

APA Division 7 Exec Committee Meeting

Date: Monday December 8th 2025

Time: 3pm EST

Attendees: Barbara Rogoff, Joy Osofsky, Mark Cummings, Adam Winsler, Natalie Brito, Catherine Haden, Mary Dozier, Sandi Simpkins, Zehra Gulseven, Irem Korucu, Santi Morales, Cam Hostinar, Laurel Gabard-Durnam, Yoojin Chae, Kathleen Rudasill, Jeff Liew, Kelly Lynn Mulvey, Michael Cunningham, Sarah Pierotti

AGENDA

I. Division 7 Awards

- Natalie reiterated the changes to the Div 7 awards schedule; only the Early Career Paper, Early Career Research Grant, and Dissertation Grant will be selected and awarded in 2026.
- Nominations will now be sent to DevPsych7@gmail.com

II. Division 7 EC Members Rotating Off in 2026

- Barbara announced the EC members who will be rotating off in 2026
 1. Mark Cummings (Past-President)
 2. Natalie Brito (Secretary)
 3. Michael Cunningham (Member at Large)
 4. Sandy Simpkins (Member at Large)
 5. Michael Lamb (APA Council Rep)
 6. Juan Del Toro (Program Committee Chair)
 7. Dana Hartman (Webmaster)

III. Division 7 Elections - need to find members for the following positions:

- Barbara announced that the following positions would need to be filled in 2026: President Elect, Member at Large (x2), and members of the Fellows Committee (Chair and two members).
- If EC members have any suggestions for any of these positions, please email the Presidential Trio
- Sarah will also add the call for the election in the Winter newsletter

IV. 2026 APA Convention (Washington, DC)

- Santi and Laurel updated the EC on updates for the 2026 APA Convention
 - The call for submissions for APA convention have been announced; submissions are due mid-January

- Santi will send members of the EC the call for submissions so that EC members can send it within their networks
- Santi/Laurel will contact department chairs at universities within the DC/MD/VA area about the submission call.
- Mary brought up the lack of attendance at Division 7 sessions and suggested that Div 7 partners with other divisions to increase attendance
- Barbara asked Santi/Laurel to forward the list of reviewers for the APA convention so the Presidential Trio can consider them for Div 7 EC roles for the upcoming election

V. Expanding social media presence for Division 7

- Barbara announced the new Div 7 Webmaster (Andrea Ramirez)
- EC group discussed current (Facebook) and potential (LinkedIn) social media outlets). Laurel Gabard-Durham expressed interest in helping create a LinkedIn group.
 - Start a LinkedIn account? Dana (outgoing webmaster) says: If we want more of a social media presence it would be very helpful if the executive committee provided material to highlight throughout the year, (e.g., a newly published paper, an interesting webinar series).
- Barbara announced that the webinar series proposal that we co-sponsored with Division 52 (Society for Global Psychology) and several other divisions was funded. The theme is: "Children and Adolescents of the Americas: Challenges, Strengths, Cultures, Interventions, and Policies"
- Barbara discussed potentially including a Fireside talk series to spark conversations amongst Div 7 members. This would be 4-6 times per year, but there may be a need for someone to run the series (zoom setup, announcements, etc).
- Barbara asked who would want to help her with the Fireside talks series. Santi, Laurel, Jeff, Catherine, and Mary will form a committee to plan this series. Cam will be on emails to stay informed of plans as Secretary.
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VI. APA Interdivisional Task Force On Child/Adolescent Mental Health

- Mary described the role of the Div 7 liaison to the APA interdivisional Task Force on Child/Adolescent Mental Health

- There are 16 divisions (7, 12, 15, 16, etc.). The group meets virtually a couple times a year and once in person at the APA convention.
- The objective of this interdivisional task force is to enhance prevention and early intervention approaches to mental health. Focus on access to mental health and public awareness
- Joy, Natalie, and Amanda Morris may be good candidates to replace Mary

VII. Other Business:

- Joy encouraged the EC to outreach to collaborate with other Divisions, such as we are doing in co-sponsoring the webinar series with Div 52 and a conference with Div 1.
- Cam Hostinar is working on a proposal to launch a new diamond open access Psychology journal with assistance from the University of California [eScholarship program](#). She gave a brief overview of the new journal and benefits.
- Cam asked that if any EC members wanted to get involved in the new publication, to email her.