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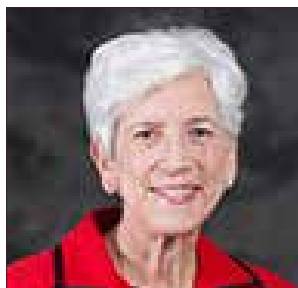
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Focus on

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Two Very Important Votes



*by Linda
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Division 31 has been busy! We want every

Division 31 member and every APA member to vote in favor of the APA Bylaws amendment that will be mailed on November 1, 2017. This is a very important vote. It will ensure that every SPTA will have a vote on the APA Council of Representatives. Many people think this is already the case, but as the US Virgin Islands found out after the last apportionment vote, it is not.

In 2018, the Virgin Islands will no longer have a seat on the Council of Representatives. While the current rules have functioned to give every SPTA a seat on Council and some SPTA's more than one seat on Council for many years, it did not ensure that every SPTA would have a seat.

In February 2017, Council passed a motion (by a large margin) to adapt the APA Bylaws to ensure that each SPTA and Division will be guaranteed a seat on the Council in the future. Our Division 31 Representative had a major role in this initiative. Now the membership must vote to approve the Bylaws

President's Message

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Congratulations to Div. 31 Officers

Congratulations to our newly-elected Division 31 officers:

- President-elect Bruce Nystrom
- Secretary Robin McLeod
- Member-at-Large Jennifer Doran

We appreciate all our colleagues who participated as nominees, and we hope they consider running again!

Sincerely,
Dinela Rosa

Division 31 Awards and Nominations/Elections Chair

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again"



Pat DeLeon, PhD
Former APA President

Developing The Foundation: APA President Tony Puente has a long history

of being on the cutting-edge of advocacy for professional psychology, especially in his efforts to effectively shape federal policies which directly impact the field's future. Tony, Randy Phelps, Neil Pliskin, and Stephen Gillaspay have been working diligently for years to update the Medicare Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for psychological testing. Psychology expert groups were convened and they regularly consulted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). During the first few days of June they represented APA at the second of three meetings of the American Medical Association CPT Editorial Panel in Boston. Years of relationship building, intimate knowledge of an extremely complicated process, and great teamwork set the foundation for regular interfacing with CMS and the CPT Panel. "Bottom line, health policy in the making sets the foundation for the future of professional psychology."

Change Is Coming: Earlier this summer, the Association for Psychological Science (APS) held its 29th Annual Convention also in Boston, attended by approximately 4,500 enthusiastic colleagues. APS was instrumental in establishing the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) in

2007, as an independent psychology program accreditation body. Alan Kraut, formerly of APA and the recently retired CEO of APS, is heading up this initiative. Currently, 35 university psychology programs have obtained accreditation status. Last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which is the largest trainer and employer of psychologists, recognized PCSAS as an appropriate accrediting body for meeting their internship and hiring criteria. Pending regulations at the USPHS would recognize PCSAS graduates for hiring also. To date, five states (New York, California, New Mexico, Delaware, and Illinois) have similarly determined that such status fulfills their licensure requirements. Accordingly, one should expect an increasing number of jurisdictions to follow suit as PCSAS steadily matures and their graduates enter the profession.

Substantive Change Takes Time: A decade ago, the Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act of 2007 [H.R. 2199] noted: "Brain injury has become a leading health issue for civilians and the military. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the United States civilian population 1.4 million individuals sustain TBI annually, resulting in 235,000 hospital admissions and 50,000 deaths. Additionally, 80,000 survive with residual long-term impairments. CDC estimates that long-term disability as a result of brain injuries affects 5.3 million Americans." TBI is considered by many as the "signature injury" of our current armed conflict, which is the longest in our nation's history.

