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President's Message



By Margaret Heldring, PhD
Division 31 President

Aloha! I hope all of you were in Hawaii for a beautiful meeting. I confess I traveled to Honolulu with some trepidation. It seemed a long trip and not inexpensive. I had a rough start to my summer and my spirits were a bit low and I wasn't sure what to expect or even what to hope for. What I found, and hope everyone did, was healing, moving, generous and fun. I have new appreciation for breath, for gentle trade winds and for the place our psychology occupies in a long history of trying to know ourselves and honor the deepest places within us and between ourselves and others.

A heartfelt thanks to Kate Brown, who spread the spirit so warmly. What a great social hour! Congratulations to Nan Klein who was recognized as our psychologist of the year and to the Ohio State Psychological Association for their effective initiatives to support diversity. Both are great role models for us!

Thanks also to John Moritsugu who worked with Kate on our Division's excellent program. Truthfully, I have rarely heard people as excited with the quality as I heard after several programs in Honolulu. I had the honor of chairing a panel of current and past STPA presidents. Each shared pearls of wisdom, funny stories, challenging episodes, times of triumph and setback. I will write up my notes to post on our Web site, as there were so many gems. Among the other pleasures of that role was simply being reminded of what talent and generosity exists so pervasively among STPA leaders and staff. My hat goes off to each of you giving time and careful thought to help psychology thrive and to help those we serve do likewise.

Sallie Hildebrandt and Geoffrey LeBoeuf, Division 31 Membership Committee Co-Chairs, have launched a new membership recruitment campaign called "One for One, and 31 for All!" Each of us must be active. At your STPA and APA meetings, invite your friends and colleagues to join our Division. Download several membership applications from our Web site and take them with you. We need to grow. Growth means a greater voice for the issues and value of STPAs and more revenues for the Division.

An old song from me: I want to encourage you as STPA leaders (past, present and future) to convene a summit meeting of other health organizations in your state, province or territory. Why? Because the word is out that mind and body are not separate! See Newsweek (not to mention a score of academic and other scientific reports) Sept. 27, 2004. Even if the pace is glacial, we are moving toward a health care system that does a better job of integrating mind and body. 2005 APA president, Ron Levant, has one presidential initiative targeted this way called "Health Care for the Whole Person." One goal is to bring primary care organizations together on the national level to endorse a model of care and a delivery system that operates on the principle of integration. Ron's initiative is an excellent step and it would be exciting to see this replicated on the state level as well.

I am pleased that Lisa Grossman, as our 2005 president and Linda Campbell, as our 2006 president, are both supportive of our fledgling psychology and public policy initiative. We will continue to develop the mission and reach out to STPAs for ideas and action. It is exciting to envision ways to bring psychology to bear positively on the greater public interest.

I close with a special thanks to Bob Brown who has served as Chair of the Fellows Committee for many years and has announced his wish to serve as a mentor to a successor. Guiding someone through this process, completing all the paperwork in a timely fashion and recruiting potential Fellows is time consuming. It is a quiet, selfless way to bring recognition to people and Bob has been extraordinary. He is a truly giving man and we thank him for so many years of service to Division 31 and to psychology.

I approach the end of my year as president with gratitude. It is wonderful to be back in psychology, back home. Everyone has shown warmth and willingness to get involved and make a difference. A year goes by quickly, but it is exactly that speed that helps one understand that every day counts and every interaction can be precious. I thank you all so much and look forward to a rich year with Lisa as president. Reach out!

Division 31 Endorses Koocher and Nordal

Division 31 has endorsed candidates Gerald Koocher, PhD, and Katherine Nordal, PhD, for APA President-Elect. We strongly urge our members to cast their votes for these two candidates who have both shown strong support for the issues and concerns of SPTPAs. It is important to vote for both as your number one and number two choices as this enhances the chances of electing an advocate for state associations.

