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Convention Is Coming; See You There!



**By Bruce
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PhD**

Happy Summer to Everyone! The fourth of July is just a couple days behind us and then Convention will be upon us! If you haven't made plans to attend, please consider doing so. Division

31 has a lot of excellent presentations during convention along with presenting several awards including Psychologist of the Year and the Heiser Award. There is a social hour scheduled that is always a great time to meet and greet others. Plus, Chicago is a great city to visit with lots of food and entertainment options.

See you there,
Bruce

Congratulations to 2020 Division 31 President-elect Dr. Kathy Ashton

It is my great pleasure to tell you that Dr. Kathy Ashton has been elected President-elect of Division 31 beginning in January 2020 (President of Division 31 in 2021).

Congratulations to Dr. Ashton and thank you to others who were part of this process.

Lindsey Buckman, PsyD
Chair, Division 31 Nominations
Committee



I Dig Rock and Roll



**By Pat
De Leon,
PhD,
former APA
President**

Three Intriguing Agendas For Visionary State Associations: I recently had an exciting opportunity to attend the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) Culture of Health stakeholder meeting *Engaging Allies in the Culture of Health Movement*. This initiative represents a multiyear collaborative effort to identify strategies to create and sustain conditions that support equitable good health for all Americans. Although I had served on Capitol Hill for nearly four decades, co-Directors Ivory Clarke and Charlee Alexander introduced me to a fundamentally new social action concept, that of Anchor Institutions (e.g., academic health centers, hospitals, health systems, and universities). Kimber Bogard, formally with NAM and presently Senior Vice President of Strategy and Programs at the New York Academy of Medicine: “Anchor institutions can play a key role in helping to achieve health equity. In particular, if they are trusted by community residents and organizations, then they can bridge the voices of the community with local elected officials. If Anchor institutions have research capacity, then they can add data and theory of change to decision-making that advances a health equity

agenda.” Have Anchor Institutions presented at your state association annual meeting?

With the advent of health care technology, and particularly telepsychology and webinar conference interactions, the need for licensure mobility is becoming increasingly critical. During our Denver 2016 annual convention Steve DeMers, then ASPPB Executive Director, was successful in urging the Council of Representatives to support, in principle, the establishment of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) which is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of tele-psychology and the temporary in-person face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries. This will allow psychologists to legally provide electronic psychological services

from their home compact state to a patient in a distant compact state without having to be licensed in that distant state. It also allows colleagues to temporarily physically go into another compact state to provide face-to-face psychological services, again without having to be licensed in that distant state. As of May 1st 2019, PSYPACT is alive with Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Illinois (effective January 1st 2020) having adopted the necessary legislation. The lead contact for ASPPB is Alex Siegel, asiegel@asppb.org. When will your state association embrace this important legislative agenda?

And, Prescriptive Authority (RxP): Steve Ragusea: “In Flori-

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Ask Your SPTA to Make a Difference

Every year your SPTA is an association member of Division 31 there is the opportunity to help support the division with a voluntary contribution. The contribution can be assigned to the general fund to assist the mission of the division or the contribution can be made to help pay for the bi-annual diversity training programs at the Practice Leadership or towards a hardship fund account used to subsidize the annual dues of any SPTA that is in difficulty and applies for relief.

For many years one of the very small SPTAs, Guam, with the support of their Executive Director Mamie Balajadia, Ed.D. has provided a contribution to Division 31. All other SPTAs are invited to join Guam in making a contribution to assist Division 31!

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Spotlight on Michelle Fleming, PsyD, Minnesota Psych Assn.



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Early
Career Psychologists**

As the SPTA representative for the APA's Committee on Early Career Psychologists (<http://www.apa.org/careers/early-career/committee/index.aspx>), I lead the ECP track at APA's Practice Leadership Conference. I get to meet ECP psychologists from around the country doing incredible work to advance psychology. I appreciate Div. 31's support of ECPs and the opportunity to highlight the work ECPs are doing!

This quarter, we highlight Michelle Fleming, Psy.D., an ECP Delegate at the 2019 Practice Leadership Conference. Dr. Fleming reports from Minnesota:



"The Minnesota Psychological Association (MPA) possesses a strong community of members who have been widely supportive of Early Career Psychologists (ECPs) in the state of Minnesota, as well

as the growth of a larger ECP division. ECPs have a distinct position on the MPA Governing Council, and all ECP members are encouraged to participate on committees and MPA-sponsored events, such as our First Friday Forums, Annual Conference, and Multicultural Conference. Serving on the Executive Committee for MPA for the past year and on various other committees for six years, my main goal has been to bring the perspective of Minnesota ECPs to each and every topic of discussion to inform decisions about the future of MPA.