The accompanying House report emphasized the issues of accessibility of mental health care services and outreach in rural communities. "The National Guard and Reserve components have been deployed in record numbers to help fight the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many of these units come from rural parts of the country. Currently, over 40 percent of the returning OEF/OIF veterans are from rural areas. Oftentimes it is difficult for these veterans to access quality health care and mental health services in a timely manner." We would ask: Whether our state psychological associations are working collaboratively with local Veterans organizations and the VA to address this national need? Former APA President Jack Wiggins was recently installed as Post Surgeon for VFW Post 7507. Former APA Interim CEO Cynthia Belar appointed Heather O'Beirne Kelly as APA's first ever Director of Military and Veterans Health Policy, housed within the APA Practice Organization. "Hurrah!"

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Early Career Psychologist Update



**Eric Russ,
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APA
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on ECPs**

As the SPTA representative for the APA's Committee on Early Career Psychologists, I lead the ECP track at APA's Practice Leadership Conference in March. We had an amazing group of psychologists from across the country sharing ideas about engaging ECPs in their SPTAs. I appreciate Div. 31's support of ECPs and opportunity to highlight an ECP member in this newsletter.

This quarter, we highlight Dawn Huber, Ph.D., an ECP Delegate at the 2017 Practice Leadership Conference, and Integrated Care Chair of the Missouri Psychological Association. Dr. Huber reports:



"Missouri is a great place to be an Early Career Psychologist!"

"The Missouri Psychological Association (MOPA) has claimed multiple recent legislative victories on issues significantly benefitting ECPs including reimbursement for Health & Behavior CPT Codes, as well as post-doc restructuring in accordance with the APA Model Licensure Act. ECPs are actively engaged in advocacy and we had a strong contingent of trainees

and ECPs at our annual State Legislative Advocacy Day in March.

"In addition to ECPs in other board positions, MOPA has a dedicated ECP committee and we are thrilled to welcome an ECP, Dr. Brittany Pratt, PsyD, as Chair. As I transition to other leadership roles, I will continue to work with Dr. Pratt as she leads the charge to continue and improve upon MOPA's commitment to ECP engagement.

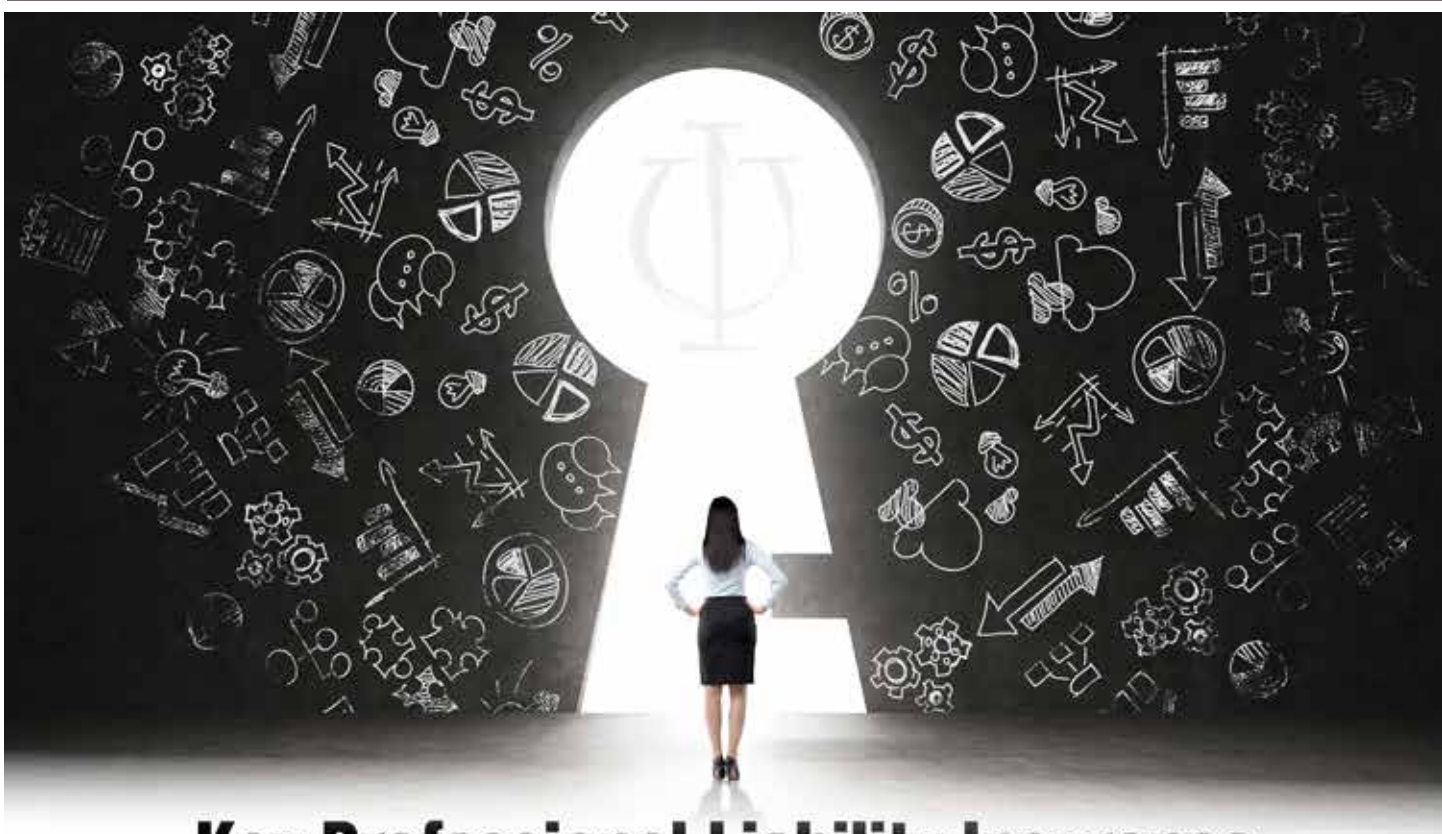
"MOPA has consistently nominated rising stars to serve as ECP delegates to the Practice Leadership Conference. The past two delegates have gone on to serve as MOPA President and I am proud to continue this tradition as President-Elect-Elect. At our recent conference (#MOPA2017), the MOPA PLC delegation presented a panel discussion on PLC and Federal Advocacy including a focus on the ECP track and support for ECPs from APA and APAPO.

