American Psychological Association

This Division Annual Report form has been developed to help the Committee on Division and APA Relations (CODAPAR) identify new division projects and initiatives and monitor division activities for compliance with the American Psychological Association’s bylaws, policies and rules as stated in the Association Rule 100-1 - Reports, Liability Insurance, Public Statements, Contracts and Political Activities.

Division Name: The Division of State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Association Affairs (SPTAs)
Division Number: 31
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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS – Non-Contract Divisions

Only those divisions who maintain their non-APA member and affiliate membership data without assistance from the APA Division Services Office will need to fill in the Membership Numbers questions.

Student Affiliates: 0
Professional Affiliates: 0
International Affiliates: 0
Others: 0

--Divisions with Chapters and Sections--

Please list the division’s chapters and sections:

Per APA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 7, “Divisions shall oversee the activities of their sections and/or chapters and monitor for their compliance with the APA Bylaws, Association Rules, and current policies.”

Are any of your chapters or sections separately incorporated? No

If yes, please provide the state of incorporation, copies of articles of incorporation (if not provided to APA within the past year), copy of the most recent annual report, tax filings, officers and any other information regarding the legal status of the section or chapter. This should be emailed to division@apa.org.

Activities of the Division

Please use this space to provide an executive summary of the activities and accomplishments of the Division during the previous year. CODAPAR will share your full answer, unedited, in its compilation of Division Annual Reports for this year. You are limited to 250 words, which is approximately 1 large paragraph or a bulleted list of about 10 long sentences. This is your opportunity to showcase to the APA Board of Directors the achievements and important work of the Division.

Division 31 was a major participant in the 2017 Diversity Leadership Development Workshop. This one day workshop is designed to develop leaders of ethnic minority origin in SPTAs. Many participants continue to move forward into SPTA and APA leadership positions.

We established an Ethics listserv to provide an opportunity for broad discussion of ethical issues relevant to SPTAs. We also established a Coordinators listserv to provide an opportunity for communication of issues and topics relevant to SPTAs and to facilitate communication between APA and SPTAs. We strongly advocated for the passage of the APA bylaws amendment to ensure a seat on Council for every entity.

Two new task forces were established: a Regulatory Task Force to address issues related to the various regulatory and practice changes across the country including PsyPACT, Telepsychology, Omnibus Licensure, Master’s practice, and Inter-jurisdictional licensure; and an Integrated Care Task Force to inform members of developments in this area.

Div. 31 gave four awards at the PLC to recognize and increase visibility of the accomplishments of SPTAs. These awards are: Outstanding SPTA, Outstanding SPTA Staff Member, SPTA Diversity Committee Award, and ECP Committee Initiative Award.

At the convention we gave the Outstanding SPTA Psychologist Award, had 3 new fellows, and serve as the home for the Heiser Award.

Top Three Concerns

Please use this space to provide a list of up to three top concerns of the Division. The purpose of this question is to reveal areas for joint collaboration about best practices among divisions, or to highlight areas where the division or its sections might desire further support from CODAPAR and/or the resources of APA. You are limited to 75 words, which is approximately three sentences.
Increasing membership, financial stability and a strong voice for SPTAs within APA are concerns for Division 31.

**ADVOCACY**

Did the division conduct any lobbying activities to influence Federal, State or Local legislation or encourage others to do so in collaboration with APA, the APA Practice Organization (APAPO) or otherwise?

No

*If YES, please provide a short summary of the activities and/or provide any relevant materials with your report.*

**If the division has a designated person(s) to coordinate advocacy activities with APA and/or the APAPO, please provide their name(s) and contact information below:**

Name: Cynthia Sturm, Ph.D.
Title: Federal Advocacy Coordinator
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**AMICUS BRIEF**

Divisions may participate in Amicus Briefs according to the procedures approved by the APA Board of Directors. In the event that the Board decides that APA will file an amicus brief, the division may not file a separate brief in the same case. (Association Rule 100-1.8) For a list of briefs filed by APA, please check the website at www.apa.org

Did the division participate in filing an Amicus Briefs in any court case during 2017? No

*If YES, were the briefs approved by the APA Board of Directors? (blank)*

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Has the division published any position or policy statements during 2017? No

*If YES, please include a copy of each statement including the disclaimer statement required by Association Rule 100-1.4.*

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**POLICY & COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

**ELECTIONERING**

Organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are prohibited from supporting, either directly or indirectly, any candidate for federal, state or local office including contributions or other support to any political action committees. Divisions and their chapters and section are recognized as such and they are thereby prohibited from such activities. (Association Rule 100-1.9)

Did the division endorse or support any Federal, State or Local candidate for office? No

*If YES, please provide a short summary of the activities and/or provide any relevant materials with your report.*

**CONTRACTS**

Divisions may execute contracts or grants with outside entities. Such contracts and grants that exceed $10,000 must be submitted and reviewed by the APA Office of General Counsel and the APA Finance Office.

During 2017, did the division enter into any contracts and/or grants, either of which exceeded $10,000.00? No

*If YES, was a Legal and Financial Review conducted by APA? (blank)*

Please list contracts/grants and amounts below:

**GUIDELINES**

Is the division currently involved in creating guidelines? No

*If YES, when will they be ready for APA review?*

Proposed Month and Year:
Proposed Title or Topic:

Is the division in compliance with Association Rule 30.8? Yes
ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Is the division formally or informally associated with any groups outside APA? No

If YES, does the division provide any financial support, membership dues or contributions to these organizations? (blank)

If answered YES to the questions above, please provide the group name, a short summary of the activities and an explanation of the financial ties.

DIVISION DEVELOPMENT

Membership Structure

Did the division amend or make any changes to its Bylaws, organizing documents or rules of governing its affairs, e.g. regulations, operating agreement, articles of incorporation or constitution in 2017? No

If YES to any of these questions, briefly summarize the changes:

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Did the division’s membership structure change or were any new membership categories created during 2017? No

If YES, please summarize the changes and submit a copy of the amended bylaws section that addresses these changes:

Did the division form any new committees in 2017? No

If YES, please list name and mission/activities below:

Did the division form any new chapters or sections in 2017? No

If YES, please list name and submit a copy of the new chapter and/or section bylaws along with this report.

Journals/Publications

APA provides a variety of services to divisions regarding their publications. The Office of General Counsel encourages divisions to have their publication contracts reviewed to ensure the proper legal protections for the Division and APA are in place and that the Division is entering into a contract that contains the most up to date business terms. If you have questions, please contact the Office of General Counsel at (+1/202) 336-6075 or via email at legal@apa.org

APA Bylaws Article VI, Section 9 states that ‘Divisions shall publish journals only with the approval of the Council of Representatives. Proposals for division journal publication go to Council via the Publications and Communications Board. The managing and editing of such divisional journals shall be delegated, through the Publications and Communications Board, to the governance of that Division. The editor of each Division journal shall file a report with the Publications and Communications Board annually.’

Does the division have a journal? No

If YES, has the division filed its annual journal report with Publications and Communications Board? (blank)

Is your journal contract with your current publisher up for renewal within the next 2 years? (blank)

Is the division in the process of developing a journal? No

If YES, has the division consulted with the Publications and Communications Board? (blank)

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