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President's Message

Greetings to our Division 31 members. This summer issue of the newsletter heralds the approach of APA and the activities of our division at the Convention. I hope to see many of you there and also hope that you will attend the Division 31 sponsored programming. Our Division will hold its social and awards hour again at the convention and the Board and I will look forward to talking with you there about the future of the Division and your participation in it.

All of our programming, as well as social hour/awards information, can be found on our Web site at www.apadiv31.org.

Division 31 is committed to promoting the role of SPTAs in decision making that affects the future of psychology. We continue to seek new and expanded ways in which the Division can facilitate this purpose and be a vehicle through which SPTAs may strengthen their effectiveness for their members. To this end, the Division is working with SPTAs specifically on the election of the APA President-Elect. The Division's Executive Committee conducts monthly conference calls in which this initiative and others are advanced. During these months leading up to the election in October, we have developed a model that we think will be helpful to SPTAs and their members in understanding the strengths and goals of candidates who want to represent us.

As you know, the APA President-Elect candidates write their own statements regarding their intentions and goals should they be elected. These statements are widely circulated in through the *APA Monitor* and often through other division newsletters.

Our Executive Committee decided that often those statements are not descriptive of the individuals' involvement nor commitment to their SPTAs mission. Consequently, the Executive Committee, in consent from the Board of Directors, developed five questions that specifically ask for information regarding topics of concern to SPTAs and how the topics would be addressed if the individual is elected: specifically what roles the individual has held in the home SPTA; list of accomplishments that strengthened the home SPTA; and, identification of what the person would do to advance the mission of SPTAs at the APA

level.

These questions were submitted to the candidates and the responses that we received are included in this issue of the *Focus on 31*, on our Web page, and will be distributed in several other venues with the assistance of CESPPA listserv to the Executive Directors and on the state listserv to SPTA Presidents.

We expressly included the questions in this issue to be received by members this summer. The Executive Committee and our Board are encouraging SPTAs to use these answers in discussions at their summer retreats, board meetings, and other gatherings of SPTA members in order to determine which candidates will advance the SPTA's objectives. Division 31 is aware that some SPTAs are in decision making processes regarding whether or not they want to endorse a candidate for APA Presidency-Elect. The variety of positions on this question range from active endorsement and informal endorsement to a resolved position of neutrality, to a perspective that SPTAs may support those who support the objectives of SPTAs. Our questions included in this newsletter are meant to be used in any way that is helpful to our members. Our Executive Committee and Board are committed to one purpose in this initiative and that is to giving information to you for your decision making, enhancing the role of SPTAs in our profession, and to advance the welfare of our members. I look forward to our continued work together throughout this year and invite you to contact me regarding your interests in the Division at lcampbel@uga.edu.

—Linda F. Campbell, PhD



Division 31 Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected Division 31 officers! They will take office Jan. 1, 2007.

President-elect: **Michael D. Roberts, PhD**
Secretary: **Nanci C. Klein, PhD**
Member-at-Large: **Nancy Gordon Moore, PhD**

Statements From The APA

Candidate Rose P. Bingham

Issues of greatest concern to SPTA associations revolve around: delivery of quality services; recruitment, retention, support for members; and protection of the profession.

The doctorate should remain the standard for entry into the profession; therefore, licensure laws are very important. It is essential that legislators, insurance agencies, and other appropriate bodies understand the standards for competent training and quality care. For that to happen, SPTA associations must have active and involved members. So it is important to recruit and retain a diverse group of members who can be strong advocates with legislative bodies and funding agencies. SPTA associations need advocates for licensure portability, prescriptive privileges, and reasonable reimbursement for services rendered.

I will be a strong supporter of groups like CAPP, the National Register and ABPP that have been working on portability and reciprocity. I will urge CAPP to continue support of state prescription endeavors, and I will call on membership to help states with recruitment and retention. I will continue to support the diversity efforts of the State Leadership Conference.

Candidate James H. Bray

I thank Division 31 for providing an opportunity to address SPTAs. I became involved in APA through state psychology issues where I "cut my teeth" and gained valuable experience as an APA federal advocacy coordinator and member of the State Leadership Committee. See my Web site for further information: www.bcm.tmc.edu/familymed/jbray.

[1] What do you perceive as being the issues of greatest concern to SPTA associations and to their memberships?