"At #MOPA2017, we had

a designated lunch event for ECPs and trainees with over 20 in attendance. During the event, board members circulated to introduce themselves and ask how MOPA can better address the needs of ECPs and trainees. Many trainees and ECPs attended the conference for the first time. This year, through individual and organizational sponsorships, we were able to fund five trainees to attend the conference. We hope to build on this success and offer one or more ECP awards next year to cover both registration and lodging. We also continue to cultivate trainee and ECP conference participation. For example, our Integrated Healthcare Committee Panel highlighted three ECPs in addition to two later-career psychologists."

I really appreciate Dr. Huber sharing the news from Missouri. We appreciate all the work that Missouri ECPs put into their state association and look forward to more great things in the future!

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Division 31 Program Summary for 2017 APA Convention

August 3, 2017

- Session ID: 1104

Executive Committee Meeting

8:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Hotel Marquis, Salon 12

Cochairs:

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Connie Paul, PhD

Greg Urquhart, PhD

Adriana Ortega, PhD

Eric Russ, PhD

Sarah Estes Burgamy, PsyD

- Session ID: 1127

Symposium: Telepsychology in Practice---Case Scenarios for Practitioners, Standards of Care and Ethical Aspects

12:00 PM - 12:50 PM

Convention Center, Room 144B

Divisions 12, 18, 33, 46, APAGS, Psi Chi

Chair:

Linda F. Campbell, PhD

Participant/1st Author:

Fred Millan, PhD

Jana N. Martin, PhD

Deborah C. Baker, JD

- Session ID: 674

Discussion: Engaging and Developing Diverse and Adaptive Leaders in Your SPTA

1:00 PM - 2:50 PM

Convention Center, Room 143B

Divisions 35, APAGS

Chair:

Kathleen R. Ashton, PhD

Participant/1st Author:

