

Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession

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Dear Amy,

Since last year the committee on the Status and Future of the Profession has formed a subcommittee that is investigating best interview practices. The work of the committee was somewhat interrupted due to the changing nature of the task it was set. First, we were encouraged to look into standards and best practices for internet based interviewing by the Eastern Division, but that was changed, and expanded by the National Board later in the year – after the subcommittee had already formed – to include non-internet based interviewing practices. The present members of this subcommittee are:

Myself, as Chair
David Hoekema
Victor Kumar
Krista Lawlor
Hille Paakunainen
Lewis Powell
Thomas Powers
Sally Scholz

We currently have a draft of the report. However, it is not ready for approval by the Board. The progress report will be sent to the Board separately. The Board requested that we consider empirical evidence on interviewing, and this has proven to be quite time consuming. The report on interviewing best practices will be completed this year, however.

The committee also considered and provided feedback to the National Office on 15 small grant proposals. In addition, the Chair provided feedback on several requests for funds.

There has been some interest expressed on the issue of the growing use of adjunct labor in the profession, and absent another directive from the Board, this is likely what we will be discussing in the following year. We may also discuss the recent review of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences recent report on Humanities Indicators.

Sincerely,

Julia Driver
Chair, Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession