President’s Notes: Crafting Communications Across SPTA’s

The leadership of Division 31 has been looking at issues related to how SPTAs share information with one another, and how our Division might serve our members more effectively toward these efforts. It seems reasonable that there are times when any SPTA might benefit from knowing how or what another SPTA is doing to address or manage an issue or situation inherent to association management, in general, or to more specifically, a newly identified goal of the association.

• How would an SPTA identify another SPTA who has achieved membership goals?

One topic that would seem common to all psychological associations is the issue of membership recruitment and retention. Who among us, whether at the SPTA level or at the level of our Division, might stand to benefit

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Call for Division 31 Award Nominations!

Nominations are invited for Division 31 Annual Awards to be presented at the 2015 State Leadership Conference.

Please visit website for award descriptions at http://www.apadivisions.org/division-31/awards/index.aspx

• SPTA Diversity Award
• SPTA Executive of the Year Award
• SPTA Early Career Psychologist Program of the Year Award
• Outstanding SPTA of the Year Award

Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to Division 31 Awards Chair: Sallie Hildebrandt, PhD at sehphd@cox.net by December 31, 2014.
Greetings,

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the members of Division 31. I am a proud Fellow in the Division. This commentary has two sections: first my statement as a candidate for APA President-Elect and second, my background as it relates to Division 31 concerns.

Part I: My Statement

The discipline of psychology has great potential power - and it can become even more effective in exercising that power. As APA President, I would focus on moving APA into the “power lane” of influential organizations in this country.

Why use such strong language - because psychology is every day in almost every way. Nearly every aspect of the human existence

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Council of Representatives Report: Democracy in Action

Lisa Grossman, JD, PhD, ABPP

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

As many may have expected, the bulk of Council’s business in the 1 ½ days we spent in session revolved around motions addressing dramatic changes in our governance structure. Many felt that Council needed to be more nimble, efficient and cost effective and, indeed, changes to the function of council were greatly needed, such as increased use of technology and faster turnaround times.

In a nutshell, probably the most significant changes include the structure as well as function of council. On the function side, already approved by council, is the major shift in responsibilities between the Board of Directors (BOD) and Council. In our new system, the BOD will only address those issues that concern the organizational policies of APA, such as membership dues, inclusion of early career psychologists in boards/committees, future changes to governance, future APA committees, convention issues, etc. In addition, Council has delegated all financial responsibilities to the BOD for a 3-year trial period. On the other hand, Council will address those issues that pertain to the discipline of psychology as a whole, with the hope of developing policy resolutions and action items focusing on those critical issues affecting psychology outside of APA, like the issue of integrated health care or the current internship crisis. However, what was unforeseen was that should all of these changes go forward and if approved by APA membership, the cost to the Association could potentially be over $1 million every year over and above our current governance costs.

On the structure side is the perception that Council is too big to be efficient and nimble to be truly effective in its work. As a result, motions were proposed, not yet approved by Council, which would designate one representative from each division and SPTA. There would also be a number of additional members that may either come from (1) those members who belong to neither a division nor SPTA to allow that segment to have a voice, (2) from other psychological associations, or, (3) certain targeted groups.

The idea of one representative per division/SPTA met with a significant amount of resistance with many council members feeling that the loss of the current apportionment method of allocating the number of council members would result in a crucial loss of representation among groups with large numbers of members. Further, many believe that the one representative per division/SPTA would not significantly reduce the number of council members, thereby not truly creating more efficiency. This issue is still being debated on the Council list serv and there is no consensus to date.

The next step will be for the APA membership to vote on various bylaws changes to approve this new governance structure and function. While our Association Rules require a pro/con statement for every amendment proposed in order to educate the members about the strengths and weaknesses of any particular proposed bylaws change, there is a substantial group of Council members who wish to remove the pro/con statements from the ballots for fear that the amendments will be defeated. However, there are other Council members who feel strongly that the membership has a right to know all sides of an issue before they vote and feel that democracy should not be eroded. As a result, Dr. Kaslow is appointing a work group to look at various options to the well-es-

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Congratulating
Psychologist of the Year
Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer
ARKANSAS

- Organized and presented on culturally sensitive treatments for members of the Latino community to the University of Central Arkansas predoctoral internship program.
- Arranged opportunities for undergraduate students to establish mentorship with psychologists from racial-ethnic minority groups and/or with interests and expertise in assessing and treating diverse populations. ArPA leadership, including Diversity Committee members, organized the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act on July 2, 2014. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness of the impact of discrimination in the workplace on those groups named in the 1964 Civil Rights Act including sexual orientation. A public statement was prepared and read, which summarized the effects of workplace discrimination on disenfranchised groups. The statement also addressed the resolve of the Arkansas Psychological Association to work to create a healthy workplace environment for all populations. Dr. Gwen Keita, Executive Director of the Public Interest Directorate and Dr. David Ballard, Assistant Executive Director for Organizational Excellence presented on the work of the American Psychological Association regarding this initiative. The commemoration also honored icons of civil rights advocacy from Arkansas, including Dr. Terrence Roberts, psychologist, and one of the Little Rock Nine and Brownie Ledbetter, posthumously, for her work through the Arkansas Public Policy Panel.
- ArPA adopted the APA resolution for equality in marriage.

ILLINOIS

IPA continues to increase the representation of psychologists from diverse backgrounds within leadership roles in the organization. One member, an Asian Indian clinical psychologist, was recently elected as chair of the Women’s Issues Section. This psychologist is leading the organization in its efforts to address critical human rights issues, such as human trafficking. A Latino psychologist was recently elected as Chair of the Health and Rehabilitation Section.

He also serves in the position of Liaison to the APA Disaster Response Network. Their assumptions of these positions increase the number of psychologists from diverse backgrounds who are voting members of the IPA council.

IPA continues to focus on increasing the number of members and mentoring opportunities for students and psychologists of color.

During the next Annual meeting there will be presentations on diversity, human rights and social justice.

MINNESOTA

The initiatives of the Minnesota Psychological Association are as follows:
- Continue to monitor, support, and advocate for the same sex marriage law passed last year in Minnesota.
- Advocate, promote, and integrate LGBTQ and sexual minority interests into association practices and initiatives.
- Sponsor and support Latino psychologists meetings and activities.
- Support Black history month activities, including the first Friday forum presentation and award for distinguished service.
- On-going quarterly “difficult dialogue” dinner discussions on aspects of diversity.
- On-going diversity audit discussion and planning
- Support health disparities interventions and research as a diversity issue.
- Continue diversity initiatives as a budgeted line item.
- Diversity committee co-chairs having voting privileges on the governing council.

NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Psychological Association Diversity Committee contributed articles to the NJ Psychologist this past year. We have had presentations since last year at each conference, with NJPA committed to “diversity presentations.” Of special note, our past SLC DD representative Peter Economou, has joined the NJPA executive committee.

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Christopher DeCou, B.A.
Doctoral Candidate
Idaho State University

My name is Chris DeCou, I am a third-year student in the Clinical Psychology program at Idaho State University. I believe it is essential for students to have a voice within their State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Associations, as these organizations offer one of the strongest opportunities for students to effect change related to salient issues concerning the practice and science of psychology. My own experiences as a research assistant and student have focused upon the study and prevention of suicide among rural and indigenous Peoples, who often are overlooked at the National level. These experiences have highlighted for me the importance of active involvement in State-level organizations as a mechanism for supporting the health and basic needs of underserved and marginalized peoples.

Jennifer M. Doran, M.A.
Doctoral Candidate
The New School for Social Research

Graduate students are the future of psychology, and our representation in APA is critical. I am very active in APA and the NYSPA, and would be honored to serve Division 31 in this important role. I am passionate about the division and its mission, and committed to furthering its work. If you elect me, I will:

Serve as a strong student voice on the division board. I will be a tireless champion for student issues and ensure that education and training concerns are addressed.

Fight to ensure increased representation for students and ECPs in the division, APA governance, and across states. I am passionate about student development, including networking and leadership opportunities.

Encourage advocacy efforts for important training issues, including reimbursement for intern services (which can help reduce the internship crisis) and increased research funding.

Derek Phillips
Doctoral Candidate
Adler School of Professional Psychology

My name is Derek Phillips, and I am honored to be a nominee for the Student Representative position on the Division 31 Board of Directors. I am a doctoral candidate at the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Illinois, with an expected graduation date of October 2015. Currently, I am completing my neuropsychology internship at Psychological & Neurobehavioral Services, P.A., of the Manatee Glens Consortium, in Lakeland, Florida. I have significant experience in psychology governance as a graduate student, at local, state and national levels. Regarding local and state involvement, I am a former Chair of the Illinois Psychological Association of Graduate Students (IPAGS), as well as President of the Adler School’s chapters of Psi Chi and Association for Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST).

