

APA Division 7 Exec Committee Meeting

Date: Monday September 15th 2025

Time: 3pm EST

Attendees: Barbara Rogoff, Joy Osofsky, Mark Cummings, Natalie Brito, Adam Winsler, Catherine Haden, Natasha Cabrera, Mary Dozier, Cam Hostinar, Zehra Gulseven, Santi Morales

AGENDA

I. Division 7 Awards

A. Reviewed change in awards:

1. In 2026, only awardees for the Dissertation Grant, Early Career Grant, and Early Career Paper will be selected. These awards have always been selected and awarded within the same year.
2. The 2026 awardees for the Distinguished Contribution, Bronfenbrenner, Ainsworth, Hetherington, Boyd McCandless, Dissertation Award, Maccoby Book Award, and Mentor Award have already been selected and their awards will be presented to them at the 2026 APA Convention.
3. The 2027 awards submission timeline will be December 1st 2026 – February 15th 2027.
4. All award winners will need to be decided by the awards committees by April 15th 2027.
5. Winners will be notified by May 1st 2027 and awards will be officially announced at the APA Convention in August.

B. All EC members were in agreement that awards timeline needed to be changed so that all awards were selected and given in the same year. Additionally, members brought up some important points about the change:

1. Need to extend the eligibility for early scholars awards
2. Add in flexibility for choosing multiple award winners in the 2027 year, to account for additional applications.

II. Expanding social media presence for Division 7

A. Spent most of the meeting discussing how to expand the social media presence for Division 7

1. Joy reminded EC members that caution should be taken when incorporating any social media

2. Barbara discussed the use of linkedin or webinars for a journal club or webinars to highlight Div 7 award winners or Fellows
 - B. EC members were in agreement that increased social media within Division 7 may increase the division's visibility (increasing membership) and connect members (which doesn't happen during the APA convention).
 - C. There was also discussion about how these webinars could facilitate collaboration between divisions.
 - D. Barbara asked anyone who was interested in joining a committee on this topic to contact her.
- III.** Joint activities with other divisions
- A. There was an overview of two specific CODAPAR events and a discussion of how more collaboration between divisions could occur.
 - B. All EC members agreed upon the proposed CODAPAR collaborations and were enthusiastic about other collaborative events.
 - C. There was also some discussion of how Division 7 could be highlighted at other events or conference (like the past SRCD events).
- IV.** Zehra proposed reviving the Division 7 mentoring program for early career scholars. She gave a brief overview of what the program entailed and how to get students involved.
- A. Link for applying:
https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HP5av8njWuAXoa
 - B. All EC members were enthusiastic about reinstating this program.
- V.** Next EC meeting will be scheduled for December (Natalie will send out a poll mid-November).