

Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest
2021 Annual Report
American Psychological Association

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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 in regard to 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 ethnic minorities, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities and religion, as well as the range of interests characteristic of psychology in all its aspects.

Meetings

All Board meetings convened on the third Monday of each month for approximately one hour. Executive Committee meetings consisting of the Board Chair, Chair-Elect, and an At-Large member convened on the remaining 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 (BSD) to Advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative and Equity Flattens the Curve initiative.

Membership

Alette Coble-Temple, PsyD (Chair); Scott Hunter, PhD (Chair-Elect); Kimberly Hiroto, PhD (Executive Committee Member); Martin Iguchi, PhD; Leo Beletsky, JD, MPH (Public Member); Tawa Witko, PsyD; Arpana Inman, PhD; Apryl Alexander, PsyD; Christina Rodriguez, PhD; and Daniel Dodgen, PhD

**Leo Beletsky, JD, MPH, resigned during his tenure on the 2021 Board.

In Remembrance: On June 5, 2021, Martin Iguchi, PhD, passed away. At the time of his death, Dr. Iguchi was a third-year BAPPI member, the Senior Behavioral Scientist at the RAND Corporation, and was the Director of Redesign for the Pardee RAND Graduate School of Public Affairs. Dr. Iguchi was a leader and a pioneer in the public interest field, and prior to his tenure with BAPPI, Dr. Iguchi served on numerous APA boards and committees.

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Board

BAPPI continues to have diverse representation within its membership. Specifically, in 2021, BAPPI was comprised of 10 members¹ who were early career psychologists (1), mid-career psychologists (5), late career psychologists (3), and one late career non-psychologist public member.² Notably, seventy percent of BAPPI membership self-identified as people of color, and specifically as African American (1), Asian American (3), Native American (1), mixed (1), and unidentified (1). Additionally, 6 individuals self-identified women, 3 individuals are in a religious minority group (Jewish, Indigenous, and Hindu,) 2 individuals identified within the LGBT community, 1 individual identified as having a disability, and 1 individual identified as a refugee/immigrant. Such diversity within our Board allows for diverse thoughts, contributions, and attention to important matters that BAPPI focuses on. Notably, BAPPI also oversees 8 diverse committees with areas of focus as related to ethnic minorities, sexual orientation and gender diversity, women, socio economic status, disability, aging, health equity, aging, and children, youth and families.

Major Activities

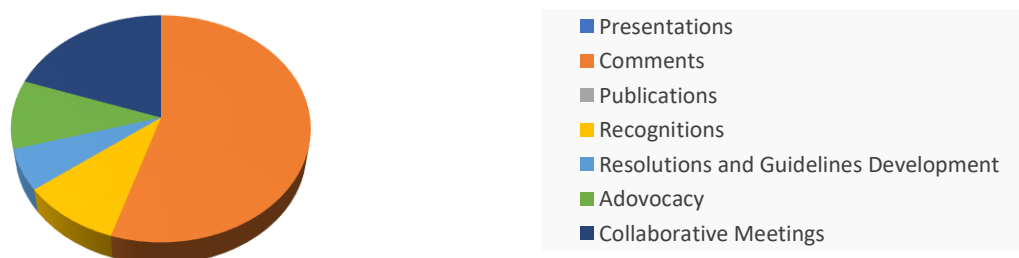
There was a total of 51 activities that Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest participated or initiated in 2021.

Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	0
Comments	28
Publications	0
Recognitions	5
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	3
Advocacy	5
Collaborative Meetings	10

Figure 1

BAPPI 2020 Activities



¹ BAPPI began the year with 10 members, in April a third-year BAPPI member representing late career and race/ethnicity stepped down for medical reasons.

² In September, the public member who identified as a refugee/immigrant stepped down to attend to professional obligations.

Presentations

- None

Comments/Review

1. Revision of Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings
2. Revision of Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology
3. Revision of the 2013 Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults
4. Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities
5. Resolution on Gender Identity Change Efforts
6. Resolution on Sexual Orientation Change Efforts
7. Resolution on Ending Homelessness
8. Resolution on Interrogation of Criminal Suspects
9. Resolution of Poverty and Socioeconomic Status
10. APA Working Group to Update the Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults
11. Two New Members for Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming People
12. BAPPI Policy and Planning Self-Study
13. Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subs specialties in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP) Petitions
14. Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Memo to Public Interest Committees
15. Climate Change Task Force Draft
16. Associate Member Voting Privileges
17. National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula (draft, 2021)
18. Coalition for Psychology in School & Education
19. Chief of Psychology in the Public Interest Job Description
20. Board of Educational Affairs: A review of diversity hiring practices out there, and maybe a resolution or best practices document to improve them (in order to diversify the scholarly workforce in psychology).
21. Board of Educational Affairs: A resolution on holistic admissions processes for graduate school. This would be a specific review of problems with the GRE, etc., and a resolution/recommendation to use holistic admissions procedures.
22. Task Force on Strategies to Eradicate Racism, Discrimination, and Hate
23. BAPPI and Public Interest Committee 2021 Workplan Communication
24. Health Equity Round Table
25. Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment (CPTA) Slates
26. Operating Policies and Procedures
27. Association Rule Change on APA Awards Committee
28. 2021 Work Plan and Programming with Public Interest Committees

Publications

- None

Recognitions

1. BAPPI Slates

2. PI Committee Slates
3. BAPPI Public Member
4. Public Interest Awards 2022
5. APA CEMRRAT2 Task Force Memorandum for BAPPI Slate 2021

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

1. Role of Psychology and the American Psychological Association in Dismantling Systemic Racism in the United States
2. APA Racism Apology Resolution
3. NBI21A Police and Citizens Work Group / Resolution on Police Use of Excessive Force During Community Interactions in the United States

Advocacy

1. Grassroots Advocacy Training in 2022
2. Discussion of APA-PAC making campaign donations
3. Office of Budget & Management (OMB): Call for Comments on Equity in Federal Government Agencies (Request for Information)
4. National Institute of Mental Health: Guidance on Current Research on the Prevention of Black Youth Suicide Request for Information
5. BAPPI Advocacy Priorities Recommendations

Collaborative Meetings

1. Climate Change Task Force
2. American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) and Student Member Discussion
3. Ethics Code Task Force Meeting
4. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Collaborative
5. Equity Flatten the Curve Coordinators Meetings
6. Mitigating Bias, Stigma, and Discrimination (BSD) to Advance Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - Open Houses with Public Interest Committees and Liaisons
7. Equity Flattens the Curve Initiative Team Meetings
8. Meetings with APA CEO Arthur Evans, PhD
9. Meetings with APA President and President-Elect (2021 APA President, Jennifer Kelly and 2022 APA President-Elect Frank Worrell, PhD)
10. Meetings with APA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office