Steven Kniffley, Jr., PsyD

Margaret Mosher, PhD

Cathy McDaniels Wilson, PhD

- Session ID: 1126

Symposium: How to Legally and Ethically Practice Over State Lines

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

Convention Center Room, 145A

Div. 12, 18, 33, 41, 46, APAGS, Psi Chi

Chair:

Shawna D. Wright, PhD

Participant/1st Author:

Marlene M. Maheu, PhD

Shawna D. Wright, PhD

Kenneth P. Drude, PhD, MS

August 4, 2017

- Session ID: 470

Conversation Hour: Getting to Know the New Standards of Accreditation for Psychology Internship Programs

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Convention Center, Room 208

Divisions 12, 16, 24, 54, APAGS, Psi Chi

Chair:

Sarah G. Ross, PhD

Participant/1st Author:

Sarah G. Ross, PhD

Tamara DeHay, PhD

- Session ID: 471

Symposium: Social Media and Anti-Islam/Anti-Arab Ethical Violations--Mock Licensing Board Hearing

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Convention Center, Room 145A

Div. 24, 27, 35, 42, 46, APAGS, Psi Chi

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Discussant:

Rodney L. Lowman, PhD

Katherine C. Nordal, PhD

- Session ID: 1105

Social Hour

7:00 PM - 7:50 PM

Hotel Liberty, Salon K

August 5, 2017

- Session ID: 464

Symposium: Caring for Ourselves and Our Colleagues---Perspectives From ACCA and Division 31

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

Convention Center, Room 209B

Divisions 15, 18, 35, 42, APAGS, Psi Chi

Cochair:

Rebecca A. Schwartz-Mette, PhD

Judith Holder, PhD

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Judith Holder, PhD

Discussant:

Linda K. Knauss, PhD

- Session ID: 463

Symposium: Practical Aspects for Psychologists in Disaster Response--Real-Life Stories

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Convention Center, Room 158

Divisions 12, 16, 18, 27, 35, 56

Chair:

Stephanie Vitanza, PhD

Participant/1st Author:

Donna M. Hastings, PsyD

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David J. Romano, PhD

Virginia Frazier, PhD

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Council of Representatives Report



by Peter M. Oppenheimer, Ph.D.

For more than half a century, APA has been struggling with how to address the education and work status of people with terminal master's degrees in psychology. What are appropriate skills and roles for people with this level of training? Should there be educational standards, and accreditation for master's programs. Should these people be certified or licensed? If so what should be their scope of practice and should they be supervised? If the standard for entry into independent practice as a psychologist is a doctoral degree what would be the implications for doctoral practice and the profession of psychology if APA were to endorse licensure for people with master's degrees? Despite a number of efforts these issues remain unresolved.

Master's degree programs graduate a significant number of terminal graduates each year. It is in the interest of the members of the American Psychological Association and people who earn master's degrees for APA to develop clear policies on these matters. The Division 31 Board's concern is that APA address this in a way that is comprehensive and inclusive of ALL interested constituencies. Further, these issues have significant professional guild implications that are the responsibility of the APAPO that must also be considered in the.

Last December the Minority Fellowship Program held a summit with sponsorship funded by SAMSHA on this issue. The Summit has again raised this issue in the APA Community. The Council Leadership Team is looking to put this issue before the Council in August. The Board of Division 31 is concerned that this report not frame Council's discussion and considerations.

Below is the text of a letter sent by the Boards of Divisions 31, 39 and 42 expressing concern about how APA and APAPO can best address these concerns. We are communicating with APA, Division and STPA governance about this. We are looking to share this with SPTA and APA members, too. Please share this with your colleagues.

June 6, 2017

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President
APA

Jean Lau Chin, EdD
Chair
Council Leadership Team
APA

Kathleen Brown, PhD
Chair
CAPP
APAPO

Dear Drs. Puente, Chin and Brown:

The Board of Directors of Divisions 31, 39 and 42 would like to share our concerns related to the Minority Fellowship Program's Summit on Master's Training in

Psychological Practice and the recommendations included in the Summit Report.