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Division 31 Representative to the APA Council

ALOHA

The second session of the 2004 Council of Representatives met during with the APA's Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, amidst the sun and sand of Waikiki and the tropical splendor of paradise. More than 13,000 people attended the convention, with surprisingly strong attendance at the various scientific sessions and practice-based presentations despite the strong lure of surf and palm trees. Usually conservatively dressed psychologists were resplendent in colorful Hawaiian prints, flowers and sandals. The Aloha Spirit was clearly felt by all! Lani Moe'uhane!



Margaret Heldring, PhD, President of Division 31, speaks at the social hour.

APA's CEO, Dr. Norman Anderson, presented highlights of the APA budget. In 2001, APA had close to a \$6 million deficit followed by a \$1.3 million deficit in 2002. By 2003, APA had a record setting surplus of \$2.4 million. Projections for 2004 indicate that the probable surplus will be \$743,000.

Council approved the 2005 budget in principle, including recommended increases in membership dues from \$247 to \$253, an increase in affiliate membership dues from \$42 to \$43, recommended increases in journal prices of 3.5 percent for members and an increase in convention registration fee by \$30.

Other important agenda items discussed included:

- Council voted to adopt two APA policy resolutions stating that it is unfair and discriminatory to deny same-sex couples legal access to civil marriage and to all its attendant benefits, rights and privileges and that APA opposes discrimination based on sexual orientation in matters of adoption, child custody and visitation, foster care

and reproductive health services.

- We approved a rules change that offers an expansion of the number of years new members can benefit from additional steps in a dues step-up program.

- Council also approved the formal establishment of a continuing Committee on Early Career Psychologists.

- The Interdivisional Grant Program was reinstated by Council to support joint activities that enhance the work and interests or goals of two or more divisions.

- Council approved a motion that provides specific concrete steps to enhance diversity representation within the APA governance system and encourages the appreciation and value of diversity across the Association, including diversity training for Council and Board and Committees. Council also approved the to continue the



Dr. Michael Sullivan, Assistant Executive Director, State Advocacy, shares his wisdom with attendees at the Social Hour.

reimbursement policy for ethnic minority members of Council.

- Council approved a motion that requested that the APA Bylaws be amended to prevent members-at-large of the Board of Directors from seeking re-election.

- Council adopted a new policy resolution to be titled "Sexual Orientation and Military Service" that affirms existing APA policy resolutions on lesbian, gay and bisexual issues; updates, elaborates and strengthens APA policy on sexual orientation and military service; and, eliminates APA's prohibition on advertisements from the Department of Defense.

- With Council approval of the motion to receive the Report on the Task Force on Psychological Effects of

Efforts to Prevent Terrorism, the report will be posted on the APA Web site and a printed version will be available.

- Council voted to accept task force reports on Bullying Among Children and Youth and Psychology's Agenda for Child and



The winner of the 2004 Diversity Award, presented by Lisa Grossman, PhD, JD, was the Ohio Psychological Association. Accepting the award were Board members, staff and members of the Diversity Committee: Michael Ranney, MPA, Executive Director; Gerald Strauss, PhD, President Elect; Leon Vandecreek, PhD, Diversity Committee Member; Vanessa K. Jensen, PsyD, Finance Officer.

from Hawai'i



Michael Sullivan, PhD, Assistant Executive Director, State Advocacy, Practice Directorate, congratulates some of the 2004 Heiser Award Recipients: Glenn A. Ally, PhD; Linda R. Upton, PhD, Samuel Webb Sentell, PhD, Cathy O. Castille, PhD, and Michael Berard, PhD.

Adolescent Mental Health, both of which will be available from APA.

- Council passed a Resolution of Culture and Gender Awareness in International Psychology, now available through APA.
- Council accepted CRSPPP's recommendations for the renewal



Margaret Heldring, PhD, congratulates the 2004 Outstanding Psychologist, Nan Klein, PhD, of the Utah Psychological Association.

of Clinical Health Psychology as a specialty and Biofeedback as a proficiency.

