

Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee (TICC) January 2016 Report

The TICC met on January 6. The meeting focused on discussion of topics to be raised with the AAPOR Council during a meeting on January 7. Specific topics included the letter from the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology that was recently received, and the topic of membership fees for participation in the Transparency Initiative. The TICC was in general agreement to propose to the Council that membership fees be waived for 2016.

On January 7, TICC Chair Tim Johnson met with the AAPOR Council in DC. The following topics were covered during that meeting:

- The Council agreed to delay requiring TI membership fees for at least one more year.
- The possibility of holding a town hall reception during the May conference during which we could both acknowledge and recognize TI members and also give non-members an opportunity to meet with TICC members and address any concerns they might have about participating.
 - During the town hall reception, we would also like to set up a camera so that TI members could give testimonials about what membership has meant to their organizations. We would then, with permission, post these on the TI web page.
- We also agreed to plan a series of new online educational modules, each of which would focus on having methodologists describe (in separate modules) each of our disclosure requirements, defining each and what would and would not be considered TI-acceptable reporting for each.
- We also discussed the importance of conducting personal outreach to non-member organizations.
- There was also agreement with our proposal to identify exemplary TI-consistent reports from TI members and obtaining permission to post some of these on our web site as examples. At this point, we have 150+ examples, and even a fraction of these could be used to create an excellent library of different examples.