The stated purpose of the Summit on Master's Training in Psychological Practice "was to explore whether the APA should embrace the training of psychological practitioners at the master's level. Discussions primarily centered on identifying key considerations of this issue, potential solutions and their impacts, areas of consensus, and concerns." This statement reflects bias in the way the meeting was organized, the agenda was formulated, the participants were selected, and the predestined findings and recommendations of the Summit. The participants were primarily supporters of Master's level training; they controlled the direction of the proceedings and the recommendations. The report from the Summit did not reflect the concerns of participants who did not fully embrace the recommendations, nor were their concerns acknowledged in the report.

The agenda of the Summit neglected professional guild issues. The Summit did not consider the impact of its recommendations upon the current membership of the APA and the APAPO, and the impact it could have on psychology as a doctoral profession. The document does not address how the proposed policy would impact APA and APAPO priorities such as including psychologists in the Medicare definition of physicians. The report mentions a purported need to address the increased men-

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SPTA and Diversity Updates



**Jennifer
Kelly, PhD**

Georgia

The Georgia Psychological Association recently held its annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. There were numerous featured speakers, including Dr. Susan Clayton, who presented on the impacts of environmental threats on psychological well-being and how these impacts differentially affect diverse populations. Doug Walter, JD, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations with the APAPO discussed the importance of advocating for the psychology profession both in Washington, DC, and in Atlanta. On May 21st, GPA's Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee held its annual Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee diversity brunch. It was well attended and there was representation from senior, midcareer, early career, and students representing numerous areas of diversity. Doug Walter discussed advocacy and in particular the American Health Care Act.

Indiana

Throughout the past legislative session, members of the Indiana Psychological Association (IPA) processed over 1,000 bills to assist state Representatives and Senators to craft bills to increase access to care while safeguarding the profession of psychology. For example, a

recent reciprocity bill guarantees protection for Hoosiers by ensuring psychologists looking to relocate to Indiana are trained to a substantially equal level as those whose license originated in Indiana. Similarly, as the implementation of telehealth moves forward, those psychologists working in community mental health centers accepting Medicaid are now eligible to receive reimbursement for these technology forward services. Finally, in a move to quell the ever growing substance abuse problems for Hoosiers, funding for mobile treatment teams, including psychologists interested in treating co-occurring and substance use disorders, has been approved.

The IPA recently received the APA 2017 Committee on Early Career Psychologists (ECP) Initiative Award for implementing "exemplary activities that engage and sustain psychologists early in their careers." Most notably, the group was recognized for supporting young professionals in pursuing advocacy and leadership roles and in the practice of psychology. The Award included a small grant to support ongoing ECP efforts.

New Mexico

The New Mexico Psychological Association, after undertaking an analysis of New Mexico's licensing fees, made a formal request to the

state's Board of Psychologist Examiners at their May 5, 2017 meeting to reduce licensing fees for psychologists by an average of 16 percent. This was done after the state legislature "swept" over a half million dollars from the balance in the state's Psychology Fund over the past six years to support the state's general fund appropriations. NMPA hopes that by keeping the balance low, it will not only benefit psychologists licensed in New Mexico, but also make the fund less tempting to future "sweeps" by the legislature.

Vermont

The Telehealth Bill, S.50, has passed. VPA has worked hard on telehealth going back to 2013, following Act 107 in 2012. Rep. Ann Pugh first replied to our request for amended language to include mental health providers as eligible providers for reimbursement for telehealth services and language to remove the "on-site" health facility restriction. We received a groundswell of support from our VPA Members and Board as well as other MH provider groups. As of Oct. 2017 providers can see patients online using appropriate HIPAA compliant apps/tools/software, and be reimbursed by insurers as long as our training/experience is up to speed and consent documentation process is in place.

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Heiser Award Winners Announced for 2017

Thomas J. DeMaio, PhD **Heiser Award Committee** **Chair**

Division 31 administers the **Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for Advocacy**. This award honors psychologists who have given their time and succeeded in making legislative or regulatory changes that advanced the profession of psychology. The selection committee appointed by President Tony Puente recently released the names of the six 2017 Heiser Award recipients.

