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**Welcome and Meeting Objectives**

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Mark Frankel (AAAS) welcomed the Council and presented two personnel matters. First, the American Psychological Association appointed a Task Force on Human Rights that will provide strategic advice to the association in its engagement in the promotion and protection of human rights. Two members of the Coalition have been appointed: the Coalition Coordinator Jessica Wyndham (AAAS) and affiliated individual Sam McFarland (Western Kentucky University, emeritus). The first report of this task force is due at the end of 2016.

Second, staff changes in the AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program (SRHRL) are taking place. Frankel is retiring at the end of 2016. As of August 1, 2016, he will step down as Program Director and go part time to finish projects and assist in strategic planning for the Program. Wyndham will take over as Interim Program Director. Additionally, Susan Wolfenbarger, Project Director of the Geospatial Technologies Project, departs AAAS at the beginning of August 2016.

Wyndham outlined the agenda for the meeting, the objectives of which were to: make concrete decisions and determine next steps in the Coalition future visioning process, specifically with regard to Coalition structure and project teams, creation of a Coalition Head (e.g., President or Chair), and student engagement, and to provide guidance with regard to next steps in engaging human rights organizations, development of a Coalition outreach plan, and creation of a Coalition Fellowship program.

**Member Actions to Address Human Rights**

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- **Protecting colleagues at risk:** Several organizations have endorsed the [AAAS statement supporting the rights of scholars in Turkey](#) after the failed attempted coup of July 15-16, 2016, have adopted their own statement to the same effect, or have signed onto another letter to the same effect. These organizations are the American Association of Geographers, the American Physical Society, the American Sociological Association, the American Statistical Association, the

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Sigma Xi, and the [Linguistic Society of America](#). The American Statistical Association continues to monitor the situation of statisticians in various countries; the American Physical Society continues to advocate for individual scientists in Palestine, Bahrain, and Iran and wrote [a letter in February 2016](#) expressing concern for detained scientists in Turkey; the American Mathematical Society continues to follow the cases of individual mathematicians under threat, most recently the case of a [Palestinian astrophysicist](#); and the American Chemical Society continues to publicize the cases of individual scholars and general alerts through [its alert network](#).

- **Connecting human rights with disciplinary practice:** the Association for Information Science and Technology will hold a full pre-conference day on ethics and values at its [annual meeting in Copenhagen](#) in October 2016; the American Statistical Association will hold a [session on gun violence](#) as a violation of human rights and as a public health issue at the 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings; the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) held its National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and ensured that attendees would have [access to gender-neutral bathrooms](#) after recent legal actions regarding the rights of transgender individuals; the upcoming [CUR World Conference on Undergraduate Research](#) in Qatar will include a session on human rights; the [American Psychological Association Annual Convention](#) will include a human rights workshop series; the [American Chemical Society National Meeting](#) will include a symposium on chemical sciences and human rights and a networking session for members who are interested in science and human rights; the [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#) will include several panels on human rights; [Sociologists Without Borders](#) will hold a working conference that will include presentation of the work of the Coalition; the [American Educational Research Association Centennial Year Annual Meeting](#) included a number of sessions focused on human rights; and the Capital Area Social Psychological Association is working with the Washington Statistical Society to organize workshops on statistics and human rights.
- **Issuing public statements on human rights:** the American Statistical Association issued a statement indicating that they [will not sign any contracts for meetings](#) in any state with discriminatory laws; the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) issued an [open letter calling for support for gun violence research](#); SPSSI also issued an open letter calling on leaders of the state of Tennessee to [refund the Office for Diversity and Inclusion](#) at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Sigma Xi has posted a statement on human rights on the [homepage of its website](#); and the American Educational Research Association published [a statement on gun violence](#) as a pervasive problem, particularly related to the shootings in Orlando and around the country in June and July, 2016.
- **Including human rights in their organizations' publications:** Sigma Xi has distributed a study from the National Academy of Sciences on immigration to all of its members; the American Educational Research Association [collaborated with AAAS](#) on an [amicus brief](#) related to *Fisher vs. University of Texas*, a case which ruled that the University of Texas's use of race in their admissions policy is constitutional.
- **Creating organizational structures for addressing human rights:** the Council on Undergraduate Research is currently reevaluating its ethics statement; the American Psychological Association has appointed a [Task Force on Human Rights](#) to provide strategic advice to the association in its engagement in the promotion and protection of human rights; and the American Chemical Society has received funding from the U.S. State Department to develop a [Global Chemist's Code of Ethics](#) and is currently working on dissemination and education regarding the code.
- **Awarding a human rights prize:** the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues [awarded seed grants](#) to three projects related to human rights: the integration of immigrants and

refugees in Massachusetts, monitoring racial profiling by law enforcement in San Diego, California, and issues of domestic violence in Oregon.