- Council also celebrated 30 Years of Women in Psychology, the Women's Committee of APA and the passage of Prescriptive Authority in Louisiana.

If you have questions about these matters or other APA business issues, please feel free to contact me at rrozensky@php.ufl.edu.

Finally, I want to thank you all for re-electing me to be your Council Representative for a second three-year term: Mahalo nui loa: Thank you very much. Me ka 'oia'i'o: With sincerity.

However, an interesting thing occurred on my way back to Council to represent you. I was just notified that I have been elected to the APA Board of Directors for a three-year term.

The Board of Directors serves as the executive committee of the Council and will offer me a wonderful opportunity to continue to give back to psychology with my service.

Thus, it is necessary for me to resign my Division 31 Council seat to accept this new position. I resign with mixed feelings since, as I said in my re-election statement, I always have been a States-issue oriented person. But I will carry with me the agenda of our states, provinces and territories as I serve on the Board. Many thanks for the opportunity to be your Council Representative and for the chance to work with so many of you for our common cause.



Pictured above are the Heiser Award winners from Louisiana. From left to right: Jack Wiggins, PhD, founder of the Heiser Award, Linda Upton, PhD, Jim Quillen, PhD, John Bolter, PhD, Cathy Castille, PhD, Webb Sentell, PhD, Glen Ally, PhD, and Jeff Barnett, PsyD.

State Association Priorities

By Gerald Koocher, PhD

I want to express my gratitude for the Division's presidential endorsement and take a few words to comment on some of the national issues most important to state psychological associations. In the past year I have visited more than a dozen large (e.g., California, Florida, and New York) and smaller (e.g., Indiana, Mississippi, and Rhode Island) states, and I will have visited another five before the ballots go into the mail.

It has become very clear to me that APA must communicate more effectively with its members and with all psychologists who have become disaffected or have decided not to become members of both APA and our state psychological associations. Some of our colleagues simply do not recognize all that goes on daily within our organizations in support of the profession. Out of sight clearly becomes out of mind, and we must find ways to step clearly into view.

We must also tend to the needs of our

most junior colleagues who often exit their training facing significant student-loan debt, barriers to practice entry and mobility problems.

We must improve this situation by lobbying for increased traineeship funding and loan forgiveness programs. We must also press ahead with the mobility dialogues and mechanisms begun over the last few years, including moves to allow preliminary licensure immediately following award of the doctorate. By helping new psychologists to advance economically, we underscore the value of professional association affiliations to them.

Many opportunities exist to expand the scope of traditional psychological practice into new arenas within health care (e.g., prescribing privileges and consulting to a developing spectrum of health care settings), increased consultations to the courts, personal and athletic performance coaching, and electronic service delivery.

We must support and encourage competent

practice in such new areas, wherever psychology can add value and quality to society. This should include focusing on internal state operations and interstate efforts with respect to protective and enabling statutes and regulations. APA needs a comprehensive national legislation tracking program with up-to-date alerts of important legislative initiatives and regulatory actions related to psychology.

Finally, we must carry what we know about improving family life beyond the halls of psychology, bringing psychological knowledge more visibly into the public forum.

In this context family life encompasses realms of public policy, work, education, recreation, health and interpersonal relationships. We know that healthy and well-adjusted people build better societies, but we also know that improving societal institutions builds better people. Psychology has much to contribute and we can do a better job of making these potential contributions self-evident.

Perspective on State Associations

By Katherine C. Nordal, PhD

As I was completing my recent term on the APA Board of Directors, my state association (Mississippi) president asked me about my perspective on state associations and how that may have (or have not) changed as a function of my national governance service. I would like to share my impressions with you also.

