APA Elections

by Sallie Hildebrandt, PhD

Division 31 represents states issues on Council. It is notable that all APA members can elect that of president. Please read carefully the information from the candidates. The Board of Division 31 is endorsing Dr. Barry Anton as APA President Elect because of his efforts and dedication to SPTA issues. Currently your state’s representation on Council is determined by your apportionment votes. It is very important to assign all your votes to your state association so that states can vote for your interests on Council where APA initiatives are implemented.

Division 31’s Diversity Task Force has been imbued with new energy under the leadership of Chair Dinelia Rosa. The Task Force has posted new blog entries on the website and is working with OEMA’s online publication Communiqué on a theme of diversity, advocacy and leadership which will be published online in September. Look for this issue! In addition, the Student Task Force has been instru-

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Division 31 offers a variety of blogs for members. Please see our list below and visit those of interest to you.

**APA President-elect Candidate Anton Article**

**by Barry S. Anton, Ph.D, ABPP**

**APA President Elect Candidate**

Multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, multispecialty, integrated, interrelated, interprofessional, and collaborative. These terms suggest the concept of teams of health care providers working together offering comprehensive, quality, affordable health care. The idea is not new. “The concept of medicine as a single discipline concerned with only the restoration of individual health from the diseased state should be replaced by the concept of ‘health professions’ working in concert to maintain and increase the health of society as well as the individual.” (Coggeshall, 1965; Mills, 1966).

APA’s recently published “Core competencies for Interprofessional collaborative practice.” (APA, 2009) defines “interprofessional” or “interprofessionality” as, “The process by which professionals reflect on and develop ways of practicing that provides an integrated and cohesive answer to the needs of the client/family/population... [I]t involves continuous interaction and knowledge sharing between professionals, organized to solve or explore a variety of education and care issues all while seeking to optimize the patient’s participation. Interprofessional practice has unique characteristics in terms of values, codes of conduct, and ways of working.”

To see the unabridged version of Dr. Anton’s article, please visit [http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/health-care/index.aspx](http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/health-care/index.aspx)

Barry Anton has served three terms on the APA Board of Directors, and is a candidate for APA President-Elect.

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**APA President-elect Candidate Geisinger Article**

**by Kurt F. Geisinger, PhD**

**APA President Elect Candidate**

This article describes efforts this author used to hire new faculty members at a university. The results included 30% ethnic minorities and over 50% women. It also briefly describes moving diverse candidates into positions of leadership.

After serving as chair of the psychology department at Fordham University, I was privileged to serve as Dean of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Oswego (SUNY-Oswego) and then later as Vice President for Academic Affairs at two private universities. In this brief article, I wanted to talk about the strategies that were used to hire a very diverse faculty at SUNY-Oswego; it speaks to many of the diversity issues in our society.

To begin this brief narrative, I need to share some context. Four years prior to my being hired as dean, a new president had been hired, Stephen L. Weber. One of his goals upon entering the university had been to diversify the faculty, but he had been having difficulty in so doing. That I had recently edited, the Psychological Testing of Hispanics (APA Books), and had taught the Equal Employment Opportunity Hiring course for Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations were among the reasons I was hired. Shortly after beginning my work, at a meeting of the department chairs (19 white, male chairs), I shared a list of questions that are normally illegal during job interviews. After a number of the chairs expressed the reasons why they thought some of the questions should be asked, we discussed the implications of some questions. I still remember the representative of the library, one of three women in attendance revealing as part of that discussion that when she had been interviewed some 25 years earlier the following question had been put to her, “Will your husband allow you to work evenings and weekends?”

To see the unabridged version of Dr. Geisinger’s article, please visit [http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/diversity/index.aspx](http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/diversity/index.aspx).