In addition, some member organization representatives reported on human rights activities that they individually or their fellow representatives have carried out: Brian Gran (Sociologists Without Borders) presented on the work of the Coalition at a conference held at Case Western Reserve University with sixty ambassadors in attendance. Judith Torney-Purta (American Educational Research Association) and Anju Khubchandani (American Psychological Association) produced and published an [annotated bibliography on Internationally Recognized Human Rights and Psychology](#). Art Kendall (Capital Area Social Psychological Association) presented a poster on scientific responsibility that included information on Coalition activities at a conference in Poland.

### **Recent AAAS Activities to Address Human Rights**

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**Wyndham** described several activities currently undertaken by AAAS to address human rights.

- The Geospatial Technologies Project is winding down a project on documenting the destruction of cultural heritage in conflict in Syria and Iraq. This project was done in partnership with the Penn Museum and the Smithsonian Institution.
- The On-call Scientists initiative has almost reached 1,000 volunteers, and will celebrate this milestone when it is reached.
- The AAAS Colloquium series recently hosted Ramón Barthelemy, a Science and Technology Policy Fellow sponsored by the American Physical Society. He presented on the results of a study on the LGBT climate in the physics community.
- SRHRL has received a modest grant from the Open Society Foundation to continue contributing to the United Nations process of defining Article 15, the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. SRHRL is developing a global questionnaire on this topic that will be translated into French and Spanish. The results will be presented to the UN committee in March 2017.
- SRHRL is developing a global survey on the social responsibilities of scientists and engineers, based on the results of a questionnaire developed in collaboration with the Ethics and Human Rights Working Group. The proposed sample frame of the survey is 12.5 thousand individuals, and it will be available in the six UN languages. A request to partner in the dissemination of the survey has been sent to all Coalition member organizations.
- AAAS is piloting a human rights assessment of its own policies and proceedings. The pilot will begin in January 2017 and last for 12 months, with the following several months dedicated to evaluation prior to disseminating a guide to the process.

### **Coalition Visioning – General**

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Wyndham presented the interim financial report to the Council. The Consortium of Social Science Associations has chosen to no longer remain a member of the Coalition and the Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences has joined as an affiliated organization.

Wyndham then updated the Council on the process of Coalition visioning that has been ongoing since the April 2016 Coalition meeting. The Secretariat held a webinar on May 10 that recapped the meeting, identified next steps, and pulled together the Task Teams that would create proposals for next steps. Out of these two events several main areas for immediate work were defined, including how to improve the function of the Coalition, improving membership engagement, changing the Coalition structure,

considering the recognition of an individual as the “Head” of the Coalition, and improving the communications infrastructure.

Areas for future consideration include the financial resources of the Coalition, editing the Coalition goals for clarity and to protect against duplication, and creating baseline data for demonstration of progress towards the Coalition’s goals.

Wyndham described the progress that has been made regarding the Coalition newsletter. Two editions of the newsletter (titled the “Coalition Update”) have been published, for June and July 2016. She said that the following three items will help the newsletter succeed: (1) that the Secretariat know what is useful information for members; (2) that members send shareable information to the Secretariat; and (3) that the newsletter be edited by a volunteer editor. Those interested in the editor position should email Theresa Harris (AAAS, [tharris@aaas.org](mailto:tharris@aaas.org)). Students are eligible to apply, and applicants need not be based in Washington, D.C.

Brad Miller (American Chemical Society) asked about the readership of this newsletter. Wyndham confirmed that only Coalition members will receive the newsletter directly from the Secretariat, but members are welcome to forward it. Additionally, member organizations are encouraged to share individual pieces of information from the newsletter to members of their specific organization as relevant.

In response to a question from Sarah Mancoll (Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues), Harris and Wyndham said that the Secretariat will issue regular calls for content for the newsletter. These calls will ask for updates on Coalition member organization activities, among other topics. Miller suggested that the newsletter include a button that allows for easy access to information regarding joining the Coalition.