"The growth of a strong ECP Division within MPA has been a focus for many MPA Governing Council members. In working directly with our division chair and the MPA Student Division, attracting psychologists who are entering the field of Psychology as clinicians, supervisors, educators, and researchers has continued to be a primary goal of our state association. I believe encouraging these members to join committees, participate in training opportunities, and share their opinions regarding the future of MPA is vital to the association's success. With multiple doctoral-level psychology training programs in the state of Minnesota, identifying incoming psychologists and encouraging them to join MPA with a free student membership has been a main goal this past year. Discussions regarding the development of a mentoring program have also begun, as most new psychologists understand the challenge of completing requirements for licensure, planning for financial success, and looking for employment in a variety

of settings.

"Working to improve the future of Psychology, the future for all psychologists, and the future for the clients we serve is central to what drives and motivates me to participate in advocacy efforts within Minnesota and nationally. Starting with my work as a student volunteer during my graduate program, I have served on MPA's Legislative Committee for six years and have testified in congressional hearings regarding proposed laws that directly impact the field of Psychology in Minnesota. I have also had the opportunity to engage in seminal discussions about possible implementation of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) in Minnesota, to engage with APA on advocacy for the continuance of the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program by advocating in Washington DC at the 2019 Federal Education Advocacy Coordinators (FEDAC) Summit, participating in the APA Practice Leadership Conference (PLC), and in helping to raise money for the over 200 Minnesota-based students who were displaced by the closure of Argosy University.

"The opportunities I have been given by MPA and APA, including the strong focus on legislative and advocacy efforts, have had a profound impact on the way I view this field and on the role I intend on playing in it's future."

I really appreciate Dr. Fleming sharing the great work she and other ECPs are doing in Minnesota. We appreciate all the work that ECPs there put into their state association and look forward to more great things in the future!

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Div. 31 Officers!!

I am thrilled to announce our 2020 election results. Congratulations to all of those who will be joining the division board and a big thank you to all of you who ran.

President-Elect - Kathy Ashton, PhD

Treasurer - Nan Klein, PhD

Member-at-Large - Gayle Spears, PhD

Student Representative - Erika Brink, MA

Council Representative - Peter Oppenheimer, PhD

Best,

Lindsey Buckman, PsyD

APA Committee on Aging Update for Div. 31



**By Mary
Miller
Lewis, PhD,
ABPP
CONA
Liaison to
Division 31**

CONA has been focused on a number of critical issues this year. First, the group worked on feedback for the new APA strategic plan, and relayed priorities to APA focused on a number of concerns related to plan's goals and objectives. Specifically, CONA stressed the importance of APA serving the large, growing, and increasingly diverse older adult population across settings of care and residence, family and other caregivers, professionals involved in practice and/or research with older, basic and applied researchers whose work has implications for lifespan development and, students across all educational levels, and the public, who will better benefit from scientific advancement and services provided by psychologists. A number of spe-

cific challenges for APA to address were also included in the feedback, including ageism, lack of exposure and educational opportunities with older adults, research priorities, reputational confusion, stigma attached to mental and behavioral health, lack of access to integrated health, and interdisciplinary competition, to name a few.

Second, CONA reviewed and provided input on a number of APA draft resolutions and guidelines, as well as CRSPPP petitions, to ensure adequate attention is given to older adult and aging issues. Thus far this year, CONA has provided comments on the: *Resolution on Sexual Orientation Change Efforts*, *Resolution on Gender Identity Change Efforts*, *Resolution on Combination Biomedical and Behavioral Approaches to Optimize HIV Prevention*, *Resolution on Neuropsychological Assessment and HIV Infection*, *Guidelines for Psychological Practice for People with Low-Income and Economic Marginalization*, *Race and Ethnicity Guidelines in Psychology*, *Guidelines for Educa-*

tion and Training in Psychological Assessment in Health Service Psychology, and the *Presidential Initiative on Deep Poverty* (to which CONA member, Katherine Ramos, PhD serves a liaison).

Last, CONA will be updating the 2002 APA Resolution on Ageism, as well as convening a Board for Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest/CONA working group to update the 2011 Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Change. The Committee on Aging (CONA) is also seeking nominations, for two new full members of APA with substantive expertise in aging issues to serve a three-year term beginning January 2020 and ending December 2022. This year CONA is seeking psychologists with expertise in **neuropsychology** or **applied and experimental psychology**. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 2, 2019. Self-nominations are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Miller Lewis, Ph.D., ABPP

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming APA Convention Events!

APA 2019

To those attending APA Convention this year, please mark your calendar for the following Division 31 events. Titles with asterisks indicate sessions offering CE credits. Hope to see you there!