Kurt F. Geisinger has served one term on the APA Board of Directors, and is a candidate for APA President-Elect.
The PAA has been strongly involved in advocating to make psychologists integral to Alberta’s primary health care system. This is being done by meeting with key Government and Alberta Health Services personnel, and most particularly by the Executive Director’s work on the Minister’s Primary Health Care Strategy Working Group, which is responsible for designing the future of primary health care in Alberta. We have been advocating with Alberta Health as well as the Ministry of Advanced Education for the development of a PsyD program in Alberta.

**Colorado Psychological Assn.**

CPA successfully led the effort to create and pass legislation allowing psychologists to perform initial psychological evaluations for defendants who are seeking a “not guilty by reason of insanity” (NGRI) plea. Prior to the passage of this bill, only MDs were allowed to perform these first evaluations, with psychologists only utilized to provide second opinions. CPA supported a “mental health practice act clean up” bill that, among other things, revoked the requirement for mental health professionals to verbally disclose mandatory disclosure information to clients.

In response to the Colorado governor’s efforts to overhaul the civil commitment process, CPA joined with other mental health partners in an effective campaign to slow down potential changes to this critically important aspect of mental health care by advocating for the creation of a multi-disciplinary task force to study the issue and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature. A 25 member task force and CPA worked diligently to ensure that a psychologist representing CPA was included on the committee.

**Indiana Psychological Assn.**

The IPA worked with legislators to draft and pass a resolution to study removing the requirement that a psychiatrist must be at least one of the professionals examining a defendant who raises an insanity defense. We also wrote a position paper supporting legislation establishing the Indiana Affordable Care Committee, assured that a psychologist would be a member of a proposed new board for overseeing licensing of diabetes educators, lobbied to defeat a bill that would have allowed the Division of Consumer Complaints to obtain mental health records without the person’s consent, and met with government agencies to educate them on the provision of work for doctoral and non-doctoral providers when conducting diagnostic psychological and neuropsychological testing and how it is billed.

**Iowa Psychological Assn.**

IPA is offering CE salons this Fall on “Social Class Issues in Counseling” in Ames; “Working with Subpoenas and Confidentiality Rights” in West Des Moines; and “Recent Updates in Suicides and Suicide Prevention” in Cedar Falls. Additionally, the Fall Conference, on October 4, in Cedar Rapids, will feature Rural Agricultural Psychologist Dr. Micheal Rosmann for a 6 hour presentation, “Agricultural Behavioral Health: What We Need to Know to Serve Agrarian Populations”.

**Maine Psychological Assn.**

The MPA has been active educating psychologists on the implications of the Affordable Care Act and what it will mean to their profession. MPA’s Health Care Task Force has been discussing ways to provide integration opportunities for psychologists with primary care. We have met with the Director of the Primary Care Association to fashion linkages for training, held a workshop on treating patients with diabetes, and met the Director of a newly formed non-profit health insurance co-op “Community Health Options” to talk about psychologists’ role in the new entity.

**NC Psychological Assn.**

NCPA Ethics Co-Chair and Immediate Past President Dr. Erica Wise was presented the 2013 APA Ethics Committee Award for Outstanding Contributions to Ethics Education during an Ethics Committee session at the 2013 APA Convention. NCPA nominated Dr. Wise for this for her many and unique contributions to psychology in North Carolina as an ethics educator for the past 30 years.

**Ohio Psychological Assn.**

OPA had a successful Leadership Forum this summer for about 20 future association leaders, including some of our graduate students. Our keynote speaker, Jamie T. Richardson, Vice President for White Castle Systems, Inc., set the tone with a powerful and inspiring presenta-
Over the years that we have been involved with the prescriptive authority agenda (RxP), there has been remarkably little discussion regarding the possibility of colleagues working within State prison and mental health systems providing this important clinical service. Fred Frese, a longtime advocate for psychology’s increased involvement with individuals challenged by chronic mental health issues, recently reported on a 7-year follow-up study published in JAMA-Psychiatry finding that individuals with schizophrenia who are on reduced or no doses of anti-psychotic medications do better than those on medications. Other research Fred has highlighted suggests that those on antipsychotic medications live 15 to 25 years less than would be normally expected. As is the case with colleagues serving within federal institutions (i.e., the Department of Defense (DoD), Indian Health Service (IHS), and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)), legislative restrictions on scope of practice issues frequently do not apply to public employees. We understand from Glenn Ally that since the enactment of their RxP legislation on May 6, 2004, medical psychologists in Louisiana have had an increasing presence within their public mental health system. Given the impressive and lengthy history of federal colleagues prescribing, we would hope that fostering state-based pilot projects would become a legislative priority for our State Associations.