Rachel A. Spero, M.S.
Doctoral Candidate
West Virginia University

I am running for the Division 31 Student Representative Position because I am passionate about utilizing the strength of the graduate student APA membership to create lasting change in our profession at the local, state, and national levels. My enthusiasm for empowering psychology trainees has led me to become highly involved in many leadership and advocacy activities. I previously served as the APAGS West Virginia State Advocacy Coordinator. During my time as the State Advocacy Coordinator, I worked closely with the West Virginia Psychological Association to create a student advocacy initiative to support the WVPA’s proposed licensure law change to match the national licensure standard. Due to my efforts working with APAGS and the WVPA, I was invited by APAGS to participate and be individually honored at the 2013 APA SLC in Washington, DC.
Intriguing Reflections

Pat DeLeon, PhD
Former APA President

The 122nd APA convention provided an excellent opportunity to reflect upon how far psychology has come in developing into a bona fide healthcare profession, advancing beyond viewing ourselves exclusively as mental health specialists. It was wonderful to see Beth Rom-Rymer receive well deserved recognition for enacting prescriptive authority (RxP) legislation in Illinois, a decade after Louisiana’s success. For those who naively believe that her success in the backyard of the American Medical Association (AMA) was chance or a “lucky break,” that is not at all true. “The Illinois Medical Society and the Illinois Psychiatric Society vigorously and vociferously lobbied against our RxP bill until they realized that we wouldn’t stop fighting and until they had already spent $1 million to keep us out of the prescribing community!” The key to long term legislative success is community involvement. Accordingly, we are very pleased that IPA and its state NAMI had each signed on as co-sponsors of their respective annual conferences in 2013 and are already making commitments to do the same for 2014/2015. Perhaps our colleagues in Hawaii and Oregon, where earlier legislative efforts were vetoed, should reengage in this important legislative quest.

This was also the 40th anniversary of the APA Congressional Fellowship program which began with Pam Ebert and continues on today, joined by the APA Executive Branch program. As Norman Anderson noted the program has supported 121 Fellows. “As ambassadors for the field, APA Congressional Fellows consistently represent psychology in the best possible manner – to policymakers, their staff, and the scientists from other fields participating in the AAAS program.” This is another proactive initiative that State Associations could emulate at the local level, in conjunction with their academic colleagues. We are confident that APA’s Judith Glassgold, Micah Haskell-Hoehl, and Heather Kelly would be pleased to provide guidance for those interested. It would be a worthwhile investment in the profession’s future.

Since my retirement from the ever-hectic U.S. Senate staff, I have become increasingly interested in how other colleagues have been adjusting to this new, essentially uncharted role. Not surprisingly, I have found considerable interest across the country. During the convention, Rod Baker, Ruth Paige, and Mike Sullivan discussed their personal journeys before an engaged audience reflecting all ages. Rod has embarked upon a writing career; Ruth is learning not to accept every request for her time – thus spending more with those she really wants to, like family; and Mike continues his volunteer efforts from Peace Corps to Meals on Wheels. “If you are not happy doing what you are doing, there is only one person you have to talk to!” Informal discussions afterwards strongly suggest that physical concerns are becoming increasingly common; economic concerns much less so. As a relatively young healthcare profession, we are increasingly maturing with a number of our individual colleagues actually aging. We would suggest that this would be an excellent topic for our State Associations to address at annual conferences; especially when held in conjunction with other professions and/or interest groups such as NAMI. Aging is an agenda which will ultimately impact every one of us. Aloha.

Welcome New Division 31 Fellows

Congratulations to our newest awardees:

Dr. Jana Martin

and

Dr. Steve Behnke

Members of Division 31 are formally invited to apply for fellowship in Division 31. Fellow status is awarded, in part, on the basis of evaluated evidence of outstanding contribution in the field of psychology. Fellow status requires that a person’s work has had a national impact on the field of psychology beyond local, state, and regional levels. This is truly an honor and the Division encourages you to make application and become one of our next awardees.
CECP Highlights the MPA

Le Ondra Clark Harvey, PhD
SPTA Representative to the APA Committee on ECPs

This month, the APA Committee on Early Career Psychologists would like to highlight the efforts of the Mississippi Psychological Association in recruiting and retaining Early Career Psychologists (ECP). Specifically, Dr. Julie Radico, the ECP Committee Chair, has worked to spearhead these efforts. Dr. Radico writes, “The connections you establish as a trainee can have enormous implications for your future professional career. It is with this knowledge that the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) has made efforts to reach out to students and ECPs through several initiatives that were enacted this year. First, full-time psychology students were offered a free year of first-time membership. This was a way for MPA to show our investment in their psychology careers and provide opportunities for students to learn the benefits of membership in their state association. Through this initiative MPA has gained 19 new student members. Second, MPA has made efforts to connect with students and members through a new LinkedIn Group Page. This page provides another avenue for MPA members to share information and make meaningful connections with their statewide colleagues. Finally, MPA will be creating a scholarship fund to benefit students/ECPs by providing funding for their attendance at the MPA annual convention. Scholarships may defray the costs of attendance for students and ECPs creating opportunities for members to increase their engagement in MPA and make connections that may impact their career for years to come.”

