COPA Committee Report

COPA Committee Members
Susan Verducci (chair)
Doris Santoro
Amy Shuffelton
Suzanne Rice
Sarah Stitzlein

The committee welcomed Sarah Stitzlein for a 5-year term, and thanked Kathleen Knight Abowitz for her service.

Doris Santoro reported that progress had been made on the PES Jobs Manuals (written accounts of PES committee responsibilities) by Barbara Applebaum as her 2016 Presidential Project. COPA is now taking on the responsibility of gathering, archiving, and disseminating the information to future chairs of these committees.

At the 2016 conference the committee ran a brainstorming session centered on the question of promoting the visibility and impact of the work we do at PES through a series called GroundWork: PES Briefs on Policy and Practices. COPA solicited two white papers for our session on March 19, 2017: 1) Transgender Student Advocacy and Support: Evolving Ethics in a Time of Devolving Policy, by Cris Mayo (member), Aidan Key (of Gender Diversity, Seattle), and Scott Gust (Westminster College); and 2) How Should Educators Think about School Shootings, by Bryan Warnick. These papers have been uploaded to the PES website for reading and redistribution. We are looking for a member outside of COPA to coordinate the series for continuity purposes.

Michael Gunzenhauser will be joining COPA for a five year term and Amy Shuffelton was elected COPA chair for the 2017-2018 year.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Verducci
COPA chair, 2016-17