During our recent Hawaii convention, we were very pleased to receive an update from Illinois RxP proponent Beth Rom-Rymer that in Ohio: “While, originally the Ohio RxP bill had been introduced as a small-scale demonstration project focusing upon the needs of the criminal justice system, legislative sponsors have urged us to introduce a full-scale RxP bill. This bill will be introduced in the 2014 legislative session, with a promise of doing well (Michael Ranney).” Those familiar with nursing’s successful RxP quest over the years will appreciate the pivotal role that a small demonstration project in Ohio (when then-Dean Ron Fox was at Wright State University) evolved into a national success.

**A New Era for Behavioral Health:**

President Obama’s Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides the states with considerable flexibility to implement a program that is tailored to their unique needs and strengths. Notwithstanding the current political climate, the political/policy experts that I am aware of do not seriously think that the ACA will be repealed or the newest phrase “unfunded.” Unprecedented change has come to our nation’s health care system with an emphasis upon integrated, interdisciplinary, patient-centered care, utilizing communications technology to objectively develop data-based “gold standard” protocols. The Administration has given a high priority to ensuring parity between mental health care and traditional physical health care, demonstrated by mental health and substance abuse services being among the ten “essential benefits” health insurers must provide under the state health exchange provision of ACA, which is to be implemented October 1, 2013. Aloha.
Historical Reforms Sweep Over APA Governance

Lisa Grossman, JD, PhD, ABPP

This Council meeting was anything but business as usual as sweeping changes in the structure and function of APA governance were approved by Council. Although there was much discussion and debate, the majority approved what can only be called historic reforms.

The changes endorsed by Council include:

- Enhancing the use of technology to expand communication among governance members and between governance and the general membership.
- Developing a program that would create a new pipeline for leadership in APA governance.
- Creating a triage system that would enable governance to work efficiently and nimbly on new issues, without duplicative efforts.
- Expanding Council’s scope to focus on directing and informing major policy issues and ensuring policy is aligned with APA’s mission and strategic plan.
- Delegating responsibility for budget and internal policy matters to APA’s Board of Directors for a 3 year trial period.
- Changing the composition of APA’s Board of Directors to be more representative of APA’s membership. The Board would include 6 members-at-large elected by and drawn from the membership, with the candidates selected based on a needs assessment following an open nominations process.
- Time ran out before Council could vote on a structural change in Fall 2013.

Student Leadership Symposium Sets Stage for Next Steps

Division 31, APAGS Representative Greg Wilson

During the 2013 APA Convention, Division 31 allotted convention programming hours for student programming, a new and novel approach. During the past year, Division 31 student membership has and further ways are being sought to make this the professional home that students can claim as their own.

“Future of SPTA’s Graduate Student Involvement, Leadership, and Innovation” addressed issues about advocacy and SPTA concerns. Speakers included the APAGS Advocacy Coordinating Team: Dr. Paul Ascheman, Dr. Mike Parent, and Sabrina Esbitt. Greg Wilson proposed and ran the symposium.

Presentations [http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/student/graduate-student-leadership.pdf] focused on what the APAGS Advocacy Coordinating Team looked like from a systems level, and how the ACT network is a key player in disseminating information related to science and practice to students across a vast network of student representatives from around the country.