The breadth and depth of activities undertaken by APA for its members is absolutely mind-boggling. Our APA Practice Organization is always hard at work for practitioners and state associations. A special thanks and appreciation go to Russ Newman and Mike Sullivan for their leadership, and to their staff who put in a Herculean effort on a daily basis in spite of an under-funded APA Practice Organization.

Kudos to APA notwithstanding, state associations are where the rubber meets the road for most of us: statutes that define the scope and nature of practice; prescriptive authority; mental health parity legislation; managed care and insurance company litigation; Medicaid funding; immunity legislation for court appointed custody evaluators; and, funding for education and training programs. When you develop and sustain relationships with key members of your state legislature and state agencies, you

will achieve important legislative and regulatory victories over time. The recent successes of the New Mexico and Louisiana Psychological Associations in gaining prescriptive authority are a testament to such relationships.

As individuals, we can have the largest impact, see more immediate results and feel more intimately connected to our colleagues and profession in our state association than anywhere else! Your state association should be your primary and most important link to professional psychology. Our state associations provide us with a sense of professional identification, support and networking opportunities.

State associations also have a great influence in APA governance and policy development. Your association's main voice is your APA Council representative.

Give state associations an even stronger voice. Stop throwing away those annual apportionment ballots and cast your 10 votes for your state association and/or Division 3. The more votes states get, the stronger their collective voice will be. When state associations work together, they can achieve legislative victories in the Council. That is how the states, provinces and territories eventually got more seats (votes) on Council over time. We are fortunate to have excellent leadership for the Council States' Caucus and APA's Division 31 who

are working hard on your behalf.

Your Council member also elects members of many APA boards and committees. Your association receives a yearly call for nominations for standing boards and committees and can nominate any number of individuals for those positions.

Nominate your colleagues. It is important for the voice of states to be heard in those venues.

I was honored to serve APA and its members on the Board of Directors. I currently serve on the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP) and my "portfolio" is state association issues.

Feel free to contact me at knordal@vicksburg.com or www.DrNordal.com with any questions you might have about APA's efforts on behalf of state associations or practice issues.

Please share this article with a colleague who is not a member of your association: maybe it will help them to understand why state association membership should be an important part of their professional development and identity as a psychologist.

And, if you are not already a member, consider joining Division 31, the only APA division devoted solely to the interests of state associations.

Nominations Requested for Division 31 Awards

Division 31 invites nominations for the awards to be presented at the 2005 State Leadership Conference. Please submit nominations by Jan. 1, 2005 for the following categories:

Outstanding State, Provincial or Territorial Psychological Association

The award for Outstanding State, Provincial or Territorial Psychological Association honors a psychological association that provides a model for other associations to emulate, by achievements and outstanding accomplishments, such as:

- Initiating innovative programming and services.
- Advancing the profession through advocacy and significant legislative accomplishments.
- Increasing membership growth and retention.
- Demonstrating strategies for promoting financial stability of the Association.
- A proven history of producing leaders in organized psychology.
- Promoting diversity within the Association.
- Contributing significantly to the public good.

Outstanding Psychological Association Staff Member

The award for Outstanding Psychological Association Staff Member honors a person whose outstanding achievements may include:

- Demonstrating excellent leadership skills.
- Advancing psychology through innovative or significant accomplishments.
- Inspiring greater involvement of members.
- Serving as an outstanding role model and mentor for other staff members.
- Providing community service of significant value to his/her psychological association and psychology.

Nominations should be sent to 2005 Awards Chair Margaret Heldring, PhD, 3220 Ordway St. NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Nominations solicited for Division 31 Officers

Nominations are requested for Division 31 officers to be elected during 2005: President-Elect, Treasurer and Member-at-Large. The term of office for the President-Elect is a three-year cycle as President-Elect, President and Past-President. The Treasurer and Member-at-Large serve for two years.

Nominations should be sent to: 2005 Nominations/Election Chair Margaret Heldring, PhD, 3220 Ordway St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Don't forget to cast your apportionment ballots



When your apportionment ballot arrives, Division 31 urges its members to cast all 10 votes for your state association to give your state and all states a strong voice in the governance of APA.

