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.

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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--

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 key advocate in the APA Council of Representatives vote to pass an APA bylaws amendment that ensures all State, Provincial and Territorial Associations (SPTAs) maintain at least one seat on Council.
Division 31 participated in the Practice Leadership Conference and sponsored a presentation with the Committee for Early Career Psychologist on advocating for pre-doctoral hours to be counted toward licensure in all 50 states. The division presented four awards at the Practice Leadership Conference to recognize and improve the visibility of SPTA accomplishments. The awards presented were: Outstanding SPTA, Outstanding SPTA Staff Member, SPTA Diversity Committee Award, and ECP Initiative Committee Initiative Award. The division is also active in supporting the Diversity Leadership program at PLC and identified a fundraising program.
We established new communication strategies to improve the connection between SPTA leaders, which included new listserv. We also had initiatives that focused on “hot topics” in SPTA issues and sharing resources through our division listserv.
The division had a full program of APA convention presentation focused on advocation at the state and national level and the division presented the Outstanding SPTA Psychologist Award.
Division 31 also serves as the home for the APA Heiser Award which is an APA Presidential Award for advocacy.

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.
Maintaining a strong voice in APA for SPTA concerns and representation. Increasing communication among state leadership through the division. Supporting diversity leadership training and the leadership pipeline. Highlighting the work of SPTAs and SPTA leaders.

**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: Tyler Bradstreet, PhD  
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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 2018? 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 2018? No

*If Yes, did you submit your statement to APA for review? (blank)*

Please provide a brief description of the policy statement. Please include title, topic, whether or where the document is published electronically, and any brief details you’d like CODAPAR to know about your review of the statement with APA staff.

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

**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 2018, 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 2018? No

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

Did the division’s membership structure change or were any new membership categories created during 2018? 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 2018? Yes

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

Did the division form any new chapters or sections in 2018? No

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

The division created a communication committee which focused on communicating legislative issues and strategies with among SPTA leaders.

Division Volunteers

Please estimate by number how many individuals (including division officers, committee members, and helpers) have volunteered their work for division projects this past year? 25

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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