Esbitt focused her presentation on NY State Psychological Association advocacy engaged in on behalf of students in NY. She described the challenge in advocating for the needs of students across the state, when most of the doctoral programs are located within urban New York City. Her talk demonstrated why it is imperative that students join their state psychological associations, and how they can become members and leaders within these organizations.

Ascheman discussed the APAGS Advocacy Coordinating Team, explaining what the network is, common usage and the bidirectional communication between the organization and SPTAs. Topics included advocacy issues, student issues, including those occurring within specific SPTAs that have huge ramifications for students and training.

Parent spoke about student engagement in advocacy efforts and about the internship crisis, discussing how groups such as those mentioned by Ascheman and Esbitt play a crucial role in advocacy efforts on student related issues. Parent viewed the internship crisis, and advocacy as a whole, through a feminist/post-modern and organizational behavior approach, and highlighted that the nature of these advocacy related efforts are based within social justice causes.

To see this unabridged article, visit website at [http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/news-events/blog/student/index.aspx].

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And the Heiser Winners Are...

shown below, preparing to present the 2013 Heiser Awards, are, from left, Division 31 Treasurer Sally Horwatt, PhD, speaking with APA President Donald Bersoff, JD, PhD; and Heiser Award Program Coordinator Jeffrey Barnett, PsyD, ABPP, finalizing details with Division 31 President, Sallie Hildebrandt, PhD.

20 individuals received 2013 Karl F. Heiser APA Presidential Awards during the convention in Hawaii. Recipients were nominated by their state associations. The Idaho Psychological Association nominated Bill Arnold, PhD, ABPP, and Barney Greenspan, PhD, ABPP. The New Hampshire Psychological Association nominated Leisel Bryant, PhD, John Cabibi, PhD, Sheila Gardner, PhD, Michael Kandle, PsyD, Michael Phillips, PhD, John Randolph, PhD, ABPP, Sandra Rose, PhD, Claire Scigiano, PsyD and Deborah Warner, PhD. The Massachusetts Psychological Association nominated Mary Coakley-Welch, PhD, Roger Cohen, PhD, Michael Goldberg, PhD, Kenneth Laytin, PhD, Kristin Rajala, MA, Karen Postal, PhD, ABPP and Celiane Rey-Casserly, PhD, ABPP. Joel Rosenbaum, PhD, and Claudia Rutherford, PhD.

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the Council composition. One model calls for modifying the current constituent-based model by providing one unit/one vote for each division and SPTA and adding seats for other perspective groups/affiliated organizations. The other model would include some elements from the first model, including one unit/one vote for division and SPTAS and may add disciplinary/mission based seats (e.g. education, science, public interest, practice and health) and diversity representatives (such as ethnic-minority psychological associations, early career psychologists, APAGS). Both models would result in a smaller Council.

An implementation working group will be appointed to develop an implantation plan for each of these approved motions and begin to share its recommendations with council at next February’s meeting. Please remember that any changes to the Board or Council structure must be approved by membership through a bylaws amendment.

In other action, Council through vote or consent approved various other motions, including:

- Recognized sleep psychology and police and public safety psychology as specialties in professional psychology.
- Adopted guidelines for the practice of telepsychology.
- Adopted a resolution that reconciles APA’s policies against torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and those related to psychologists’ work in national security settings. This reconciled policy rescinds the report of the APA Presidential Task Force on Psychological Ethics and National Security (PENS) and retains the 2006 policy concerning torture and the 2008 member petition on psychologists’ work in national security settings.

For the unabridged version of this report, please see the Division 31 listserv post from 8/5/2013.
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mental in lobbying the Division to have a voting student on the Division Board, and this bylaws change was approved at the Board meeting at Convention. Students are also looking for other ways to invigorate the Division’s student membership, so if you are a student, please consider becoming active in this Task Force. The Health Care Reform Task Force Blog has been especially active with a number of posts and members volunteering to send in articles and information. The Early Career Task Force is looking for a chair and additional members to engage in its mission statement of “Take your Career to the Next Level.” SPTAs should already be thinking of nominating their innovative and successful programs for the Division 31 Award which comes with a $600.00 check. Go to http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/awards/index.aspx for more information.