This determines how many votes the states have in the Council of Representatives and we need your vote!

SPTPA News Briefs

STATE ASSOCIATION UPDATES

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Psychological Association has voted to create an Early Career Psychologists Division to complement our recently created Student Division. This fall, the CPA Educational Foundation launched the Catherine Acuff Memorial Advocacy and Research Awards (\$500 per award) for students and early career professionals. These developments reflect a continuing commitment by CPA to make membership as valuable for students and early career psychologists as it has been for more established members of our discipline.

IDAHO

IPA's current focus is on increasing psychologist's visibility to the general public and other psychologists throughout the state. With that focus in mind, IPA will soon host its third annual Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards luncheon with the first lady of Idaho serving as one of the award presenters. Another program designed to promote psychologist visibility in Idaho is IPA's new "Shrink Tank" program. This program will offer free presentations by member psychologists to local businesses and groups. In addition, IPA purchased exhibit equipment and has started to participate in local health fairs. To increase visibility among colleagues, IPA established a New Member Network and has linked those efforts to its existing Peer Consultation Program.

ILLINOIS

We are increasing our Prescription Privileges lobbying efforts this winter. Thanks to a CAPP Grant from APA, we were able to hire an Issues Management Firm that helped us develop a strategic plan for educating consumers and legislators about the advantages of giving prescriptive authority to psychologists. As part of this effort, we developed an e-mail system to communicate regularly with legislators. We plan to send interesting information about psychology and mental health issues to legislators on a regular basis.

We have developed four brief workshops that we will offer to our members this winter. They include: "Developing a Consulting Practice," "Forensics as a Specialty," "Dealing with Billing Complexities" and "Preparing Your Practice for Retirement."

Marlin Hoover, PhD, ABPP, who has completed a master's degree in psychopharmacology and passed the Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists, will be presenting a one day workshop for psychologists interested in acquiring prescription privileges. Participants will be introduced to the knowledge areas and the practical training that is recommended by the American Psychological Association in its model curriculum for prescribing privileges.

IOWA

Iowa Psychological Association Fall Conference is Oct. 15, 2004 in Iowa City. "Collaborative Couple Therapy: Turning Fights into Intimate Conversation" will feature presenter Dan Wile.

IPA's President David Christiansen, PhD, recently appointed Elizabeth Lonning, PsyD, and Brenda Payne, PhD, to co-chair a Psychopharmacology Committee. They will be exploring the logistics and feasibility of offering Level I training in Iowa. IPA's Executive Council recently passed an association Antitrust statement. This statement will be broadcast to the membership, displayed at IPA events and adhered to in IPA Executive Council meetings.

NORTH CAROLINA

NCPA was successful in the 2004 legislative session in having psychologists included as directly enrolled independent providers under Medicaid to see adult clients. Psychologists have been able to provide services to children for several years.

OHIO

New Ohio Board President, Gerald Strauss, PhD, assumed office on Sept. 1, 2004. James Brush, PhD, moves into Past President role. Carol Johnson, PhD, is the President-elect for the 2004-2005 year. A Board retreat, which included significant focus on diversity, took place in September. OPA's focus on diversity was recognized at the recent APA Convention, with the Division 31 Diversity Award and a Presidential Citation from Division 44. OPA's Annual Convention will be Oct. 20-22, 2004, featuring Russ Newman, PhD.

WEST VIRGINIA

John Linton, PhD, ABPP, recently received the Dean's Award at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Dr. Linton was one of two recipients of the 2004 Dean's Award for Excellence in Service to the West Virginia School of Medicine, as announced by Dr. Robert D'Alessandri, Dean of the Medical School, during his State of the School address.

