

Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession
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The Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession presently has the following membership: Ann Garry, Sanford Goldberg, Hilary Kornblith, Ernest LePore, Peter Markie, Lewis Powell, Joel Pust, Charles Taliaferro, Betsy Decyk (ex officio), Gary Hagberg (ex officio), David Hoekema (ex officio), Sally Scholz, (ex officio) and Anita Silvers (ex officio). Members who left the committee when their terms expired in the past year are Wayne Davis, Leslie Francis, Carol Gould and Patricia Kitcher.

In the fall of 2009, the APA Board, on the committee's recommendation, authorized a taskforce to draft a best practices statement for Philosophy journals to serve as a guide for them in the ongoing development of their policies. That group—consisting of journal editors, members of the Status and Future of the Profession Committee and members of the Committee on Lectures, Publications and Research—has completed its task. The Status and Future Committee has approved the best practices statement and forwarded it to the Board for its consideration. A copy of the statement, including a list of the taskforce membership, is included with this report.

The committee was also active this year in responding to requests for support from Philosophy programs facing threats of elimination or downsizing. In each case, the committee joined Executive Director Schrader and other members of the Board in appropriate lobbying efforts.

Most recently, the committee has received a request from Executive Director Schrader that it consider ways to best address the "two-body" employment problem facing many philosophers.