

APA Division 7 Exec Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 15th 2023

Attendees: Roberta Golinkoff, Mary Gauvain, Mark Cummings, Natalie Brito, Yoojin Chae, Miachel Cunningham, Elena Grigorenko, Sandra Simpkins, Sandra Graham, Zehra Gülseven, Martha Ann Bell, Sarah Friedman, David Uttal, Andres Sebastian Bustamante, Dana Miller-Cotto, Kelly Lynn Mulvey, Dana Hartman, Andy Ribner, Fanita Tyrell, Adam Winsler

Topics of Discussion:

- I. Boyd McCandless Award: (1) should eligibility duration be changed and (2) how to increase diversity of candidates and awardees.**
 - A. Length of eligibility was extended due to COVID-19. There was discussion around if this should be changed back to 7 years. There is also the issue that early career scientists who have had children need longer eligibility - currently they are allowed one year of extension if they have a child. There was a suggestion to increase eligibility for one year for every birth but it was stated that it may be too difficult to consider individual cases.
 1. Committee voted (17 Yes) to keep the eligibility duration at 7 years.
 - B. To increase diversity, there was discussion around needing to distribute the award ads widely and include a message about targeting candidates from diverse backgrounds. There was another suggestion that the awards selection committee members also need to reflect a wider representation of socio-demographic backgrounds and research domains.
- II. Need to extend deadline for Division 7 awards:**
 - A. Committee agreed that a new deadline should be set for April 1st.
- III. Short update on Div 7 program at APA convention** - going well and there seems to be a lot of interest. Need to continue to advertise to drum up interest in attending.
- IV. Possibility of virtual awards ceremony at APA**
 - A. Discussion that our current awards ceremony is poorly attended or awardees themselves are not able to attend. Explore options for virtual awards to increase the number of people attending.
 1. Several committee members were in favor of in-person awards meetings and there was some agreement that having awardees give flash talks with 5 slides (or perhaps during the business meeting) may be a better option.
 2. Suggestion about advertising the awards ceremony during the APA meeting (keynotes, posters).

3. Additional suggestion about allowing award winners to present their talk without paying for APA registration. There were several award winners who did not need to or want to attend the convention and the high registration fees impacted their ability to give an awards talk.

V. **Short update from Treasurer (Yoojin)** - Div 7 has \$6100 in the bank and all of those funds will be spent on award plaques or travel awards.

VI. **Possibility of Div 7 Journal**

A. Discussion that there needs to be a Div 7 journal in order to bring in more funds. From emails there were a couple members who were in support of this idea. During the meeting there were some concerns expressed on (1) the amount of work necessary to keep a journal running and (2) how this journal would differentiate itself from other current developmental journals. Straw poll of how many members would like to pursue creating a journal resulted in 3 Yes votes.

1. Also some key questions asked on (1) what does Division 7 need more funds for and (2) how much money would a new journal actually pull in
2. Roberta would like to have another meeting early May to continue journal discussions

VII. **How to increase Div 7's connection with the *Developmental Psychology* journal**

A. Current *Developmental Psychology* journal editor, Koralay Perez-Edgar, is interested in finding ways to have a closer connection between the journal and Division 7.

1. One idea was to highlight the Boyd McCandless winner(s) with an article of their choosing (recent work, review of their overall body of work, perspective, etc).
2. This idea could be replicated with other Div 7 award winners or some sort of Div 7 special issue.

VIII. **Updates on Ukrainian projects**

A. Elena provided an update on her project that provides mental health resources for Ukrainian therapists, with the possibility of getting CMEs. This work was supported via a Division 7 grant.

B. Roberta will update the committee in the future about her project providing free e-books to kids in Ukraine.

IX. **Need to select new *Division 7 Newsletter* editor**

A. Zehra must step down and need to find someone who would be interested in taking over the newsletter. Roberta asked all members to get in touch with her or Zehra if there was any interest.

B. See additional newsletter editor information within the meeting materials folder on Google Drive.

X. **Discussion on ways to increase membership**

A. Several committee members would like to broaden the reach of Div 7 to include physicians, nurses, policy makers, etc.

1. For 2023, currently at 1007 memberships, with 238 of those members being new members.
- B. Conversation around increasing Div 7 social media presence. Dana will create a Twitter account.
- C. Suggestion to send out an email to current Division members and ask them to invite their colleagues and students to join. Could also write to chairs from HBCUs and MSIs to encourage faculty and students to join
 1. Suggestion that there may need to be a larger conversation around what are the benefits of Division 7 membership?
 - a) Networking and listserv announcements - these may be facilitated through other societies
 - (1) Does everyone who is currently on the Div 7 listserv need to be a member? Maybe make that a requirement?
 - b) Awards are a big draw in becoming a member.
 - (1) We could require that to apply for a Div 7 award, you must be a Div 7 member at the time of application.
 - c) What are the other benefits?

XI. Discussion on how to build excitement around Div 7

- A. Roberta spoke to a range of divisions and discussed the possibility of making her presentation available to the membership as a way to build excitement about Div 7.
- B. Suggestion to build resources on teaching Developmental Psychology (syllabi, activities, etc)
- C. Suggestion to create a travel fund for Dev Psych students at HBCUs

NEXT STEPS:

1. Send email extending the awards deadlines (**Roberta & Natalie**)
2. Work on increasing socio-demographic diversity of the awards committee members (**Presidential Trio? Who heads up the awards?**)
3. Send email to last year's awardees about upcoming APA convention and plans for awards ceremony (**Roberta & Martha Ann**)
4. Send Treasurer's report on the current balance and what these funds are spent on during the year. This will help the exec committee better understand if more funds are needed via creation of new journal (**Yoojin**)
5. Talk to other divisions who have their own journal about (1) how much work it takes and (2) how lucrative it is after costs (**Roberta, Sarah Friedman, Michael Lamb, others?**)
 - a. Schedule follow-up meeting for early May to update exec committee
6. Need to continue discussions with Koraly (Dev Psych Editor) on how to bridge closer connections between Div 7 and journal. (**Presidential Trio?**)

7. Send out announcement of new newsletter editor on Div 7 listserv (**who should do this?**)
8. Create Div 7 Twitter account (**Dana**)
9. Were there concrete next steps around increasing membership or building exciting for Div 7?