

Report on the APA Committee for Nonacademic Careers 2009-2010
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This committee had been inactive and continues to be a difficult group to motivate. With the addition of new members who are committed to the idea of promoting philosophy outside of the academy, the Chair is hopeful for a productive upcoming year.

For the upcoming year, it has been decided that the Committee will endeavor to continue to compile information on people who have degrees in philosophy but who work in other sorts of jobs. There is a move to engage in some interviewing and posting video/audio and text interviews on the APA web site. There is also the potential for a session at the APA on non-academic professions as well.

We will also recruit two new members, and one of these, or an existing member, will serve as co-chair.

Below please find a report of activities for the 2009-2010 year.

Summer 2010:

Chair speaks to new members regarding their ideas for committee work, solicits nominations for new committee members.

Spring 2010:

Committee asked to nominate two new members at request of APA executive office. They were however unable to nominate any.

Spring 2010:

Committee agreed to co-sponsor a panel discussion regarding opportunities for philosophers in the U.S. intelligence community at the 2010 Eastern Division Meeting in Boston.

Winter 2010:

Committee receives the completed deliverable for the most recent APA Committee on Non-Academic Careers. This is the complete "Toolkit" for philosophy students seeking careers outside of academia. The description of our original intention with this toolkit is below. No comment from committee.

Fall 2009:

Committee agreed that to having a co-chair. This would not be a new position, but an additional responsibility for an existing member. This person would take over the chair's term is over. They were however unable to nominate one.

Fall 2009:

Committee sent own bios to group as form of introduction.

Fall 2009:

Committee informed of the nomination of Robyn Blum and Nancy Stanlick to serve starting July 2010.

Fall 2009:

Chair recruits two members, Robyn Blum and Nancy Stanlick, to serve starting July 2010.