Many thanks to Dr. Radico and the MPA for their outstanding work in recruiting and retaining ECPs!

Dr. Radico currently serves as the Early Career Psychologist Committee Chair for the Mississippi Psychological Association. She is currently completing her postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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and experience can be influenced by psychological science, practice, education and public interest. Psychologists can create a stronger presence and exert greater societal and political influence than we have ever used before. I want to lead that effort. My focus will be on leadership and collaborations as citizen psychologists both within our discipline and across local, state, and national networks. First, as citizen psychologists within the discipline, we must sustain a pipeline of early career psychologists as new APA members. I propose focusing on ECPs and emphasizing two initiatives: ECPs and mentoring by building on my track record in this area.

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moved to New York.

*NYSPA: The New York Psychological Association has been my home since 1980.

I have worked to support NYSPA providing continuing education to independent practitioners who want to remain independent and collaborate with other health professionals, and to those who want to shift into on-site primary care psychology. I helped bring Elaine LeVine PhD to speak on prescription privileges at the annual NYSPA meeting held in Rochester in 2010, and I participated in NYSPA’s Health Summit in 2011. Most recently, I gave the Keynote address in May 2014 on Psychologists’ Roles in Healthcare.

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Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina to allow me to bill for neuropsychological services. With the audacity and enthusiasm of an adolescent, I asked to be paid for what I knew which was based on science and experience and what I could do to help others.

Visit the Division 31 web site for SPTA info and community blogs.
If I become disabled and can’t work, who will pay the bills?

Take care of yourself and your family with Trust Income Protection (disability income) Insurance.

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Dr. Tricia Stark, second from left, of Minnesota, received the Heiser award from APA President Dr. Nadine Kaslow, left, Dr. Jeff Barnett and Dr. Angela Herzog, right.

Div. 31 President Dr. Angela Herzog recognizes Dr. Jim Herzog for his years of service as the APA Convention program chair for the Division.

Dr. Jeff Barnett, third from left, was honored by APA President Dr. Nadine Kaslow, left, with a Presidential Citation, as well as a commemorative plaque from Division 31 by Dr. Angela Herzog, right, for many years’ service as Heiser Award Coordinator. Dr. Mike Sullivan, second from left, also provided words of appreciation to commemorate Dr. Barnett’s service to the Division and SPTA advocacy.

Dr. Jana Martin, left, appears happy upon her recognition by Dr. Angela Herzog as one of our newest Fellows.

Ms. Jo Linder-Crow of California and Ms. Judy Devito of Maryland, along with Dr. Jon Marelli of New York, and Dr. Kevin Rowell of Arkansas, are recognized by Dr. Angela Herzog, center, for their SPTA awards made during SLC.

Div. 31 Past President Dr. Sallie Hildebrandt is commended by current President Dr. Angela Herzog.

Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer receives the Psychologist of the Year Award from Div. 31 Past President Dr. Sallie Hildebrandt.

Div. 31 President Dr. Angela Herzog toasts one of our newest Fellows, APA’s own Dr. Behnke.
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from knowing about the strategies of other SPTAs who are demonstrating growth and sustainment of their members? Possibly a majority of us would like to hear from other SPTAs who have developed and implemented successful membership drives.

- How would an SPTA identify another SPTA who has achieved financial goals?

Another subject shared by associations, regardless of size or position, is that of financial stability and viability. Which SPTAs are adept at managing financial matters for their association? Might there be SPTAs who have budgetary plans and financial policies that could assist other SPTAs with addressing the challenges of financial management for their SPTAs?

- How would a SPTA identify another SPTA who has raised awareness in the public to advance professional identity and grow the visibility of Psychology as a profession?

Professional Identity is an issue inherent to the viability of our profession that is manifested at the local level wherever psychologists find themselves across our country. Who are we, what do we do, and how can we do it with the expertise that we know we possess? Our identity, whether with the general public or other health care providers, and possibly more crucially, with policy makers and various regulators, varies immensely from one situation or location to the next. Advocacy and visibility related to our professional identity seems intrinsic to the vitality of the profession of psychology.

