



Research Interest Group (RIG) Meeting Summary Form

Each RIG Chair will need to submit this form to info@mnrs.org within two (2) weeks after the Annual Conference ends.

RIG Name: Qualitative Methods

Number Attended: 27

RIG Leadership for the past year:

Chair-elect: Susan Bonis

Chair: Maria Yelle

Past-chair: M. Lindell Joseph

RIG Leadership for the upcoming year with complete contact information:

Leadership role (name of individual):	Affiliation:	Email:	Telephone:
Chair-elect:	Jill Peltzer	Jpeltzer2@kumc.edu	913-588-3396
Chair:	Susan Bonis	susanbonis53@gmail.com	715-563-1525
Past Chair:	Maria Yelle	myelle@edgewood.edu	(608) 663-2268

RIG Snapshots: Each RIG has its own web page within the MNRS website for you to highlight the section's activities and plans for the upcoming year(s):

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions	Welcomed members and new members	Members and PhD students shared their research interests with the RIG
Awards	Distributed the Outstanding Dissertation Award and Junior Research Award	Encouraged members to continue to think about members for whom they could nominate for awards.

<p>Discussion Topics</p>	<p>Communication: How best to communicate with the RIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNRS Qualitative RIG List serve • LinkedIn <p>Not all members present were open to using LinkedIn.</p> <p>Discussed the possibility of piloting LinkedIn for discussion of special topics – no decision as yet</p>	<p>Will continue discussion with the RIG using the MNRS Qualitative RIG list serve.</p> <p>Regarding use of LinkedIn: Will consider piloting LinkedIn with discussion questions.</p> <p>Will distribute LinkedIn instructions from MNRS website to Qualitative RIG members through the MNRS Qualitative RIG list serve</p> <p>Will continue discussion with the RIG</p> <p>Should we pilot LinkedIn with discussion questions:</p> <p>Will attach Linked In instructions from MNRS and send to list serve.</p>
<p>Grant Committee</p>	<p>Encouraged members to volunteer when the call comes out for grant committee representatives</p> <p>Jill Peltzer is currently the primary reviewer for 2015-2017.</p> <p>Alternates: Susan Bonis and Maria Yelle as Alternates.</p>	<p>Barbara Bowers and Barb King volunteered to represent for the next call.</p>
<p>Guaranteed Symposium</p>	<p>Encouraged members to attend symposium as a spring board for discussion of ways the Qualitative RIG can serve its members.</p> <p>The 2016 symposium was focused on rigor and methodological issues in qualitative research, in</p>	<p>Will facilitate discussion on list serve.</p>



	addition to individual research reports. Presenters participated in panel discussion with the audience, emphasizing the purpose of this methods RIG.	
Central Process for Applications	At the RIG Chair meeting the issue of a central process for applications is currently under review.	This issue is currently being reviewed by the Review Board. More information will be sent to all RIG Chairs and Co-Chairs when a decision is made.

Upcoming Awards

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Upcoming Research Snapshots

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We are looking for RIG members who would like to showcase their programs of research, highlighting qualitative research methods. Please email Dr. Bonis, the current chair, if you would like to be represented in the research snapshots.

Submitted by Maria Yelle and Susan Bonis