

Transparency Initiative Coordinating Committee

October 11, 2016

Members present: Tim T, Tim J, Scott K, Ron, Ashley, Mary, Mandy, John L, Tom M

Others present:

Minutes

1. Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) Request

It is the TICC recommendation to not endorse the DDI. The reasoning is below:

- We believe the DDI and any efforts to improve data documentation is a great thing for everyone – but there are several alternative approaches to documenting survey meta data besides DDI. While the DDI group is a non-profit – there are a number of profit companies that sell tools to help people make their survey data DDI compliant. The TI as being a mechanism for providing organization who are doing the right thing a stamp of approval and there is no problem if others provide a similar stamp of approval.
- However, for the DDI we believe there is potential competition for getting people to adopt one method over another – and hence we worry that an AAPOR endorsement might put us in a position choosing sides.

We believe that the TICC could write a letter indicating our interest in their initiative and support for the shared value of scientific openness.

- Tim Triplett will be contacting the DDI to see if this is something that they would be interested in.

2. Biennial Evaluation

a. Assignments

- Every member of the TICC has been assigned an organization

b. Review Process

- To be completed within 30 days of their two-year anniversary of joining the TI.
- Review two publicly-available publications
  - If there are not publications available on the website, the reviewer will contact the organization directly.
  - Template will be provided to the TICC members.
- Organizations will be contacted post-review and thanked for their continued compliance.
- If problems arise, the co-chairs of the TICC will step in as second reviewer.

Other items:

- AAPOR Transparency Initiative Panel