

Joint Committee for the Revision of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing
Progress Report
January-June, 2010

The Joint Committee held its fifth meeting January 15-17, 2010 at the CRESST Center, UCLA. The Committee reviewed a number of chapters that they felt were nearly ready for outside review. Several members noted that they had incorporated updates to the chapters based on the Technology Panel discussion in November, which Committee members agreed was quite informative and helpful in completing their work. The Committee also held extensive discussions on several chapters still at the more formative stages of revision, primarily the Fairness and Educational Testing chapters. Discussion of the Educational Testing chapter included how the revision might best answer the Management Committee's charge to address how classroom assessments used to make bridge decisions fall under the purview of the Standards. Members also discussed a clustering/cross-referencing scheme developed for the standards in Chapter 12, noting that it might be useful for other chapters to adopt the model. The Committee also debated the application of 'primary' and 'secondary' labels for the standards, or the development of an alternative scheme to address the Management Committee's charge to differentiate the importance of different standards. The Committee also reviewed preliminary plans for presentations at upcoming professional meetings of the sponsoring associations. The co-chairs informed the Committee that Dr. Daniel Eignor had been selected as the technical editor for the revision, and would attend the April meeting. Finally, staff updated the Committee on preliminary plans for the outside review of the draft, including the technical development of the website for soliciting comments.

The Joint Committee held its sixth meeting April 23-25, 2010 at APA Headquarters in Washington, DC. Dr. Eignor attended the entire meeting as the new technical editor to the Committee. It was noted that several chapters would be ready for his review following brief discussion during the meeting and subsequent tweaking, and a timeline and system was established to post their drafts to the Teamsite and for Dr. Eignor to respond before the July meeting. The Committee anticipates having yet another set of chapters ready for Dr. Eignor's review between the July and September meetings. The Committee debated whether glossary terms should be submitted to Dr. Eignor along with each Chapter's text and standards, and decided that chapter authors should just begin highlighting terms for inclusion in the glossary and index, for future completion. Finally, staff updated the Committee on the development of the website and mailing list for soliciting comments later this year. A technical staffer should be available at the Committee's September meeting to discuss the specifications of the website. The Committee also discussed the list of outside reviewers, as compiled by the Management Committee and posted to the Teamsite. It was agreed that maximizing the number of comments received and coordinated through organizations will expedite the outside review process. Members were encouraged to contact staff or the Management Committee with additions to the list.

Three additional meetings are planned for 2010: July 23-25 in Denver, CO; September 24-26 at APA and December 3-5 at APA or CRESST. Three meetings are planned for 2011: May 6-8; September 9-11; and December 2-4. Meeting dates may be adjusted to accommodate the timeline of the outside review, to allow approximately 6 months for the solicitation of comments following the draft release.