Committee on Pre-College Instruction in Philosophy

2014-2015 Membership

Jana Mohr Lone, chair (2015)
Sara L. Goering, associate chair (2015)
Beth Dixon (2017)
Daniel Fouts (2016)
Joseph Murphy (2016)
Jonathan Shaheen (2017)
Renee Smith (2015)
In 2014, CPIP articulated its priorities as follows:

1. Educating the professional philosophical community about pre-college philosophy;
2. Developing initiatives to advance pre-college philosophy that can then be supported or further developed by PLATO (Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization); and
3. Helping to raise the profile of philosophy in the general society.

Consistent with these priorities, CPIP has worked on the following projects during the year July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015:

1. CPIP sponsored sessions at all three APA divisional meetings in 2013-14, and has planned sessions for all three APA meetings in 2014-15.
2. We began a project of compiling a list of all of the high schools in the United States that offer philosophy classes.
3. We began considering the possibility, working with PLATO, of working to develop an Advanced Placement philosophy course. The CPIP session at the Central meeting in 2016 will be devoted to this topic.
4. CPIP sponsored sessions at all three APA divisional meetings in 2015-15, and has planned sessions for all three APA meetings in 2015-16.
5. CPIP has been able to hold in-person meetings each year, at which most members attend and one or two participate by conference call. Several graduate students working in pre-college philosophy are also involved in CPIP’s projects. This year we met at the Pacific meeting in April.
6. We maintain a list of potential committee nominees, and plan in the fall to nominate two people chosen at our April meeting to fill the two committee member slots that will become available in July 2016.
7. After six years of chairing CPIP, Jana Mohr Lone stepped off the committee on June 30, and Sara Goering has taken over as Chair.

Central to CPIP’s ability to hold regular meetings and develop the PLATO organization is the support of the Squire Family Foundation, which has continued to provide CPIP with organizational, financial and administrative assistance. The Foundation’s mission and resources have helped immensely to facilitate CPIP’s ability to pursue its charge. The Foundation’s Executive Director, Roberta Israeloff, continues to bring invaluable expertise and resources to support CPIP’s activities and meetings.