

DC Psychological Association Year End Report for 2021

Highlights (Larry Perlman)

DC has 1450 licensed psychologists per APA's tally. It increased from 173 to 240 full members last year (17% participation). In addition, they have 57 students and 37 associate members. Many of the latter are from allied professions. DCPA is unique in the partnerships they have forged with other mental health providers (MSWs and LPCs). Below are some excerpts from their annual report. Note their recruitment of younger leaders and promotion of social justice issues, as well as free events and services for both members and the public.

2021 was a transformative year for the DC Psychological Association (DCPA). Our achievements included the following:

We acquired a new management company that provided a new Executive Director and Association Manager who efficiently met member requests, streamlined all our internal processes, and provided financial management and information technology services

We had a 54% increase in our membership since 2020 with 334 members [including 37 Associate Members and 57 students].

As of 2021, DCPA has one of the most diverse boards with the highest percentage of Early Career Psychologists (ECPs) in the nation. Of the 14 psychologists on our board, 10 of them are ECPs and our 7 committees are mostly led and composed of ECPs. Their work in advocacy, diversity and social justice, and community outreach earned DCPA the Division 31 2021 Early Career Psychologist Initiative Award. However, our growth and expansion would not have been possible without the guidance, wisdom, and institutional knowledge of our dedicated and longtime board members. Collectively, DCPA's strength comes from the commitment and passion of all of our members for the advancement of our profession, serving our members, and the promotion of public welfare.

DCPA's increased finances by 32% through membership, continuing education (CE) training programs and advertising revenue.

48% of the CE programs were on topics covering diversity, social justice and inclusion. DCPA is one of the leading psychological associations in promoting diversity, social justice and inclusion.

22% of our events this year were free to the public, a public service that DCPA plans to continue in 2022. We provided 4 LGBTQ+ peer consultation groups and are offering a free peer supervision group in 2022.

DCPA was approved by APA for homestudy, so members can earn CEs on their own timeline. This feature will be available on our website in 2022!

Dr. Victoria Sylos-Labini - DCPA Past President 2021