1. Sue Farber, Ph.D. and Page Haviland, Ph.D. were nominated by the *National Register* and selected for their work obtaining prescriptive privileges in Idaho.

2. Sean Samuels, Psy.D. was nominated by the Indiana Psychological Association for his efforts to protect the full scope of practice by psychologists.

3. Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D. was nominated by the Rhode Island Psychological Association for successfully defeating an effort to eliminate all non-prescribing boards, including the Rhode Island Psychology Board.

4. John Averitt, Ph.D., was nominated by the Tennessee Psychological Association for working to pass legislation establishing the doctoral degree as the entry requirement for independent practice.

5. Laura Knudtson, Ph.D. was nominated by the Colorado

Psychological Association for her delicate stewardship of a bill to establish continuing education requirements.

6. Scott Fields, Ph.D. was nominated by the West Virginia Psychological Association for his critical legislative efforts to change the sequence of training leading to licensure.

These psychologists will be awarded their Heisers by APA President Puente and Division 31 President Linda Knauss at an APA Convention ceremony in August. The award presentations will take place Saturday, in the Mount Vernon Square Room of the Marriott Marquis Hotel at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

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Rebecca S. Thomley, PhD

Discussant:

Stephanie Vitanza, PhD

- Session ID: 1133

Symposium: Rural Suicide Across State Lines---The Stories, Intervention Strategies and Current Research

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

Convention Center, Room 103B

Divisions 12, 18, 27, 34, 35, 42, Psi Chi

Chair:

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Co-Author:

Jameson K. Hirsch, PhD,

East Tennessee State University

- Session ID: 465

Symposium: Students and Licensure

Applicants With Previous Misdemeanors or Felonies

12:00 PM - 1:50 PM

Convention Center, Room 149A

Divisions 16, 41, APAGS, Psi Chi

Chair:

Y. Evie Garcia, PhD

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Sherry Craft, MA

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Annel Cordero, PhD

Laura Rodriguez, MA

Co-Author:

Mark Anton, BS, Northern Arizona University

Terucko T. Couch, MA

August 6, 2017

- Session ID: 468

Symposium: Clinical Practice

Considerations---Taking Steps to Avoid and Respond to Client Complaints and Grievances

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

Convention Center East, Salon D

Divisions 12, 16, 41, 42, Psi Chi

Chair:

Eric A. Samuels, PsyD

Participant/1st Author:

Keely Kolmes, PsyD

Aaron Minc, JD

- Session ID: 466

Symposium: APA and ASPPB Working Together---Where Ethics and Regulations Converge

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Convention Center, Room 159

Divisions 12, 16, 42, APAGS

Cochair:

Alex M. Siegel, JD, PhD

Patricia L. Watson, PhD

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President's Message

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change, and this must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the membership. This Bylaws Amendment vote will be held at the same time as the upcoming annual Apportionment Ballot. This is the second very important vote. Until the most recent apportionment ballot several states had more than one representative on Council. However, in 2018, because SPTA's as a whole did not get enough apportionment votes, not only did the Virgin Islands lose their vote, but no state will have more than one representative. Thus even if the Bylaws vote is passed, it is very important for every APA member to give their 10 votes to their SPTA. Even if your SPTA does not get another seat, if SPTA's as a whole have more votes, they will be a stronger voice for SPTA issues.

The Division 31 Board of Directors (with the support of the Division 39 and 42 Boards of Directors) sent a letter to the APA leadership sharing our concerns related to the Minority Fellowship Program's Summit on Master's Training in Psychological Practice and the recommendations included in the Summit Report. The report has not been reviewed or vetted by APA governance groups or the APAPO, nor has it been endorsed by the Council of Representatives as association policy. The membership has not had an opportunity to review or comment on the report. Given the interest in master's education and credentialing that exists within our association our letter recommended that APA undertake a comprehensive and thoughtful consideration of the issue, including input from all interested constituencies within the APA and con-

sideration of the professional guild issues that are the responsibility of the APAPO. The Report of the Minority Fellowship Program Summit is appropriately only one document in this process. In addressing this issue, the entire APA community needs to determine the issues that need to be addressed, and we need to work together to resolve them. Our letter concluded that we should start with the question "what does APA need to consider" not "should APA endorse the MA level practitioner in psychology."

