

**APA Council Report
February 2017 Meeting
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As our other recent Council reports have indicated, APA Council is in a time of transition and much of its business focuses on issues related to the Independent Review Report. As a result, we spent considerable time in Executive Session, where we were informed about legal matters related to that review. Those matters cannot be discussed outside of Executive Session, even among members of Council.

Council also spent a great deal of its time discussing topics related to the structure and function of Council. For example, Council received the Report of the Work Group on Task Force Selection; this report includes recommendations about the criteria used to appoint members to Task Forces, including diversity broadly defined and skills and competencies relevant to the ad hoc group's mission. Council also received the report of the Civility Principles Work Group; this group recommended that online culture/civility checks be completed after each Council meeting, that clear civility guidelines be included in the orientation for new Council members, and that Council receive regular reminders for civility expectations. Finally, Council adopted a set of Conflict of Interest Policies that apply to all individuals serving on APA task forces, work groups, boards, or committees as well as members of Council and the Board of Directors.

Our past reports summarized changes in the delegation of authority from Council to the Board of Directors. These changes initially were adopted on a trial basis. Because the time period for that initial trial period expired, Council voted to extend trial authority for an additional three years. This authority includes oversight of financial and budget matters, hiring and evaluation of the CEO, and assuring that the APA budget aligns with the strategic plan.

- Under the previous trial authority, the Board of Directors hired Arthur C. Evans as APA's CEO (see <http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2017/01/arthur-evans.aspx>). This decision was made prior to the Council meeting. Council was informed about this decision via a webinar that included a summary of Dr. Evans' credentials and the hiring process.

Two Amendments to the APA Bylaws will be voted on by the Membership. As STP's Council members, we recommend approval of both.

- Council approved amendments to Article V of the Bylaws, which update the descriptions of the Board of Directors Leadership roles and responsibilities. These changes will bring APA into compliance with IRS requirements. This amendment will be voted on by the membership in May 2017.
- The second amendment to Article V, Section 7 of the Bylaws will ensure that there is one seat on Council for each Division and State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association. This amendment will be voted on by the membership in November, 2017.

Council also adopted as APA Policy the following resolutions:

- Resolution on the Use of Multiple Indicators for Admission to Graduate Programs in Psychology
- Resolution on Human Trafficking in the United States, Especially of Women and Girls
- Resolution on Promoting Global Perspectives in U.S. Psychology

Finally, Council adopted as APA policy the following guidelines:

- Professional Practice Guidelines for Occupationally-Mandated Psychological Evaluations
- Clinical Guidelines for the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder