Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession

2016–2017 Membership

Asta K. Sveinsdottir, chair (2018)

   Michael P. Goerger (2017)
   Mary B. Mader (2017)

Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo (2018)

   Kenny K. Easwaran (2018)
   Jose Medina (2019)
   Susanne J. Sreedhar (2019)

Kory P. Schaff, newsletter editor
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Annual report 2016-2017
Ásta Sveinsdóttir, chair

The members of the committee 2016-2017 were: Ásta K. Sveinsdóttir, chair, Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo, Kenny K. Easwaran, Michael P. Goerger, Mary B. Mader, Jose Medina, Susanne J. Sreedhar, and Kory P. Schaff, Newsletter editor (ex officio)

The Newsletter

It has been difficult to get material for the Newsletter and the Committee decided to move to an annual schedule and publish a Fall issue only until circumstances change in that regard. Kory Schaff, our editor, issued our Fall 2016 issue, with material drawn from sessions at the APA meetings.

We successfully recruited a new editor for the Newsletter. Grayson Hunt will take over from Kory for the Fall 2018 issue.

Panels at the APA Meetings

The committee sponsored panels at the Eastern APA on Sexual and Gender Identity and Choice and at the Central on Swinburne’s Argument about Homosexuality. The panels were very successful.

Other Matters

The committee did some outreach, including post in the closed Facebook page for LGBTQ philosophers and on listservs.

The committee issued a statement on September 30 regarding a recent keynote address at the Midwest meetings of the Society for Christian Philosophers.

The committee developed recommendations for best practices regarding naming trans* individuals and put it to the APA Board. The action taken by the APA Board is being worked on.
The committee made recommendations to the APA Board that preferred pronouns be included on name tags and stickers have been adopted for that purpose for the upcoming APA meetings.

The chair of the committee serves ex-officio on the APA inclusiveness committee and provides feedback when that committee is consulted.