

APA Division 7 Exec Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday June 1st, 2026

Time: 2pm EST

Attendees: Barbara Rogoff, Mary Dozier, Lin Bian, Kelly Lynn Mulvey, Sarah Pierotti, Santi Morales, Catherine Haden, Andrea Ramirez Barajas, Adam Winsler, Yoojin Chae, James Booth, Zehra Gulseven, Irem Korucu

Introductions: The meeting began with introductions where the attendees identified themselves and their roles in Division 7.

1. 2026 APA convention updates

Barbara reviewed key Division 7 events at APA.

- Business/Awards meeting (4:00-5:00 Thursday August 6)
- EC meeting (2:30 Friday August 7)
- Members have the option to attend either in person or via zoom.

Santi provided an update on the 2026 APA Convention program.

- Submission numbers increased relative to prior years, although acceptance rates were lower due to reduced program hours.
- The program schedule was outlined, with some details still being finalized such as room assignments and the CYF committee's decision on participating in the block party.
- Mary inquired about video recording symposia. Santi explained that while recording is possible for select symposia, attendees would need to register for the conference to access the recordings.

Action Item: Santi will send the finalized APA program to Adam for distribution via the Division 7 listserv.

2. Membership updates

- Kelly Lynn reported that current membership is approximately 1,625 and noted success with the free first-year student membership initiative which has attracted 689 new student members.
- Half of members are renewals and half are new members, with ongoing monthly membership increases expected through August.

3. CODAPAR co-sponsorship

Barbara provided an update on the CODAPAR co-sponsored Conversation Hours series.

- Five events have been held to date, including two sponsored by Division 7 and led by Barbara Rogoff and Camilla Morelli. Three additional events are planned.
- Barbara noted challenges associated with having conversations in the webinar format and discussed how these experiences could inform the development of Division 7's upcoming Fireside Chats initiative.

4. Fireside Chats

- The first Fireside Chat will be held in conjunction with the Division 7 Presidential Talk at the APA Convention on August 6 at 10am. Members were encouraged to attend and help facilitate discussion following the presentation.
- An upcoming planning meeting is scheduled for June 15, and interested Executive Committee members were invited to contact Barbara to participate.

5. Shift from Facebook to LinkedIn

Andrea created a LinkedIn group for official Division 7 announcements and are developing policies to differentiate it from the listserv.

6. Website questions

- The team discussed two logo options.
- Barbara proposed to keep the original profile logo as the official one while using the newer hand design with the number seven for decorative purposes or special occasions. The committee agreed.
- Barbara raised concerns about posting Executive Committee meeting minutes on the website. Catherine emphasized the value of transparency. After discussion, the committee agreed to continue its current practice regarding the posting of minutes.

7. Election results

Barbara announced new elected officers:

- President-Elect: Andrew N. Meltzoff
- Member-at-Large: Kathryn Humphreys
- Fellows Committee: Charlotte J. Patterson and Deborah Johnson

8. Officer positions

The committee discussed upcoming transitions for Newsletter Editor (elected by the Executive committee), Membership Chair (appointed by the President), and Historian/Archivist positions.

Action Items:

- Barbara will solicit nominations for Newsletter Editor and Membership Chair.
- Barbara will appoint a new Membership Chair following review of nominations.

- Lin will consult Natalie about whether the Historian position should continue to be maintained.

9. Select Graduate Student Representative

- The committee decided to elect the graduate student representative through the executive committee rather than a general election, with four nominations to be considered.

Action Item: Lin will share the nominees' materials with the executive committee and collect their votes.

10. Bylaws Committee

- Barbara announced the formation of a bylaws committee to address inconsistencies between current bylaws and practices.
- The committee currently consisted of Barbara, Mary and Lin. Barbara asked interested EC members to contact her if they would like to participate.

11. SRCD Event

- Barbara discussed hosting a Division 7 reception at SRCD. Members expressed interest in moving forward with planning.
- Yoojin confirmed that we have sufficient funds to organize another reception, similar to the previous event.

12. Developmental Psychology Mentoring Program

Irem and Zehra provided an update on the Mentoring Program:

- This year's program received applications from 64 graduate students, 11 postdoctoral scholars, and 12 assistant professors seeking mentorship, and 23 mentor applications.
- Matched 23 postdoc/assist profs and 23 assoc/full professors
- Irem discussed the need to recruit more mentors for next year's program, particularly to support graduate students.

13. Boyd McCandless Award

The committee discussed a possible extension of eligibility requirements for the Boyd McCandless Award beyond the current seven-year window.

Action Items:

- Zehra and Irem will work with Santi to develop language about early career award eligibility extension.