### **Coalition Visioning – Project Teams**

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Wyndham turned to the proposal regarding Coalition project teams. During the April meeting, Coalition members indicated a desire to move from the working group structure to more agile and flexible project teams. The proposal presented to the Council built on suggestions made by a Task Team of Coalition members and affiliated individuals, and reflected the view of the Steering Committee. The proposal also had implications for the Founding Documents of the Coalition and the makeup of the Steering Committee. The proposed changes were described in Item 8 of the Coalition Council materials. Wyndham opened the floor to comments from the Council.

Alyson Reed (Linguistic Society of America) noted that considering the legacy of projects started under the auspices of the working groups is a key issue. Clarification regarding the proceedings of these projects under the new structure is necessary, and this also provides an opportunity to reevaluate the value of the continuing projects. Joseph Watkins (American Mathematical Society) asked how work on cases of individual scientists would be maintained under the new structure. Wyndham said that this would depend on a member or members of the Coalition proposing a project on the specific case. She clarified that the issue of potential permanence of particular projects will be considered within the new structure. While in this proposal, requests for proposals will be issued every six months, there is flexibility for immediate project review.

David Burns (National Center for Science and Civic Engagement) noted that it is important to be wary of increased bureaucratic burdens that may result from the project review process. Miller applauded the

good energy and deliverables that emerged from the working groups, and said that the skill sets and products developed by the working groups will inform and be brought to any project team. Wyndham said that the proposal to move to project teams was in no way a reflection on the quality of the working groups or their projects, and encouraged the continuation of successful projects. Gran raised a note of caution and said that some people involved in working groups were only connected to the group, and not always the Coalition as a whole. He said that these individuals may fall through the cracks, and urged further encouragement for all members to be involved with the Coalition as a whole. Wyndham noted that the switch to project teams is intended to help break down the silos created by the working group structure.

Torney-Purta cautioned that groups provide a sense of commitment and stimulation that is important to maintain. Toni Carbo (Association for Information Science and Technology) noted her concern that individuals may not get involved in projects because they are seen as too short-term. She asked how the continuity and shared interest on topics will be maintained while simultaneously building on specific projects. She voiced concern about the dissolution of working groups. Wyndham said that the impetus to switch to project teams emerged from a fear expressed during the April meeting that if the Coalition kept the working group model, it would also retain the challenges of that model (e.g., inefficiency, lack of flexibility and agility, stress on working group co-chairs). The new structure would increase the potential to add to the value of the work of the Coalition. Carbo proposed that some working groups be retained in an informal sense, existing as a special interest group without projects or deadlines. This proposal was supported by Torney-Purta. Jeff Toney (Sigma Xi) said that one way of addressing this issue is through Trellis, where anyone can start an informal discussion. Miller agreed and suggested that each new project proposal could include a few sentences addressing the spirit of the working groups (e.g., how will the project add to the welfare of scientists?). Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach (American Association of Geographers) said that this proposal is not addressing the passion behind the working groups, but the efficiency. She urged those who were leading working group projects to become project leaders under the new structure, and that this may lead to the adoption of some orphaned projects. Wyndham said that the new structure aims to respond to the various motivations people have for being a member of the Coalition, and supported the suggestion to move ahead with project teams and additionally support special interest groups. With regard to orphaned projects, under the new structure, the Secretariat will be able to provide to the Coalition a list of these projects and when they were most recently active.

Burns suggested moving to the new structure with a transition period that would incorporate former working group co-chairs, perhaps inviting them to look at proposed projects. Luzzadder-Beach and Toney agreed with the spirit behind this idea. Kendall said that it is useful to have specific requests in mind when inviting people to participate. He also said that ongoing continuity and overall themes are structurally important. Dorothy Phillips (American Chemical Society) agreed with Kendall. She asked what percentage of the attendees present during the first day of the July 25-26, 2016 meeting were involved members of working groups, and whether this number would increase under the new structure.

Wyndham noted that the co-chair of a working group that included ten to fifteen people had never received responses to communication between meetings, indicating that the new structure would be more supportive in engaging more members of the Coalition. Reed said that the new structure would engage members in a more productive way. Working group time was often focused on process (e.g., developing a strategic plan, reporting back, writing an impact report), and not as much on content. She encouraged an option for individuals to be engaged in more flexible ways, without excess focus on mechanics. She also expressed concern that the working group structure required too much time on the

part of the Secretariat. Edward Walsh (Acoustical Society of America) expressed enthusiasm for the new structure and said that the assignment of specific responsibilities to individuals will improve productivity and participation in projects.

