

Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee (TICC) May 2016 Report

Two meetings of the TICC were held during May 2016. The first of these was a conference call held on May 4. During that call, we thanked to members who were rotating off the committee for their distinguished service and support to our mission: Melissa Herrmann and David Lambert. During the call, we also discussed plans for development of additional educational materials, our upcoming in-person meeting and TI Open House at the annual conference, and a series of spot checks of current reporting compliance by TI member organizations (all were in compliance) that were conducted by the TICC Chair after receiving a complaint that some unidentified TI members may not be in compliance. We also discussed plans for more systematic compliance checks, beginning this summer, to continually monitor this concern.

Our annual in-person TICC meeting was held early Friday morning May 13 during AAPOR's annual conference. A variety of new ideas were discussed at this meeting, including the use of mini-newsletters to continually update TI members on our continued development activities. These might include profiles of TI member organizations, the formal answering of questions commonly posed to the TICC, and news about some of the more difficult issues the committee sometimes faces. We also discussed the idea of planning now for a special evidence-based session at next year's AAPOR conference that focused on empirical evidence of the effects of the TI on reporting compliance (i.e., have we moved the needle?). The recently completed review of the TI's web pages by the Education Committee was also shared with TICC members, with agreement that updating the web page would be a priority moving forward this year. It was also formally announced that Ashley Kirzinger and Tim Triplett will be taking over as co-Chairs of the TICC. We are excited about their commitment to the TI and look forward to their leadership.

A TI Open House was also held at the AAPOR Conference in the evening on May 13. Our best count/estimate is that about 70 persons attended. We were pleased with the turnout, given the popularity of some of the other sessions we were competing with, and enjoyed the opportunity to speak one-on-one with current TI members, as well as with others interested in becoming members.