

Report from the APA Council of Representatives continued

Action Taken in Response to the Independent Review Report

- Council voted to receive the Report of the Work Group on Task Force Selection and requested that ad hoc groups be appointed using a selection process that considers multiple criteria, including diversity broadly defined and skills or competencies relevant to the ad hoc group's mission.
- Council voted to receive the Report of the Civility Principles Work Group and approved the following recommendations of the Work Group: 1) online culture/civility checks be used after each Council meeting, 2) clear civility guidelines and expectations be added to the orientation of new Council members, and 3) Council receive regular reminders for civility expectations (including for listservs). Council also requested that the Civility Principles Work Group develop an implementation plan for the above recommendations and bring the plan back to Council at its August 2017 meeting.
- Council voted to adopt as APA policy a set of Conflict of Interest Principles that will apply to any person serving on an APA task force, work group, board, committee, the Board of Directors or Council of Representatives.

Additional Action Taken by Council

- Council voted to extend for a period of three years the delegation of authority to the Board of Directors for the following areas:
 - o Financial and budget matters, with the exception of 1) any single, unbudgeted item that exceeds \$3 million or 2) sale of Association real estate,
 - o Hiring, evaluation and support of the CEO,
 - o Assuring alignment of the budget with the APA Strategic Plan, and
 - o Internally focused policy development
- Council 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*, and *Resolution on Promoting Global Perspectives in U.S. Psychology*.
- Council adopted as APA policy the following guidelines: *Professional Practice Guidelines for Occupationally–Mandated Psychological Evaluations and Clinical Guidelines for the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*.
- Council voted to approve withdrawal of Council New Business Item #23A/Feb 2014, Resolution in Favor of Providing Support and Assistance to Military and National Security Psychologists Striving to Abide by the APA Ethics Code and APA Policy.

I will provide you with additional information related to Council activities as they become available.

Respectfully,

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