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Mission

The mission of the Board shall be to encourage the generation and application of psychological knowledge on issues important to human well-being. It shall have general concern for those aspects of psychology that involve solutions to the fundamental problems of human justice and that promote equitable and just treatment of all segments of society. BAPPI shall encourage the utilization and dissemination of psychological knowledge to advance equal opportunity and to foster empowerment of those who do not share equitably in society's resources. The Board shall be concerned with increasing scientific understanding and training regarding those aspects that pertain to, but are not limited to culture, class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability. The Board shall support improving educational and training opportunities for all persons in psychology and continue the promotion of culturally sensitive models for the delivery of psychological services. The Board shall be sensitive to the entire range of APA activities as they pertain to the mission of this Board and make recommendations regarding ethically and socially responsible actions by APA when appropriate. The composition of the Board shall reflect diversity in terms of racial/ethnic minorities, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities and religion, as well as the range of interests characteristic of psychology in all its aspects.

Meeting Dates

All Board meetings convened on the second Thursday of each month for approximately one hour. Executive Committee meetings consisting of the Board Chair and Chair-Elect convened on Mondays of each month for approximately one hour.

Additional All-Member Board meetings were convened on an as-needed basis while engaging and planning the Mitigating Bias, Stigma, and Discrimination to Advance Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (BSD) Initiative.

Membership

Apryl A. Alexander, PsyD (BAPPI Chair); Susan Auger, Ph.D.; Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D., Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Arpana G. Inman, Ph.D.; Jessica Jackson, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D., ABPP; Kelly McConnell, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair-elect); Jessica Murakami-Brundage, Ph.D.; Christina M. Rodriguez, Ph.D.

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

BAPPI continues to have diverse representation within its membership. Specifically, in 2023, BAPPI was comprised of 10 members who were early-career psychologists (2), mid-career psychologists (7), and late-career psychologists (1). Notably, eighty percent of BAPPI members self-identified as people of color, specifically as African American (2), Asian American (2), Bi-racial (1), Native American (1), and unidentified (2). Additionally, 7 individuals self-identified as women, 1 individual identified within the LGBT community, and 1 individual self-identified as a

member of a religious minority group. Such diversity within our Board allows for diverse thoughts, contributions, and attention to important matters that BAPPI focuses on. Notably, BAPPI also oversees eight diverse committees with areas of focus as related to ethnic minorities, sexual orientation and gender diversity, women, socioeconomic status, disability, aging, health equity, aging, and children, youth, and families.

Major Activities

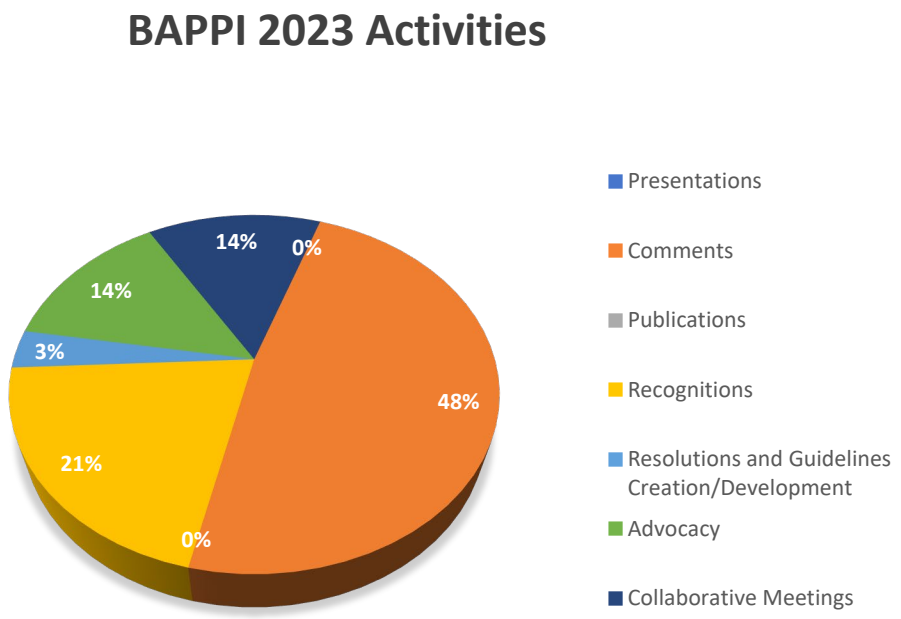
There was a total of 29 activities that BAPPI participated or initiated in 2023.

Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	0
Comments	14
Publications	0
Recognitions	6
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	1
Advocacy	4
Collaborative Meetings	4

Figure 1

Insert Pie Chart here with the 29 total Presentations, Comments, Publications, Recognitions, Resolutions & Guidelines Created/Initiated, Advocacy Activities, and Collaborative Meetings.



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Presentations

- None

Comments

1. APA BEA Racial Disparities Task Force Report: Racism and Bias: Their Role in Maintaining Racial Disparities in Education
2. Resolution to Oppose Mental Health Screening Questions on Character and Fitness Examinations for Licensure to Practice Law
3. Resolution on Supporting Psychologists' Education and Research about, and Activism against Violations of Girls' and Women's Human Rights Globally.
4. Proposal to Extend APA Specialty Guidelines in Forensic Psychology
5. Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults
6. Inclusive Language Guidelines
7. PTSD Guidelines
8. 2014 edition of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, American
9. APA Resolution to Support Parents with Disabilities
10. Mental Health and Law Licensure
11. APA Policy Statement on Equitable and Inclusive Student Admissions in Higher Education
12. APA Resolution on Developmental Risks and Opportunities in Adolescent Employment
13. APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major Version 3.0: Empowering People to Make a Difference in Their Lives and Communities
14. Task Force Report titled Racism and Bias: Their Role in Maintaining Racial Disparities in Education

Publications

None

Recognitions

1. BAPPI Slates
2. PI Committee Slates
3. CPTA Slates
4. Public Interest Awards 2023
5. Alternate Slate to Fill Seat on the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA)
6. Alternate Slate to Fill Seat on the Commission on Accreditation (CoA)

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

1. **Resolution on Firearm Violence Research and Prevention**
    a. Component of the five-year APA policy review; submitted to APA (December 2023).

Advocacy

1. BAPPI Advocacy Training recordings to PI Committees (January 2023)
2. Social Media advocacy Training
3. BAPPI Representation on the APA Climate Change Efforts working group
   Participation in the working group to draft the Race-Conscious Admissions policy statement following the Supreme Court decision
4. BAPPI Approved the recommendation that APA sign on to The United States Joint Statement On Conversion Therapy.

Collaborative Meetings

1. BAPPI Bias Stigma and Discrimination Plenary Meeting
2. Spring Consolidated Meetings (hybrid)
3. BAPPI Bias Stigma and Discrimination Coordinator Meeting
4. Fall BAPPI Meeting (virtual)