

January 2, 2018

Greetings!

It is an honor to serve as the 2018 president for the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP).

If you are a member of STP then I know you'll agree when I say this is the most dedicated group of psychology instructors that you could ever meet. I found my professional home in STP about 20 years ago, and it's no accident that most of my professional service has been to this organization. It was through the resources STP provides and through the countless conversations about teaching we've had -- at conferences, through PsychTeacher, and more recently, through Facebook and Twitter -- that have made me a better instructor.

If you are not a member of STP, but have found the resources and opportunities for conversations that STP provides have also made you a better Instructor, I invite you to give back to STP by joining us. Your \$25/year helps us continue to help all of us become better at our craft.

If you have ideas on how STP can better serve you or if you'd like to just talk teaching, please contact me (sfrantz@highline.edu) or visit with me at a conference. In 2018, you can find me at NITOP, EDUCAUSE Learning Institute, EPA, RMPA, WPA, the Advanced Placement reading, BISTOPS, the APA Convention, ACT, and GSTA Pedagogy Day.

One of the many fun things about being STP president is having task forces. If you are an STP member (even if you just joined!) and if any of these task forces interest you, I encourage you to apply. Please send your CV and a letter of interest to me at sfrantz@highline.edu by January 21, 2018.

### **1. STP Presidential Task Force on Re-Envisioning Intro Psych**

With over one million students taking Intro Psych annually, it is the most important course in our curriculum. This is the course that tells our future politicians, engineers, business leaders, and medical personnel the value psychology holds for public policy, for our work lives, and for our home lives. With that audience in mind, if we were to create an Intro Psych course today, what would it look like? What content from our current course should we remove? What content should we add? What big ideas from each content area should our students be walking away with? What are the themes that run throughout the discipline?

### **2. STP Presidential Task Force on Promoting the Value of the Psychology Bachelor's Degree**

Of the 1.8 million U.S. students holding a bachelor's as their highest degree, 73% (about 1.3 million) are in the workforce (2015 numbers). It's not uncommon for our bachelor's students to say apologetically that they have great jobs, but they're not using their degree -- jobs like human resources, management, marketing, sales, and real estate. It's obvious to faculty what psychology brings to those fields, so how can we help our students to both see the skills and knowledge they developed through their degree program as well as see how those skills and that knowledge apply to whatever career field they choose? How can we help our bachelor's students better market themselves to employers? Further, how can we better help employers see the value our psychology baccalaureates will add to their organization?

### **3. STP Presidential Task Force on Restructuring the STP Graduate Student Teaching Association**

Currently, STP's Graduate Student Teaching Association (GSTA) is housed at a university for a 3-year term. What are the pros and cons of this current model? What other models could there be for how GSTA is organized? What are the pros and cons of these models? With this information in hand, how should GSTA be structured?

I'm looking forward to working with you in 2018!

Sue Frantz

President, Society for the Teaching of Psychology

**SOCIETY FOR THE TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY (APA DIVISION TWO)**  
 2018 Second Bi-Annual Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
 October 18 & 20, 2018  
 Phoenix, Arizona

<b>Members of the STP Executive Committee</b>		<b>Present</b>
President	Sue Frantz	Yes
President-Elect	Rick Miller	Yes
Past President	Ken Keith	Yes
Vice President for Diversity and International Relations	Susan Nolan	Yes
Vice President for Membership	Meera Komarraju	No
Vice President for Programming	Angela Legg	Yes
Vice President for Recognitions and Awards	Amy Fineburg	Yes
Vice President for Resources	Bill Altman	Yes
Secretary	Stephanie Afful	Yes
Treasurer	Jeff Holmes	Yes
Executive Director	Tom Pusateri	Yes

**Thursday, October 18, 2018**

1. President Sue called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM MST.
2. Minutes from the August teleconference were approved as written.
3. Reports from Past President:
  - a. Past President Ken discussed the Psychology Pipeline taskforce, chaired by Eric Landrum. Eric Landrum is now chairing an APA working group Intro Psyc Initiative which include specific themes of Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment.
  - b. Past President Ken filed the Division 2 Annual Report to APA, which includes contact information within leadership, membership numbers, taskforces created and their progress, as well as contracts negotiated.
4. Report from the President
  - a. Update on Presidential Task Forces
    - i. STP Presidential Task Force on Restructuring the STP Graduate Student Teaching Association reported on other ways that GSTA could operate within STP. There were three proposals made, all with their strengths. As we continue with GSTA, we need to think about how to connect with APAGS (APA Graduate Students). CUNY currently serves as host institution through January 1, 2020.
      1. The EC favors the Regional Representatives model which would have a faculty advisor, a graduate student chair, associate chair, and then members from each region. This model could also encourage the development of school chapters in future. It is also recommended that members serve three years, members need to be a graduate student at time of appointment.  
**Action Item 2018-A-10-01:** Stephanie, Sue, & Rick will work on a proposal and P & P language by the November EC teleconference. Tom will look into the most recent GSTA P & P manual.

- ii. STP Presidential Task Force on Re-Envisioning Intro Psych, chaired by Barney Beins, is looking at individual content and overarching themes. They are also soliciting experts within the field. The work will likely continue into 2019.
- iii. STP Presidential Task Force on Promoting the Value of the Psychology Bachelor's Degree is looking at how to help our students and employers understand the value of our degree. The sub-committees continue their work
- iv. President Sue and VP Amy also shared updates from BEA.
  - 1. BEA is seeking nominations for 12 members to serve on the Advocacy Coordinating Committee through October 31, 2018.
  - 2. There are still continued discussions of developing a new division to support graduate students in training.
  - 3. APAGS and Early Career Committee is now housed in the Education directorate of APA.
  - 4. Online Psyc lab now has mobile app.
  - 5. There will be an undergraduate psychology survey coming soon.
  - 6. Project Assessment will soon be looking for reviewers.
  - 7. APA-IPI (Intro Psyc Initiative) looking for a host institution for July 2019.

5. Direct Reports to the Executive Committee

a. Report from the Executive Director

- i. Thank you to the former Executive Director Ted. The biggest concern is the continual decline in membership. New members are expecting membership (and benefits) immediately, but we have a 3-4 week lag due to APA processing of membership. Tom has updated the website to reflect this and new members can request immediate access to website and listservs.

**Action Item 2018-A-10-02:** Executive Director Tom will look into APA trends in membership.

**Action Item 2018-A-10-03:** Executive Director Tom will look into possibility of offering temporary access to ToP Journal for new members.

**Action Item 2018-A-10-04:** Executive Director Tom will confirm that Div2STPModerators want to continue their service.

**Action Item 2018-A-10-05:** Executive Director Tom will compare listserv members to STP members for recruiting purposes.

**Action Item 2018-A-10-06:** Executive Director Tom will also establish dropbox accounts for all STP leaders and Zoom accounts by our March 2019 meeting.

- ii. EC reviewed open Action Items.
- iii. We will be reviewing the Proposed Policies and Procedures at our next March 2019 meeting. Proposed changes should be sent to Tom by January 15, 2019.

b. Report from the Elections and Appointments Committee

- i. EC endorsed two candidates for the APA Presidency.
- ii. EC elected Keli Braitman to serve the remainder of VP Amy's term for Recognitions and Awards.