Licci Jaimes, PsyD

Convention Chair | Division 31

FRIDAY

Interjurisdictional Telepsych and PSYPACT ***

Symposium

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

McCormick Place | Room W179a

Advocacy Imprinting---Pathway to Successful Professional Careers ***

Symposium

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

McCormick Place | Room W185d

SAMHSA: Critical Issues of National Significance

Invited Address:

Dr. Arlin Hatch, PhD

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

McCormick Place | Room W179b

Division 31 Social Hour

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM

Marriott Marquis Chicago Hotel |
Calculus Room

SATURDAY

Telepsychology in Integrated Care---An International Perspective ***

Symposium

8:00 AM - 9:50 AM

McCormick Place | Room W178b

The Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for Advocacy

10:00AM - 10:50AM

Marriott Marquis Chicago Hotel/
Henry Clarke Room Level 3

ASPPB and the APA Ethics Committee Working Together ---Case Illustrations of Telepsychology Practice Dilemmas ***

Symposium

11:00 AM - 12:50 PM

McCormick Place | Room W181a

Collective, Cross-Generational Advocacy ***

Skill-Building Session

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM

McCormick Place | Room W175a

Integrated Primary Care, Psychology Trainees, and Serving an Underserved Medicaid Population

Collaborative Program

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM

McCormick Place | Room W183a

Challenging Situations in Disaster Mental Health---Lessons Learned ***

Symposium

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

McCormick Place Room W180

Cultivating the Next Generation of Organizational Leaders---PPA's Emerging Leaders Program ***

Discussion

10:00 AM - 11:50 AM

McCormick Place | Room W184a

******Sessions offering CE***

credits have been reviewed and approved by the American Psychological Association Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) to offer CE credits for psychologists. The CEP Office and the CEC maintain responsibility for the delivery of the programs.

SPTA Updates



By Jennifer Kelly, PhD, ABPP

Illinois

The Illinois Psychological Association is hosting a night at Chicago's famous "Second City" comedy club. The event will be held during the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Although we have reserved the "house", tickets are going fast, and seating is limited. The event includes an audience inspired improv with Second City and our local psychology improv group "The Therapy Players." For more information, contact Marsha Karey at mkarey@illinoispsychology.com. IPA's Annual Fall Convention, Illuminating Intersectionality – The World Within the individual and the Individual within the World: Interconnected Identities in Science and Practice. November 14-16, at the Doubletree Lisle. Visit the IPA website for more information, www.illinoispsychology.org

Minnesota

The Minnesota Psychological Association has had a successful spring. Despite bad weather, we had a tremendous turnout for our 2019 Annual Conference. This year's theme was "New Ideas That Will Change Your Clinical Practice". We had two days filled with some great presentations, break-

outs, networking opportunities, and a chance to acknowledge members that have made strong contributions to psychology at our annual awards program. We have continued to have at least monthly education sessions and have finalized our programs throughout the end of the year. During the 2019 legislative session MPA was able to get a hearing on the 23.7% increase to psychologists in the Medical Assistance program for the first time in four years. An important advance was also the inclusion of the mental health parity language. To read a summary of our legislative session please click [here](#). Finally, MPA is proud to announce that we were able to raise over \$7,000 in donations for Argosy Students in Minnesota that did not receive funds that had been guaranteed to them. We would like to thank all of our generous donors.

Missouri

Two bills supported by the Missouri Psychological Association were passed this legislative session. One bill guarantees psychologists the right diagnosis and treat individuals with developmental disabilities who are covered by commercial insurance. Prior to the passage of the bill, psychologists were guaranteed only the right to diagnosis Autism Spectrum Disorders. A second bill reinstates Medicaid for prisoners once they are released from incarceration if they received it prior to incarceration. Previously these individuals would have to reapply for Medicaid, which could take months. If they were on medication while in prison, they would

lose their ability to pay for it once released. It would also make it difficult to pay for needed psychological services. MOPA's held its annual conference in June and saw a strong increase in attendance. Keynote was APA's Dr. C. Vaile Wright.

Ohio

OPA's Director of Membership and Operations, Carolyn Green has implemented two new member outreach programs that are getting great feedback. Monthly "Good Vibes" notes are emailed to all members, highlighting a member service and resource. A recent Good Vibes email provided information about several online Tool Kits that OPA Committees have developed to provide help to members in dealing with Insurance Audits, Practice Management and Practice Marketing. Response to these messages has been very positive. Her other creative membership outreach idea is sending Happy Birthday messages to members. This has been a big hit with OPA members.

Visit the [Div. 31 web site](#) for current SPTA info and blogs.

Div. 31 Integrated Care Task Force Update



By Kathleen Ashton, PhD, ABPP, Chair, Div 31 Integrated Care Task Force

The Division 31 Integrated Care Task Force re-formed in 2018 to address the integrated care needs of state associations. Specifically, integrated care advocacy often takes place at the state level, and Division 31 can act as a connector between larger integrated care initiatives and state associations. Since 2018, the task force has presented at Practice Leadership Conference and APA Convention, maintained blogposts on integrated care, and participated in interdivisional integrated care meetings.

