

FORM TO ASSIST IN DATA COLLECTION REGARDING DIVISION 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.” This form is for Divisions to gather information from Sections.

1. Division The Division of State, Provincial, and Territorial Association Affairs (SPTAs)--31

2. Section Number & Name

3. Name of Preparer Kathleen Ashton, Ph.D., ABPP Division 31 President 2021

4. Does the Section have any sections or chapters of its own? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please list them below. If the section/chapter is separately incorporated, please specify that detail as well.

5. Did the Section 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? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please provide a summary of activities to the Division.

Division 31 acts as a liaison between SPTAs and APA. State leaders share information about state advocacy activities on our listserv, & provide information on advocacy on our website. For example, the Integrated Care State Toolkit offers examples of legislative language. Division 31 is active in participating in Practice Leadership Conference & encouraging its members to attend as state leaders. Further, we forward APA Advocacy news and alerts to members via listserv.

6. Does the Section have a designated person to coordinate advocacy activities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please provide that individual's contact information to the Division.

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7. Did the Section participate in filing an *Amicus Brief* in any court case during 2021?
☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide to the Division a summary of the case and the Section's activities, including whether the brief was approved by the APA Board of Directors.

8. Did the Section publish any position or policy statements during 2021? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please provide to the Division a copy of each statement as well as the following summary details: title, topic, whether or where the document is published electronically, and whether the statement was submitted to APA for review.

Division 31 Statement against racism and discrimination

Topic (EDI) <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/publications/statement-against-racism.pdf>

Yes, this was reviewed by APA and a disclaimer included.

9. Did the Section endorse or support any Federal, State or Local candidate for office?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please provide a summary of activities to the Division.

10. Did the Section enter into any contracts and/or grants, (including hotel, publication, or consultant agreements, law firms, association management agreements, meeting planning agreements), either of which exceeded \$10,000.00? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide to the Division a summary of the contracts including subject, amount, and whether a legal or financial review was conducted by APA.

11. Is the section currently involved in creating guidelines? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide a summary of activities to the Division, including when the proposed guidelines will be ready for APA review.

12. Is the Section formally or informally associated with any groups outside of APA?
☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide a summary of activities to the Division, including the group name, whether the Section provides financial support, membership dues, or contributions to the organization.

13. During 2021, did the Section 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? Did membership structure change? Were new membership categories created? Were new committees, chapters, or sections formed? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please provide a summary of changes to the Division and send the Division a copy of any new or revised Bylaws.

A new taskforce to respond to ethics code changes was formed.

14. Does the Section have a journal? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide to the Division the journal title, publisher, and whether an annual journal report was filed with the APA Publications and Communications Board.

15. Is the Section in the process of developing a journal? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, please provide a summary of activities to the Division, including whether the Section has consulted with APA Legal Counsel (for contract purposes) or the Publications and Communications Board.

16. Does the Section wish to highlight to the Division any important accomplishments or achievements during 2021, to be shared with APA?

Important accomplishments in 2021 included:

1. Development of a Guest Series of townhalls on topics such as advocacy, ethics, and reimbursement to help increase collaborative communication with APA staff and leaders.
2. Increased administrative support for the Diversity Leadership Training program and coordination with APA Practice, APA Office of Diversity and CSL
3. Sponsored APA 2021 Convention programs on areas including social justice, state advocacy, work/life balance during COVID, state responses to COVID
4. Provided awards to outstanding SPTA, SPTA staff, SPTA Diversity initiatives, SPTA Early Career Initiatives, and Psychologist of the year. Recognized new fellows in APA and Division 31. Presented Karl F. Heiser Award for advocacy in conjunction with APA President.

Sections are reminded to provide to the Division a copy of any supporting documents (such as advocacy materials, lobbying materials, new or revised Bylaws, and policy statements), particularly if information is not fully included through the provision of a brief answer above.