Advocacy Coordinating Committee  
JANUARY 12, 2022

Committee Members Present: Sharon Berry, PhD, ABPP (Chair); Eugene Borgida, PhD (chair-elect); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, PhD; Amanda Dettmer, PhD; Chuck Hollister, PhD; Laura Knudtson, PhD; Debra Major, PhD; Jonathan Metzler, PhD; Nadika Paranamana, MA; Jessica Smedley, PsyD; William Stoops, PhD; Erica Wise, PhD

Committee Members Absent: Stephanie Fitzpatrick, PhD;

Board of Directors Liaison Present: Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, ABPP (Past-President)

APA Staff Present: Andrew Ferreira (Staff Liaison); Katherine McGuire, MSc; (Chief Advocacy Officer), Karen Studwell, JD (Deputy Chief Advocacy Officer)

The meeting is called to order at 11:00am Eastern

The Chair’s Welcome
The Chair welcomed the members of the Advocacy Coordinating Committee (ACC), Liaisons, and staff while briefly acknowledging the Committee’s 2021 accomplishments. The Chair also explained that the nature of the meeting will be organizational and that decisions will be made regarding the ACC’s 2022 operations. The Chair also announced and congratulated, Eugene Borgida, PhD, on being appointed by APA President Frank Worrell, PhD, as the Chair-elect of the Advocacy Coordinating Committee.

The Chief Advocacy Officer’s (CAO) Welcome and Update on APA’s Advocacy Efforts
CAO provided a comprehensive overview of Advocacy’s highlights in 2021. The presentation included metrics, which showed a growth in member regulatory comments, administrative outreach, and congressional outreach, a snapshot of 2021 collaborations with State, Provincial, Territory Associations (SPTAs) as well as APA Divisions, and a summary of Advocacy’s shifting landscape in 2022.
Consent Agenda

Without objection, the following recommended text amended the ACC’s Operational Procedures to incorporate formally the subcommittee chairs into the Committee’s governance structure:

**Composition, Section 4.2 Subcommittee Chair(s).** The Chair or individual member may nominate members of the Committee to serve as chair of a subcommittee(s). These individuals will be presented to the Committee and require a simple majority for confirmation. Their term of service concludes at the end of their calendar year of appointment. They may be appointed as a Subcommittee Chair no more than twice during their tenure on the ACC.

Committee Business

**Frequency of Meetings**

The Committee, after much deliberation regarding the frequency of meetings in the previous year, voted to convene on a monthly basis for 2022.

**Length of Meetings**

The Committee discussed at length the importance of increased dialogue and the constraints that convening for sixty minutes in 2021 put on them. The main motion was moved and the ACC voted to convene for ninety minutes in 2022.

**In-person meeting date(s)**

The Staff Liaison and Chair informed the Committee that after reviewing the 2022 agenda and the biennial Survey of the Advocacy Priorities timeline, they on behalf of the ACC formally requested the Governance Office permit the Committee to convene from June 16-June 18, 2022 in Washington, DC at APA’s Central Office. Members were advised to hold that weekend free on their respective calendars until they are informed otherwise. Hybrid options will be provided for those unable to physically attend.

**Confirmation vote of ACC Subcommittee Chairs**

Per the Operational Procedures, the Chair motioned for William Stoops, PhD, and Chuck Hollister, PhD be confirmed as the 2022 Chairs of the Advocacy Goals and Needs Assessment Subcommittee and the Member Engagement Subcommittee respectively. The ACC voted in favor of confirmation.
**Update on the 2022 Survey of the Priorities**
Subcommittee Chair Stoops informed the Committee that the Survey will be released on Tuesday January 18, 2022 and will remain open until March 21, 2022. The Survey is linked to member profiles/IDs and may not be shared with others. The rationale for an expedited release is that the EDI Office requested their demographic questions also be incorporated into the assessment. APA President Worrell will encourage Council and Governance members to take the individual survey in a timely manner prior to February 1, 2022. A Governance iteration the survey will be released on Monday February 7, 2022.

**Member Engagement Subcommittee Update**
Subcommittee Chair Hollister reported that the Member Engagement subcommittee has been working on developing ways to better promote APA’s advocacy network to liaison systems and various constituency groups.

*The Committee adjourned until Wed. February 9, 2022*

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