



Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee

March 2014

This has been another busy month for our Committee. The full TICC held a conference call on March 12. Our specific activities this month have included the following:

- We polled all organizations who participated in the second pilot test regarding their opinions about what would be appropriate fees to charge for membership in the Transparency Initiative. That information was summarized and submitted to the AAPOR Council in advance of their March 27-28 meeting, during which the topic of fees would be decided. During that meeting, the Council made the decision to support the TICC's recommendation NOT to charge membership fees during the TI's first twelve months of operation, in hopes of removing any financial barriers to initial membership.
- Johnson met with Kamen and Alscher at AAPOR headquarters in Deerfield, Illinois on March 21 to review several potential software platforms for managing the TI application review process. David Fan also participating by conference phone in this meeting. It was decided that the system employed to manage article submissions for *Survey Practice* was a suitable platform and we will work with AAPOR staff and the editors of that journal to do the customizing necessary to make it appropriate for TI purposes.
- The revised policies and procedures for the TI were sent out by AAPOR for legal review
- Staff selected a professional "voice" who will do the narrations for the TI's online educational modules.