

Joint Committee for the Revision of the
Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing
Progress Report
July-December, 2009

The Joint Committee held its third meeting July 24-26, 2009 at the CRESST Center, UCLA. Committee members reviewed several of the Foundation chapters (1 through 6) and noted that they were on track to have the Foundation section ready for the draft release tentatively planned for late 2010. All chapter leaders attempted to cluster the standards within major themes discussed in the introduction. The Committee devoted several hours for breakout group meetings for the 4 "theme teams": Access, Accountability, Technology and Workplace. Afterward, the breakout groups reported back to the full Committee. Dr. Worrell led a research-based presentation on Stereotype Threat.

The Committee held its fourth meeting November 6-8, 2009 at APA headquarters. At the meeting, the Joint Committee continued chapter reviews and also discussed the use of thematic clusters to organize the standards within each chapter.

The Committee devoted Saturday afternoon to the Technology panel discussion. Participants included Drs. Randy Bennett, Brian Clauser, Dean Delis, Peter Foltz, and Bob Mislevy, and Dr. Dick DeVore via conference call. Dr. Way began the discussion by asking the panel members to share their ideas on the impact of: 1. new item formats and more innovative ways of assessing students online; and 2. computerized scoring algorithms and the scoring of complex simulations and other assessments. He asked them to forecast future trends as well as to discuss current practices. Following each member's slide presentation, time was allotted for questions from the Committee and general group discussion.

Members of the Management Committee attended part of the meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2009. The Management Committee and Joint Committee discussed plans for release of the draft in 2010. The Joint Committee acknowledged that, per the Communication Plan, the Management Committee will assume full responsibility for soliciting comments. However, the Joint Committee recognizes that this endeavor will require advance planning. The Joint Committee asked how they should communicate their plans to the Management Committee when the release date is fluid. The Management Committee has been quite thoughtful about the timeline for comments. They realize that it will need to be a protracted period (probably around 6 months) and will need to include meeting times for the boards and certain committees of all the sponsoring associations. It was proposed that the Joint Committee would go on hiatus during the extended review period.

Four meetings are planned for 2010: January 15-17 at the CRESST Center, UCLA; April 23-25 at APA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; July 23-25 in the Denver, CO area; and December 3-5 at APA. The Committee also reserved September 24-26, 2010 should an additional meeting be needed to prepare the draft release. Some meetings might be cancelled, depending on the final plans for the draft release. Dates for four 2011 meetings have also been confirmed.