

THE DIVISION 31 ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Division 31 serves as advocate for SPTAs to ensure our SPTAs remain open, active, and centered on the needs of the psychologists and psychology. APA/APASi Staff and BoD members joined our Division 31 Executive Board virtual meeting on August 7th, and we had meetings with APA Staff and BoD members and Division 42 leadership throughout the year focused on Practice. Division 31 became the newest member of the Interdivisional Healthcare Committee, started a Task Force to develop creative ways to address financial concerns of SPTAs, discussed continued funding for the Diversity Leadership Workshop, and attended the Practice Leadership Conference where we presented annual awards for Diversity, SPTA staff members, and ECP and student initiatives. Division 31's President Dr. Kathy Ashton co-led a town hall on June 3rd about SPTAs. Division 31's Convention Program Chair Dr. Tyson Bailey led the changeover of Division 31 presentations to a virtual platform in light of pandemic restrictions. During Division 31's virtual social hour on August 7th, the Karl F. Heiser APA Presidential Awards for Advocacy and Division 31 Outstanding Psychologist of the Year Award were presented, and we recognized our newest Fellow of Division 31. Division 31 also worked to re-invigorate diversity efforts as we progress toward the bi-annual Diversity Leadership Workshop in March 2021. We also updated our website with the Division 31 and SPTA's statements of equity, diversity and inclusion and encouraged SPTAs to commit to action against structural and institutional racism and discrimination.

Top three concerns of the Division: Our concerns remain to support diversity leadership training and the leadership pipeline, maintain a strong voice in APA for SPTA concerns and representation, and foster enhanced and consistent communication among state leaders to highlight the work of SPTAs and their leaders.

New in 2020 Policy Statement (Statement against Racism and Discrimination) of Division 31, Brief description of the policy statement: The Division developed and posted to our website a statement against racism and discrimination and encouraged SPTAs to provide us with a copy of their own SPTA-developed statements which we posted to our website: <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/publications/equity-diversity-inclusion>. We felt our work with APA staff was generally smooth and helpful in getting statements approved for posting to the website and we also posted the following disclaimer: This is an official statement of Division 31 of the American Psychological Association and does not represent the position of the American Psychological Association or any of its other divisions or subunits.