

TICC Monthly Report
May 22, 2013

The TICC held a 7am meeting on May 18 during the annual conference in Boston. Progress during the past year was reviewed. In addition, meeting times for the next several months were set. These will take place every three weeks, as during the previous Council year. The TICC membership will remain largely intact, with Frauke Kreuter, incoming Associate Standards Chair, replacing incoming Standards Chair Courtney Kennedy. Courtney plans to remain involved as much as possible when not otherwise not attending to Standards business. Plans for initiating the second pilot test were also discussed. Each pilot test organization will be assigned to work closely with a member of the TICC to insure that participation goes smoothly and that any potential barriers or problems are addressed as quickly as possible. Discussion also focused on the educational component of the Transparency Initiative, and it was suggested that AAPOR's Education Committee might consider developing a webinar regarding the calculation of AAPOR response rates. (later at the Conference, it was confirmed that the Education Committee had agreed to undertake this task).

During the annual conference, an update regarding the Transparency Initiative was one of two topics (the other being the Task Force on Non-Probability Sampling) covered during a regular session. The presentation from that session is now posted on the TI's archives page. The session was well attended. It was suggested during this session and also in other discussions at the conference that AAPOR should consider requiring that the TI's minimum disclosure elements be reported as part of data presentations at the annual conference, and also in all journal articles published in AAPOR-sponsored journals. We have agreed to raise this issue with AAPOR's Council.

Finally, a brief summary of the Transparency Initiative's 2012-13 activities was reported during the annual business meeting at the AAPOR conference.