**Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology**

**Tentative Quarterly Committee Meeting Agenda**

September 16, 2024

12 pm EDT / 11 am CDT / 10 am MDT / 9 PDT

**ATTENDED:** Carlen Henington, Michele Rusin, Cindy Carlson, Scott Sperling, Linda Sobell, Anna Egan, Lloyd Berg, Beth Arredondo, Lindsay Phillips, Katherine Hahn Oh, Danielle Rynczak, Michelle Mlinac, Noelle Lefforge, Shauna Laughna, Theodore Ellenhorn, Erika Carr.

Liaisons: David Cox, Jennifer Taylor, Alex Siegal, Jacks Cheng

**ABSENT**: Liaisons: Jennifer Taylor, Mariella Self, Amy Silberbogen, Alex Siegal, Jacks Cheng, Sharon Bowman

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION** | **ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION****Responsible Party(ies)/ Due Date** | **STATUS****Open/Closed** |
| I. ROLL CALL |  | Cindy Carlson | Closed |
| II. APPROVAL June 24 MINUTES | Minutes from the June 8 quarterly mtg approved. Katherine Hanh Oh moved the motion. Beth Arredondo & Scott Sperling abstained. | Cindy Carlson | Closed |
| II. OLD BUSINESS |  |  |  |
| Taxonomy Update (2024 Presidential Initiative) | CoS Taxonomy Review Committee: Three programs were presented to CoS for approval:* Clinical Health Psychology – approval recommended by the TRC Chair & unanimously approved by the CoS. Motion for approval moved by Michelle Mlinac.
* Couple & Family Psychology - approval recommended by the TRC Chair & unanimously approved by the CoS. Motion to approve was moved by Scott Sperling.
* Group Psychology approval recommended by the TRC Chair & unanimously approved by the CoS. Motion to approve oved by Michelle Mlinac.

David Cox requested the approved taxonomies be sent to him so he could work with Rob to have them uploaded to the CoS taxonomy tool.Scott urged all members to visit the taxonomy tool for their specialty and become familiar with it. Carlen indicate she had use it with her graduate specialty introductory class and the students loved it. They found it not only useful but indicated it would have been helpful to them in choosing their specialty area.Noelle Lefforge expressed support for the taxonomy project but also concern about the challenge of the taxonomy simplifying the specialty unless all the footnotes are carefully considered. Discussion ensued regarding this concern.Michelle Mlinac sked if there were any early adopters of the taxonomy? Scott replied, yes, and indicated he could provide the CoS with information.Lloyd reiterated the taxonomy review by CoS was a constructive process and asked about the upcoming specialties. Shauna’s specialty has a champion and she wondered to whom to send this person for assistance. Scott replied that he was the person to whom to address taxonomy-related questions and these issues would be discussed at the November meeting.Scott expressed concern about the tension to keep the taxonomy simple while also complex enough to accurately characterize the specialty. Beth Arredondo suggested some clarification early about the language and how it is used across the taxonomies.When asked about feedback from APA, Cathi Grus indicated APA continues to be very supportive of the taxonomy project and she has interacted with Scott around this issue.Scott responded to Lloyd’s earlier query that the four taxonomies up for review in 2025 were Clinical Neuropsychology, Behavioral & Cognitive, I/O (Industrial/Organizational), and SMI (Serious Mental Health). Carlen noted there have been two requests to join COS – one from Organizational & Business Consulting and the other from Addictions Psychology. Discussion ensued about clarifying the process for assisting specialties that wish to gain CRSPPP approval and affiliate with CoS with a recommendation from Carlen Hennington that this should be included in a CoS operation manual.Discussion returned to the topic of CoS approval of taxonomies in 2025 clarifying the tentative dues dates and CoS process with recognition modifications may be forthcoming.  | Carlen Henington/Scott SperlingClinical Health Psychology, Couple & Family Psychology, & Group Psychology taxonomy approved.Approval follow-up includes letters of approval to the specialties (Carlon); provision to ABPP of the final version of the approved taxonomy for inclusion in the CoS Taxonomy Tool (Scott). Publication of approved taxonomies: Psychologytaxonomy.org(David Cox, ABPP)David will work with Scott on developing language for the taxonomy tool website to facilitate ease of use. | Closed |
| Website updates  | Carlen reiterated the need for specialties to review the COS website for accuracy and to use the COSPP Website Checklist for Specialties to request changes (attached to agenda).  | Carlen HeningtonWebsite change requests should be sent to the Secretary, Cindy Carlson | Open |
| Annual Report | Cindy informed the group that Specialty Council Annual Reports will be due no later than Nov. 1 for inclusion in the November meeting agenda book.  | Cindy CarlsonAnnual report reminders will be sent to the CoS members and liaisons. | Open |
| Treasury Report  | Michele noted that the only financial activity since our previous meeting was an expenditure of $20 for our corporate registration renewal in Missouri, which extends to 2026. Michele has sent out the annual dues statement to the specialties with a Nov. 15 payment due date. She will activate the Finance Committee, which was organized to provide an advisory role to the Treasurer. It was clarified that there is a second committee (Shauna & Katherine) to assist the treasurer with arrangements for the November annual day-long hybrid meeting. Michele suggested they have the option of participating in the larger Finance Committee.Michele and Carlen fielded questions and discussed the logistics for the upcoming November 18 hybrid mtg with clarifications from Cathi Grus (APA). | Michele Rusin  | Closed |
| III. NEW BUSINESS |  |  |  |
| Liaison Reports from affiliated groups | Carlen noted the CoS needs updates on the current liaisons from CoS to the various groups to which the CoS monitors, as well as any updates on the current liaisons to the CoS. It was noted that Danielle Rynczak has agreed to continue as the CoS liaison to CoA.CRSSPP – Cathi Grus reported that the Fall meeting is Oct. 25, 2024, and liaison reports are tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Either Carlen or Scott will serve as the liaison to the meeting.ABPP – David Cox reported that Clinical Psychopharmacology is under review for affiliation with ABPP & CoS. He also reported that he will be publishing an article on the taxonomy in *On Board*.ASPPB – Alex Siegal reported that PsyPac continues to grow with over 12,000 psychologists now using it and coverage of 42 jurisdictions. ASPPB has been monitoring legislation in MA and NY and has been asked to assist in the writing of regulations related to master’s degree licensure. ASPPB has also been working independently and in coordination with the APA BPA in reviewing public comment related to a revised Model Licensure Act. A final note from ASPPB was that the transition of the EPPP into the competency exam is still on schedule for Jan. 1, 2026.Discussion ensued about the relevance of the master’s degree level of practice to CoS and the timeline for APA & ASPPB process. Alex noted recommended action to ASPPB would be considered at their Dec. meeting. Cathi Grus indicated BPA would release a document on scope and practice at the master’s degree level for public comment in Oct. 2024, and the APA Council of Representatives would consider and vote, in principle, on a proposed scope of practice and title at their Feb. 25, 2025 meeting.No additional liaison reports were provided. | Cathi GrusDavid CoxAlex Siegel |  |
| CoS Officer Elections | Carlen reminded the CoS that we need to elect the office of President Elect at the November quarterly meeting, and she requested that interested individuals please contact her. | Carlen Henington |  |
| IV. REMINDERS |  |  |  |
| EC meeting dates for 2024 | First Mondays of the month @ 10:30 EDT |  |  |
| Quarterly meeting dates | Monday 11/18/24 (in DC/hybrid) – all day | Carlen Henington/Michele Rusin |  |
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# CoS EC Meeting: First Monday @ 10:30 EDT: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

# Quarterly meeting dates for 2024: Nov 18 (hybrid)