Based on discussion and feedback, the task force is now focusing on developing a State Toolkit for Integrated Care which will contain access to specific state legislative language related to integrated care, links to training and workforce development tools, and practical tools such as access to integrated care policies, ethics white papers, and resources on interprofessional relationships.

Check out just a few of the activities the task force is excited about this summer:

1. **New Integrated Care**

Policy: Check out the blogpost here (<https://kashton4494.wixsite.com/ashtononapapocapp/single-post/2019/06/24/New-Integrated-Care-Policy>) and

the full policy here (<https://www.apaservices.org/about/resolution-integrated-care.pdf>).

2. **Sponsoring an interdivisional collaborative program at the 2019 APA Convention.**

It will take place Saturday August 10 from 4:00-5:50 PM in McCormick Place Room W183a. The topic is “Integrated primary care, psychology trainees, and serving an underserved Medicaid population” with Shirley Higuchi, Alan Nessman, Winnie Fong, Pete Liggett, Cathy Grus, and Kathy Ashton.

3. **Opioid workforce training.**

Elena Eisman and the Center for Psychology and the Ohio Psychological Association are putting together a pilot program this fall for

psychologists interested in training on working with the opioid epidemic. The task force and Division 31 hope to connect this program to other state associations.

4. **Ethics Revision.** Members of the task force including Barbara Ward Zimmerman, Doug Tynan, and Kathy Ashton were pleased to be part of a workgroup to provide feedback to the Ethics Code revision committee on integrated care topics.

I'd like to thank the Division 31 Integrated Care Task Force Members for their continued dedication to both integrated care and state associations: Barbara Ward-Zimmerman, Natalie Piliplenko, Doug Tynan, Paul Korte, Jennifer Kelley, Roseann Fish Getchell, and Elena Eisman.

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da, we made a great deal of progress this year and almost brought our RxP bill to a House vote. The Health Care Appropriations Committee and the Health Quality Committee, two of the three reviewing committees, overwhelmingly passed our RxP bill. However, as time ran short and the end of the session loomed, House and Senate leadership prioritized the bills they most wanted to push through this session. Our bill was not one of their top priorities so it was sidelined. However, Representative Cary Pigman (a physician) and Senator Jeff Brandes expect to reintroduce the bills in January for the 2020 session and there will be some

changes in governmental leadership that may benefit our cause. We are very optimistic.” Mental Health America of Hawai'i reflecting upon Access: “Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Trained Clinical Psychologists (RxP), to improve and increase access to comprehensive mental health services, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas and for people with low-income. Result: SB 819 did not pass House committees.” “Let's continue to work together and make our voices heard!” Significant community support -- What more could HPA ask for? “But if I really say it, the radio won't play it” (Peter, Paul, and Mary).

Aloha

Report on APA Council of Representatives



**By Peter Oppenheimer, PhD
APA Council of Representatives**

The Council of Representatives will meet at the Convention in Chicago August 7 and 9. There are two items of particular importance to our membership.

The leadership of the Caucus of State Provincial and Territorial Representatives (CSTPR) and the Association of Practicing Psychologists (APP) have decided to move the APP meeting from its traditional date and time (after the first day of the Council meeting) into the time slot that has been provided for the Combined Caucus (CAPP, Div. 31, CSTPR and Rural Health Interest Caucus). That meeting will immediately follow the CSTPR meeting in Water Tower Room B of the Marriott Marquis Chicago. The CSTPR meeting time is 7:30-8:15 and the APP meeting time is 8:15-9:00. This change will provide Council of Representatives the opportunity to discuss guild issues prior to the Council meeting. With the demise of CAPP, this option would have been lost if we did not make this change. APP membership is open to all APA members, so you are welcome to come to that meeting if you are interested.

The other important issue is a proposed Amendment to Association Rules to change the composition of the Board of Professional Affairs. APA leadership decided that

CAPP had to be sunsetted as part of the transition. That occurred on June 30. That means there is no longer a committee dedicated to professional guild issues. After months of discussion by the management, APA/APASI Board of Directors, CAPP and BPA, it has been decided to adapt BPA to include three new seats that will be slated to include members with expertise in guild issues such as state advocacy and practice innovation. In addition, Council of Executives of State and Provincial Psychological Associations (CESPPA) will appoint a member to serve on BPA. A change to the Association Rules is required to accomplish this. CAPP members proposed stronger alternatives to the item that is being presented to Council that would have better represented the interests of state association members and practicing psychologists of all sorts, but this

is the compromise that was acceptable to all parties.

I look forward to reporting to you what transpires at the Council Meeting in the next newsletter.

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