Dr. Linton is Vice Chair and Chief Psychologist in the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at WVU in Charleston. He is director of medical student education, directs the pre-doctoral psychology internship program and chairs the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, in addition to a variety of other administrative and clinical duties. WV Psychological Association is most proud of Dr. Linton's accomplishment, as this is the first time a psychology faculty member has been honored in this way.



Apply for APA Fellowship through Division 31

The APA and the Division have two avenues to fellowship, which recognizes outstanding contributions to psychology. Division 31 members who are not already Fellows of APA apply for initial fellowship through the Division, and then their applications also must be approved by the APA Membership Committee and the Council of Representatives.

For members who are already Fellows of APA through another division, all it takes to be a Division 31 Fellow is a detailed letter of application to the Division Fellows Committee: this committee makes the final decision for “old” fellows.

Some years ago, the APA recognized that people forge distinguished careers in psychology in many different ways. The traditional fellowship criteria had been based on research and publications, but many psychologists made outstanding contributions in other ways. In the case of Division 31, particularly, our members were being disadvantaged by the old criteria. Now, each division creates its own criteria and its own standards for substantial and enduring contributions. The Membership Committee sets minimum standards but then uses individual division criteria in its approval process.

Division 31 has four general criteria to judge contributions. There could be achievements in any or all of these areas.

- The **first** is contributions through conceptual or practical development and/or implementation of exemplary SPTPA programs. Examples of such programs would be models for CE, licensing, public relations, public interest activities or the myriad other areas of interest to SPTPAs.

- The **second** is contributions through leadership in organized psychology that have regional or national level impact. Holding an elected office would not, in and of itself, be sufficient, so the committee would evaluate the contributions made while holding the position.

- The **third** is through publishing or other ways of disseminating information, which includes publications, paper presentations, invited presentations and the like.

- The **fourth** is contributions to national policy development or political action effort. This could be at the state level, but there would need to be evidence of national impact by, for example, the advocacy influencing other states. Note that you do not have to have contributions in each of these areas.

We urge both “old” fellows and other members to apply. The old fellow application just requires you to write a letter detailing your contributions based on our criteria, and the “new” fellow application is detailed but not arduous; we will send you more detailed information on request.

For new fellows, the best time to ask for application materials is in early September. Slight changes in APA forms are sent out from year to year just after the annual meeting in August. For forms or for further information:

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New Fellow

Congratulations to Vanessa K. Jensen, PsyD, our newest APA and Division 31 Fellow. Vanessa is head of the Section of Pediatric Psychology at the Children’s Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic and Executive Director of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. She is a past-president of the Ohio Psychological Association and has served on its Board of Directors for 16 years. She has chaired a variety of its committees, and been instrumental in developing initiatives regarding increasing membership and diversity, tracking CE credits and developing sound fiscal policies.

Through her work at the Cleveland Clinic, she has been in the forefront of the now rapidly expanding movement to integrate psychology into general health care. She also served, at the national level, on the Congressional Task Force for Health and helped to further APA’s involvement with the Department of Education and HHS’s “autism agenda.”

Her state and national activities on the part of psychology and their patients have been recognized by the APA Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award, The OPA Distinguished Service Award, the Wyeth HERA Silver Award for Improvement in Women’s and Children’s Health and the Wright State Outstanding Alumni Award (the first psychologist to receive it).

Congratulations Vanessa!

New Election of APA Council Representative

Congratulations to Ron Rozensky, PhD, ABPP, on his election to the APA Board of Directors! While we’re sorry to lose him as our newly re-elected and faithful APA Council Representative, we know he will continue representing the concerns and issues of the states, provinces and territories. This necessitates a new election which will be conducted by APA. You all received postcards seeking nominations for the Division 31 Representative to the APA Council for a three year term beginning Jan. 1, 2005. Nominations were due to Jeff Barnett, PsyD, by Oct. 1. Candidates statements will be posted on the Division Web site at <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div31/>. Please vote when your ballot arrives.

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