Kendall asked what the requirements for being on the Council will be under the new structure, and how new members will be able to find something in which to participate. Wyndham said that the new structure makes no change to the requirements for being a member organization of the Coalition. Member organizations will still have two representatives on the Council. However, representatives and affiliated individuals will no longer need to immediately choose a working group, and engagement with the Coalition can take various forms. Kendall expressed concern about the lack of remote participation in the Council meeting, while working groups have included remote participants. Wyndham said that projects can still be managed remotely, but Council meetings, as they are not closely tied to projects, are a different matter.

Miller, with amendments from Reed and Carbo, put a motion that the Council adopt the project team concept as proposed and offer Trellis as a tool and resource for members of the Coalition to advance its mission. The motion passed. Watkins noted that with regard to Trellis, the Steering Committee will have to interpret the activities implied by the motion. Lori Diane Hill said that she does not think the motion picked up the nuance of what Trellis should be used for with regard to special interest groups. Torney-Purta said that she thinks the motion emphasis Trellis over the goal of maintaining motivation.

***Members approved the motion to adopt the project team concept as proposed and offer Trellis as a tool and resource for members of the Coalition to advance its mission.***

#### **Coalition Visioning – Coalition Head**

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Wyndham introduced the materials regarding the appointment of a Coalition “Head” which reflect the discussions of a Task Team and the Steering Committee. After introducing the concept, Wyndham asked the Council to discuss the eligibility criteria for the role, asking whether it should be limited to member representatives or executive directors of member or affiliated organizations, whether it could be a leading human rights expert, or an individual that falls in neither category. Melvyn Nathanson (American Mathematical Society) said that it was difficult to decide on eligibility criteria without knowing more about the function of the role. Reed voiced concern about limiting eligibility, noting that a significant amount of time and energy would be needed to lead the Coalition. Mancoll said that many member organizations are structured differently (i.e., not every organization has an executive director), and that not everyone on the Council is a scientist. She asked how important it would be for the Coalition Head to be a scientist.

In response to these questions, Wyndham described the suggested roles of the Head, these include input into biannual Coalition meetings with regard to themes and speakers, chairing the Council meetings, serving as a liaison with cross-sector organizations, assisting with fundraising, and “keeping the Coalition on track.” Nathanson supported the idea of appointing someone who is an established figure in the human rights community. Miller asked if the Council envisioned this person being the public face of the Coalition, and whether the individual’s credentials would reflect on the reputation of the Coalition. Walsh asked about whether senior leadership at AAAS would need to approve of the appointment, especially with regard to public appearances. Wyndham noted that the title of the role would need to be discussed within AAAS, and also depends on the function of the role. The Council would need to define what it meant for the individual to speak on behalf of the Coalition.

Frankel asked about the impetus for the discussion regarding a Coalition Head. Wyndham clarified that this idea was raised at the April meeting. Toney noted that while the position is framed as a volunteer one, it also has very high expectations. Walsh said that this process would be both complicated and informed by the Coalition's relationship with AAAS.

Phillips said that with the retirement of Frankel and other personnel changes within the AAAS Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program, it is currently a good time to maintain cohesion with the current leadership structure of the Coalition. She said that the suggested roles of the Coalition Head are being performed successfully in the current structure. Carbo asked about the availability of any further information with regard to the potential changes in the structure of the Program, and whether the proposed volunteer Coalition Head would be taking on what are currently Secretariat functions. Wyndham clarified that the AAAS Board will not be making changes to the Coalition. Frankel said that he sees no evidence that his retirement will change AAAS senior leadership's supportive view on the Program's science and human rights work. He described an external review of the Program that occurred in March 2016, and the next steps regarding staff work load and hiring for the Program. He confirmed that Celeste Rohlfig, Chief Operating Officer, who participated in the Executive Director's Circle is participating in the internal strategic planning occurring within the Program.

Wyndham said that from the discussion, the Council suggests that this proposal not move forward at this time.

### **Coalition Visioning – Student Engagement**

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Harris introduced the material presented to the Council regarding increasing student engagement in the Coalition, noting the support of the Task Team that provided input that was then reviewed by the Steering Committee. Feedback from both the Task Team and the Steering Committee showed that there is a need for more student engagement in the Coalition prior to the formulation of any formal structure for the incorporation of students. Harris noted that the participants in the student meeting that took place in the morning of Tuesday, July 26, 2016 showed interest in participating further in the Coalition. The materials presented to the Council include a month to month plan for increasing engagement and supporting students, and additional suggestions were made during the Student Meeting.