Finally, SPTA's can have a major role in APA's plan to train more than 6,000 psychologists to work in and with primary and specialty health care practices over the next three years. Starting July 15, psychologists will be able to enroll in a new program developed by the American Psychological Association that will prepare them to work in integrated health care settings. As part of this program, free training is provided through APA's Integrated Health Care Alliance (IHCA). The IHCA program is funded through a cooperative agreement between APA and CMS. Last year CMS awarded APA \$2 million to launch and develop IHCA. The funding was provided through a CMS program called Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) and Support and Alignment Networks (SAN). Through this initiative, APA is serving as a SAN by providing a system for educating clinicians, and as a Practice Transformation Network by helping multiple health care practices move toward integrated care. CMS is aiming to prepare health care practices for participating in alternative payment models, reduce the total cost of health care and improve the patients' quality of

care. The training provided through APA's Integrated Health Care Alliance enables practicing psychologists to be part of that movement. Psychologists who successfully complete two training courses — an introductory course on integrated care and a second course on the business aspects of integration — will receive eight hours of continuing education credit and be connected to a network of other integrated care practices. Interested APA members can register online now to receive access to the free online training and ongoing technical support once it becomes available in July.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the APA Annual Convention in August in Washington, DC. In the meantime, please visit the Division 31 website for updated information, read our blogs, discuss concerns on the list serve, and follow us on twitter.

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tal and behavioral health needs of underserved populations, but does not establish the basis for this assertion. The report does not consider how the existing APA membership could meet those needs and the barriers that exist to doing so. The recommendation of the report to support licensing people with master's degrees to perform psychological services is incongruent with long-standing APA policy.

The release of the report and its subsequent leaking outside of APA is the source of additional concern. The report was written and released in such a way that two outside groups (the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, and the National Board for Certified Counselors) promptly cited it as APA policy in service of their as-

sociations' agendas. Those letters necessitated that Dr. Evans issue a letter clarifying that the report is not APA policy. The report has not been reviewed or vetted by APA governance groups or the APAPO, nor has it been endorsed by the Council of Representatives as association policy. Our membership has not had an opportunity to review or comment on the report.

We recognize that this report reflects the interests of a constituency within the association, but it does not represent the interest of a majority of the association's membership. We are concerned that many current long-standing members of the APAPO and the APA will view adopting the recommendation to credential people with master's degrees in psychology to be clearly detrimental to their interests, and they will reject the APAPO and APA in significant numbers. Considering

how members reacted to the Practice Assessment Settlement and the Independent Report, this could be devastating to the APAPO and APA.

We share concerns that people in many communities may not have access to appropriate behavioral health services and medical services. We recognize that this is a very complex issue, and that it should be addressed in a comprehensive manner. We also share concerns that there will not be enough properly trained behavioral healthcare service professionals to meet the needs of the nation in the future, but the reasons for this are also complex and should be addressed in a comprehensive manner as well. We feel that professional psychology can and should have a leading role in meeting these needs, and that this can be accomplished in a

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manner that respects the interests of the entire professional psychology community. Creating a new class of lesser-trained service providers does not address the basic problem of how behavioral health and behavioral healthcare professionals are disrespected and under-resourced in our national healthcare system.

Given the interest in master's education and credentialing that exists within our association we recommend that APA undertake a comprehensive and thoughtful consideration of the issue. This process must include input from all interested constituencies within the APA and consideration of the professional guild issues that are the responsibility of the APAPO. The Report of the Minority Fellowship Program Summit is appropriately

only one document in this process. It would be grossly inappropriate to use this document to define or frame the process. In addressing this issue, the entire APA community needs to determine what we consider to be the issues that need to be addressed, and we need to work together to resolve them. We should start with the question "what does APA need to consider" not "should APA endorse the MA level practitioner in psychology."

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