Public Education Campaigns have been undertaken by SPTAs, often under the tutelage of APA Office of Public Education, that have served to advance the visibility and identity of professional psychology at the SPTA level. SPTAs might benefit from replicating the efforts of other SPTAs who have advocated for the profession at the local level through a public education endeavor.

- How would a SPTA identify another SPTA who has implemented an effective colleague assistance program to uphold goals of professional ethics for its members?

Although standards for professional ethics are generally shared across SPTAs, it is quite likely that there is great variability across SPTAs regarding the culture of care for ourselves. Various constructs exist for colleague assistance programs. Some SPTAs have developed unique mechanisms to support and strengthen competent, ethical professional communities. The culture of advocating for self-care among us vacillates across SPTA communities, sometimes related to attitudinal and policy differences regarding self-care and ethical boundaries.

- How would an SPTA identify another SPTA who has achieved ECP goals?

Which SPTAs have active programs for Early Career Psychologists? How might they be replicated in other SPTAs who want to recruit, advance, and sustain psychologists’ participation in our professional organizations from their earliest stages of professional development? Don’t we want early self-identification for ECPs as members of our professional associations?

- How would an SPTA identify another SPTA who has achieved diversity goals?

What Diversity initiatives have been successful in SPTAs? While diversity topics can certainly vary from one area or SPTA to another, there are surely issues in common across associations that might be applicable for other SPTAs?

Given the examples above, the questions for Division 31 become:

- Are SPTAs effectively sharing information with other SPTAs?
- Do SPTAs need to know more about what other SPTAs are doing?
- Do SPTAs stand to benefit from broader exposure to the activities of other SPTAs?
- Do SPTAs want the support of the organizational structure of Division 31 to know what occurs in other SPTAs?
- Could Division 31 more effectively serve as a conduit to BRIDGE communication among SPTAs?

The Office of State Advocacy, CESPPA and SPTA Council Representatives function in various roles on behalf of SPTAs. However, Division 31 is in a unique position in its mission to advance the needs of SPTAs separate from the ways in which the aforementioned three groups interface with SPTAs.

Division 31 – we want to craft communication across SPTAs. What does your SPTA ask of Division 31, toward this end? Please let me know.

Angela Herzog, Ph.D.
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**Ohio**

The Diversity Committee of The Ohio Psychological Association holds informal brunches to engage psychologists from diverse racial and ethnic background in OPA activities. The Diversity Committee also support graduate student research that promotes diversity through our Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Award. This award is funded through the Foundation for Psychology in Ohio and is given to graduate student research focused on the study of diversity and multiculturalism. The deadline for submission of research proposals for the coming year is January 15, 2015.

For the past four years the Diversity Committee has been meeting with members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC) during OPA’s Legislative Day. The committee is currently in the process of setting a date to provide the OLBC a presentation on “Dealing with Angry Constituents”. The committee has also been in talks with various members of OLBC to discuss ways to increase the number of African American students who complete graduate training in the field of psychology.

**Oregon**

The Oregon Psychological Association Diversity Committee (OPA-DC) has been working with the OPA and the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners to collaborate on rule change language that would require all licensed psychologists in the state to complete cultural competency continuing education credits during each licensing period. Dr. Fabiana Wallis is representing the OPA-DC on the Cultural Competency Continuing Education Rules Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion regarding implementation of HB 2611, which requires the licensing boards of all health care professionals in Oregon to track and report to OHA on the cultural competence continuing education their licensees complete, and for OHA to make available an approved list of cultural competency CE opportunities that meet the adopted standards for quality trainings. In 2013-2014 the OPA-DC partnered with the OPA Ethics Committee to present at regional town hall meetings for psychologists throughout Oregon in order to highlight the connection between ethical practice and cultural competence, and to reach out to psychologists practicing in rural areas. OPA-DC participated in the Portland Gay Pride Parade, presented at the annual OPA Conference, submitted a diversity focused article for each edition of *The Oregon Psychologist*, and presented our third Diversity Award to Dr. Ruth Bichsel. The OPA-DC has been engaging with psychologists in Oregon via social media to bring awareness to important issues related to human diversity.

**Council Report**

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Established parliamentary process of pro/con statements to be presented at our next Council meeting in February.

Among a few other agenda items approved by Council, the most relevant to SPTAs involved a change to CAPP. CAPP will now be entirely a committee of APAPO and their bylaws amended to allow the APAPO practice constituents to nominate and elect the elected members of CAPP, a voting seat for an APAGS member.

Please see the unabridged APA Council Rep Report posted on the Division 31 listserv 8-24-14.
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