Ali Arab (American Statistical Association) said that there seemed to be good support from students, especially regarding the new online student competition. Students are interested in multimedia entries, like videos. Harris added to this comment, clarifying that the current largest project is launching the online student competition, alongside the essay competition, that would invite alternative media submissions (e.g., videos, podcasts, creative writing). She noted that questions remain about how best to balance creative submissions with ensuring fair judging against a standardized set of criteria. The competition will hopefully launch in October 2016.

Carbo noted that videos and images are very useful for engagement. Wyndham said that in the Executive Directors' Circle, conversation focused on how to best package and disseminate the material that is presented during the topical part of Coalition meetings, for example through short videos. Harris said that a suggestion for student engagement revolves around the hosting of "satellite meetings" on campuses using the livestream.

Reed said that in order to increase student engagement, the Coalition should focus on hot button issues. She noted that the Black Lives Matter movement has galvanized students across the country, and suggested that topics like criminal justice reform and other social justice issues are human rights issues

and could be potential Coalition meeting themes. She said that the Coalition should become more comfortable with using terms like “social justice” rather than “human rights” in some projects and outreach efforts, in order to best channel the energy of students and provide useful resources. Walsh seconded Reed’s suggestions, noting that topics of interest to students are crucial for increasing engagement.

Phillips asked whether it is may be suggested that a student sit on the Council. Harris clarified that it is a possibility, but that the current focus is on increasing student engagement.

Watkins said that many graduate programs require students to do some kind of professional development activity. He suggested that Coalition materials and resources could be used to create a one unit course in human rights and science that could become part of graduate program curriculums. Mancoll suggested that some scientific organizations organize a pre-conference day focused on policy that includes skill building workshops; these workshops could draw more students and also people in different career stages. Watkins seconded the focus on skill building.

Walsh suggested that one panel at the Coalition meeting could be populated by students. Carbo added that this panel could be responding to a plenary panel, a suggestion seconded by Torney-Purta. Mancoll suggested that a “speed mentoring” session could draw students. Reed noted that a potential meeting theme could be student rights as human rights and that students could be engaged in the planning process.

Wyndham noted that much of the work done by the American Physical Society on the status of LGBT individuals in the physics community included students. Carbo said that inviting speakers from countries where women are denied education could be a powerful step, a suggestion supported by Walsh and Reed.

Gran asked if there are opportunities to reach out to organizations who work with undergraduates, particularly around the time of graduation. Jenn Chow (Council on Undergraduate Research) said that this comprises much of CUR’s work, but that students are in need of financial resources to participate. Students are interested in building their resumes and participating in these kinds of activities, but require the support to do so. Wyndham encouraged the Council to share social media regarding student engagement in the Coalition with their media offices, and invited them to provide input on a student-focused webinar.

### **Coalition Visioning – Next Steps**

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Wyndham introduced the additional topics of discussion for the Coalition visioning process. The discussion that followed focused on three issues: engagement with human rights organizations; development of a Coalition outreach plan; and the creation of a Coalition Fellowship program.

#### *Engagement with human rights organizations*

Wyndham asked how the Coalition could better build bridges with the human rights community. Gran said that it is important to receive feedback on Coalition projects to ensure that the work performed is useful to the human rights community. In response to a question from Reed, Wyndham clarified that some members of the Coalition voiced interest in receiving input and feedback on work undertaken by the Coalition, and in working in concert with members of the human rights community on specific projects. Nathanson asked what links the Coalition currently has with human rights organizations like Scholars at Risk, Scholar Risk Fund, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch. Wyndham said

that there are two representatives from the human rights community on the Steering Committee, and that the Secretariat maintains links with human rights organizations and makes ad hoc connections when it is useful for project work.

Carbo suggested that a panel of individuals from human rights organizations could participate in the Council meeting. Wyndham said that this environment could be created, but that the Secretariat has focused on ensuring that Coalition meetings draw upon work in the scientific and engineering communities that is related to human rights questions. She said that the Secretariat has received feedback that there is sometimes too much focus on the actions of the human rights community. Phillips suggested that an individual from Amnesty International could be a useful connection for increasing student engagement in the Coalition, given the high rates of student involvement in Amnesty International.

Reed said that the Coalition should ask the human rights community what would be most useful in terms of contributions the Coalition and member organizations can make. Additionally, the Coalition should structure a set of potential kinds of support it can provide and what tools scientists and engineers bring. Watkins noted that the Coalition should provide information about the values and risks that scientists can bring to human rights work.

