elsewhere as well as resilience of children and families in these contexts .

- How to increase the impact of the journal for non-scientists? (e.g., consider advocacy avenues to increase visibility for NIH and Foundation funding)
- Can we create a sub-committee to continue discussions
 - Natasha, Joy, Sarah Friedman, and Mark Cummings
- **APA Convention**
 - Division 7 program is being developed, more details later
 - Potential idea to work with the editor at Developmental Psychology (Koraly) about doing a symposia that could be published within the journal. For example, Koraly has expressed interest in the past on a symposium on Children Exposed to Political Violence, War and Trauma.
- **Fellows Committee**
 - Received 4 nominations for Div 7 Fellows and the committee has decided to endorse all 4. Nomination packets with endorsements will be sent by the committee by the Feb 20 deadline.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - 2023 income exceeded expenses by over \$12,300. The majority of division income came from membership dues (\$11,730) and CODAPAR grant (\$7,000). The majority of division expenses were awards (\$3,492) and travel (\$2,470). As of 12/31/2023, total assets were \$90,244.38.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Dana needs to update the website (Mark will reach out to her)
2. Email Adam Winsler after the website is updated (early Feb. - to ramp up interest)
3. Journal sub-committee should organize and meet to continue discussions
4. Natalie will email all of the awards committees with instructions