Division 31 continues to highlight its work on the state specific Electronic Health Record. FREE (no cost) electronic healthcare record templates are available for psychologists to use in their health-care practices. They are easy to use and State law specific. Directions to download them for use are at http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/membership/health-record-templates.aspx. They were developed by a joint effort of Division 31 and Division 42 under the leadership of Dr. Andy Benjamin and Dr. Jeff Younggren with a CO-DAPAR grant.

Division 31 is moving to electronic publication of Focus on 31. Please notify the 31 Executive Director Dr. Connie Paul at tpmember@juno.com should you wish to continue to receive a print edition.

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 tion on leadership. OPA’s Board of Directors will hold their annual Board Retreat the weekend of September 20-21, 2013 in Columbus.
Penn. Psychological Assn.
The PPA, which represents about 3,000 psychologists, announced the hiring of Krista L. Paternostro, CAE, as its next executive director starting September 1. She will replace Thomas DeWall, CAE, who is retiring after 26 years. Ms. Paternostro comes to PPA from the Logistics Officer Association, of Arlington, VA, and prior to that served as executive director of the Military Operations Research Society, an organization of military analysts and defense contractors. She has 20 years’ experience as an association manager, and has a B.A. in International Politics from Penn State and is working on a Master’s in Public Administration, also from Penn State. She has earned the certified association executive designation from the American Society of Association Executives.

SD Psychological Assn.
The SDPA began the year prepared to take part in a legislative event, educating law makers on the profession of psychology and issues of importance to the profession. Unfortunately, South Dakota weather interfered and the event was cancelled. However, the Association will have an opportunity to participate in this event next year. The SDPA’s Annual Conference will be September 27-28, 2013 in Chamberlain, SD. This year’s topic will be “Agricultural Behavioral Health: What We Need to Know to Serve Agrarian Populations.”

Virginia Psychological Assn.
The VPA is in full swing this fall with our bi-annual Fall Conference. The 2013 Fall Conference will be held October 10-12 in McLean, VA. Website for conference information www.vapsych.org. VPA is in the process of creating a new and improved website. VPA has been active with a number of Public Relations campaigns over the last year, including operating an exhibit booth at the Parent Teacher Association’s annual trade show, in hope of educating others on the important roles psychologists play in the community.

Call for Div. 31 Award Entries
Nominations are invited for Division 31 Annual Awards to be presented at the 2014 State Leadership Conference:
• SPTA Diversity Award
• SPTA Exec. of the Year Award
• SPTA of the Year Award
Please visit website for award descriptions at http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/awards/index.aspx
Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to Division 31 Awards Chair: G. Andrew Benjamin, Ph.D. at gahb54@u.washington.edu by December 31, 2013.
Call for Nominations of Division 31 Officers for 2015!

Nominations are requested for Division 31 Officers to be elected during 2014. The elected candidates will assume office on January 1, 2015.

- **President-Elect**
  The term of office for the President-Elect is a three-year cycle as President-Elect, President and Past-President.

- **Secretary**
  The term of office for the SecretaryTreasurer is three years.

- **Member at Large**
  The term of office for the Member at Large is three years.

Please send your nominations to: G. Andrew Benjamin, PhD. at gahb54@u.washington.edu by December 31, 2013.

APA’s 2013 Annual Convention in Hawaii – Aloha!
2013 Psychologist

Tennessee’s Lance Laurence, PhD, ABPP, received the Division 31 Outstanding Psychologist Award for 2013 during the APA Convention in Hawaii. This award honors a psychologist whose distinguished contributions may include demonstrating outstanding leadership in his or her association through advocacy, distinguished service and serving as a psychology role model.