

Ethics Code Task Force Channels of Communication

Throughout the process of revising the APA Ethics Code, the Ethics Code Task Force (ECTF) has sought to provide information regarding its work, as well as, provide avenues for comment and feedback.

INFORMATION PROVIDED CONCERNING THE ECTF via various avenues including:

Presentations and Discussions

1. Equitable Virtual Discussion sessions with group representatives the last hour of multiple days of ECTF meetings: Spring and Fall 2019, Spring and Fall 2020; Spring, Summer and Fall 2021; Spring and Fall 2022.
2. In-person attendance by group representatives and individual observers at open session (non-Executive session) in-person ECTF meetings: Fall 2018, Spring and Fall 2019.
3. APA Boards and Committees (Conference Committee): Spring Consolidated Meetings 2019.
4. Individual meetings with various Chiefs and Board Chairs (i.e. Board of Scientific Affairs, Board of Educational Affairs, Board of Professional Affairs), 2021, 2022.
5. APA Council: August 2019; February and August 2020; February and October 2021, February and August 2022, February and August 2023, February 2024.
6. APA Council Caucus Meetings: August 2019 and 2020; February and August 2022.
7. Board of Directors' Meetings: June 2018, December 2018, and June 2019, December 2020; December 2022.
8. Convention Town Hall Sessions: APA2019, APA2020, APA2021 Main Stage, APA2022. APA2023, APA2024.
9. Division Board meetings (as requested): August 2019.
10. Presentations at State Psychological and Territorial Associations (SPTAs) (as requested).
11. Division member meetings (as requested): 2021 (Division 13, Division 31).
12. International Community: ICAP 2018 Montreal, ICP 2021 Prague, ICP 2024 Prague.

Written information

1. Updates, timeline, and meeting summaries related to the ECTF meetings posted on the ECTF website (<https://www.apa.org/ethics/task-force>).
2. Information Items at the Board of Directors' Meeting: March 2018, August 2018, February 2019, August 2019, February 2020, June 2020, August 2020, December 2020.
3. Information Items at the Council of Representatives Meeting: March 2018, August 2018, February 2019, August 2019, February 2020, August 2020, February 2021, October 2021, February 2022, August 2022. February and August 2023.
4. Electronic newsletters, such as the Division Digest and APA Member Update.

SOLICITATION OF FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS TO INFORM THE WORK OF THE ECTF have included:

1. A continuous open portal for submission of comments and information available at <https://www.apa.org/ethics/task-force/code-revision-feedback>
2. Breakfast meeting at the 2017 National Multicultural Conference and Summit in Portland prior to drafting the ECTF charge.
3. Environmental Scan and Requests for feedback prior to drafting the ECTF charge:
 - a. agenda item and conference committee meeting at the 2017 Spring Consolidated Meetings
 - b. direct requests to additional groups, such as ASPPB
4. Requests for feedback regarding current and future ethical principles:
 - a. electronic questionnaires sent to Divisions and SPTAs in Spring 2019
 - b. agenda item and conference committee meeting at the Spring 2019 Consolidated Meetings
 - c. APA Caucus Meetings August 2019
 - d. August 2019 Division Board meetings as requested.
 - e. APA2019 Town Hall session
5. Requests for feedback regarding initial draft ethical principles with accompanying text:
 - a. Boards and Committees, Divisions, SPTAs, EMPAs and ASPPB August 2020
 - b. APA Caucus Meetings August 2020
 - c. APA2020 Town Hall session
6. Request for a 90-day comment period on the revised Code (comment period was December 19, 2024-March 19, 2025).