Wyndham then asked if the Council should structurally involve human rights organizations, for example in an observational capacity. Reed said that if a human rights representative was to be on the Council, it should be in a substantive and not only observational way. Phillips said that this role would need to be very specific. Watkins asked and Wyndham clarified that the human rights representatives who sit on the Steering Committee are welcome to participate in Council meetings.

#### *Development of a Coalition outreach plan*

Wyndham then asked the Council to consider how the information, tools, and resources developed within the Coalition and at Coalition meetings could be best disseminated, and about the outreach priorities of member organizations. Reed suggested that engaging full-time outreach experts at AAAS or the larger member organizations would be useful, and suggested convening an advisory group who would provide a few hours of time during Coalition meetings to craft a strategic outreach plan.

Nathanson said that it would be useful to have a list of Coalition accomplishments for outreach purposes, a suggestion seconded by Walsh. Watkins said that this list could be hosted online, and Carbo suggested including images and student input. Mancoll noted that assigning specific outreach tasks (e.g. contacting specific people) to individuals would improve response. Kendall said that the Council should think about the difference in strategy and focus between recruiting member organizations and affiliated individuals. He suggested that Coalition members wear “Ask Me about Science and Human Rights” badges at meetings, but also recommended directly reaching out to specific people.

Torney-Purta said that a potential audience is the group of science attachés at the embassies. Wyndham suggested hosting a reception for these individuals or reaching out to their group. Phillips asked if outreach to international organizations had occurred. Wyndham said that some years ago it was decided that the priority should be strengthening the national base prior to internationalization. Phillips suggested that a Canadian organization could be invited as a test case.

*Creation of a Coalition Fellowship program*

Wyndham introduced the discussion by briefly describing the fellowship program overseen by Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER) at the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement (NCSCE). The proposed fellowship program recognizes that it is difficult for non-tenured faculty who are interested in social issues to receive support from their superiors and institutions. A fellowship would provide a name for this work that would provide support for CVs and tenure applications. The fellowship program would be competitively run, may include modest funding, and would engage fellows in the work of the Coalition. Gran supported this idea, noting that many universities do not provide adequate support or recognition of the work of the Coalition or AAAS. Kendall asked about the amount of funding fellows would receive. Wyndham clarified that SENCER fellowships are not associated with any set amount of money. Any funding is small and supports project-related travel, or attendance at meetings.

Torney-Purta suggested the creation of an endowment for these fellowships. Wyndham noted that this is similar to the AAAS-Andrew M. Sessler Fund for Science, Education, and Human Rights, created in honor of past American Physical Society president Andrew M. Sessler. This fund could provide an initial source of funding, but additional funds would need to be procured in order to ensure sustainability.

**Other Business**


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In response to a question from Nathanson, Wyndham updated the Council on the status of the work regarding Article 15 and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. AAAS currently has a modest grant from the Open Society Foundation that will support the creation of a global questionnaire on the meaning of the right. In response to a question from Reed, Wyndham encouraged the dissemination of the questionnaire by member organizations as far and wide as possible. Wyndham and Margaret Weigers Vitullo of the American Sociological Association are working with a project team to develop a visualization tool to better understand what governments say they are doing with regard to this right. Additionally, the team is conducting targeted interviews about what Article 15 means with regard to rights and health, beyond the right to health. The UN Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Committee meets in March 2017, at which time a process will be underway to define the right.

Carbo asked if AAAS had ever hosted an Andrew Carnegie fellow, and suggested that it may be a good fit. Mancoll announced that SPSSI president Susan Clayton will speak at a quarterly series of congressional briefings, two of which will be on climate resilience and health disparities, respectively.

## Meeting Attendees

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Ali Arab	American Statistical Association
David Burns	National Center for Science and Civic Engagement
Toni Carbo	Association for Information Science and Technology
Jennifer Chow	Council on Undergraduate Research
Juan Gallardo	American Physical Society
Brian Gran	Sociologists Without Borders
Lori Hill	American Education Research Association
Michele Irwin	American Physical Society
Art Kendall	Capital Area Social Psychological Association
Anju Khubchandani	American Psychological Association
Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach	American Association of Geographers
Sarah Mancoll	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Brad Miller	American Chemical Society
Melvyn Nathanson	American Mathematical Society
Dorothy Phillips	American Chemical Society
Alyson Reed	Linguistic Society of America
Jeff Toney	Sigma Xi
Judith Torney-Purta	American Educational Research Association
Gabe Twose	American Psychological Association
Ed Walsh	Acoustical Society of America
Joe Watkins	American Mathematical Society

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Lori Brown	American Chemical Society
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