1. Making a Viable Living. Our greatest challenge is making a reasonable living through the practice of psychology. The continued cuts in reimbursement for psychological services and funding cuts for public service undermine our profession and SPTAs.
2. A Culturally Expanded Profession. Addressing the diversity issues within our profession and public we serve. We need to expand the number of psychologists to reflect the multi-cultural and multi-ethnic nature of our society.
3. Addressing Threats to the Practice of Psychology. Many states are struggling with threats to scope of practice from other professions and masters level providers.
4. Dealing with Disgruntled Members and Nonmembers. When I ran for APA President in 2002, I met hundreds of psychologists—many who had concerns about APA and did not feel that APA represented their interests—in fact many had dropped out.

[2] If elected to the APA Presidency, what would you do to address these issues?

1. Insure that APA makes addressing state psychological association needs a top priority. Continue to provide financial and staff support to address these issues.
2. Increase the number of psychologists who are culturally and linguistically competent to provide these much needed services. Expand ethnic minority psychologists participation in our STPAs.
3. Increase our state advocacy to deal with threats to our scope of practice. As "all politics are local" we need to provide more resources to enhance our state and federal advocacy efforts.
4. Address the concerns of our disgruntled members and increase

We must implement the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force on Enhancing Diversity within APA, and we must expand those recommendations to include our colleagues who are practitioners and scientists who feel unwelcome.

As president of Division 17 I co-founded the National Multicultural Conference and Summit. We included workshops on how to develop financially sound practices at a Summit that focused on cutting edge multicultural research and practice. While chair of the Board for Professional Affairs, we ensured that legislation making its way through APA governance supported state efforts and was practitioner friendly. I served on the task force that revised the national exam and on the Ethics Committee and have done state ethics workshops. I have been a member of various state and local psychological associations for over 25 years. My office memberships have been within divisions and at the national level. I have encouraged my staff to maintain membership in the state associations. I have served as a state oral examiner for years. I am committed to strong state associations because that is where we have our greatest opportunity to include young professionals, practitioners, scientists and diverse individuals of all types and where we can influence our legislators. And it is where we have the greatest opportunity to influence our communities to take care of the least of us in society.

our membership. Attract more members by meeting their needs.

[3] Describe your activities on the national level that have strengthened or benefited SPTAs.

1. I introduced an APA Council agenda item to provide funding for council representatives to attend the February and August Council meetings. This passed item will save SPTAs \$1,000s, and it was the first change in funding for representatives since the 1950s.
2. Elected member of the State Leadership Organizing Committee (now Committee of State Leaders, 1994-96).
3. As president of Division of Family Psychology (43) and Treasurer of American Society for Advancement of Pharmacotherapy (Div. 55) supported the creation of state chapters to address family psychology issues and prescriptive authority for psychologists.

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Deadline for the next issue: **August 25, 2006**

Presidential Candidates

4. As chair of the Rural Health Task Force and Committee, developed advocacy and practice issues to address the needs of rural psychologists and state associations.
5. Awarded the Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Professional Psychology, American Psychological Association, August 1994.
6. Federal Advocacy Award, Practice Directorate, American Psychological Association, August 1992.
7. Elected Fellow of Division 31 to recognize my outstanding contributions to SPTAs.
8. Addressed SPTA issues as a member of the Council of Representatives (2001-05), Board of Educational Affairs (1996-98), and CAPP Primary Care Task Force (1995-96).

[4] Describe your activities and accomplishments at the state, provincial or territorial level which have strengthened SPTAs.

1. Chair, Texas PSYPAC, the state political action committee.
2. Oral examiner, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Consultant to develop and administer the oral psychology exam.
3. Federal advocacy coordinator for the APA Practice Directorate for Texas (1991-94).
4. APA Federal Advocacy Coordinator for the Education Directorate Region 6 (Arkansas , Louisiana , New Mexico , Oklahoma , Texas), 2001-present.

[5] How long have you been a member and what offices have you held in your SPTA?

I have been a member of the Texas Psychological Association since 1983. Chair and member Texas PSYPAC, TPA state political action committee. Chair, TPA Committee on Family Psychology. Houston Psychological Association. Board of Trustees (1995-96), chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee (83-84; 98-99). Psychologist of the Year, HPA, 1994.

Candidate Alan E. Kazdin

[1] What do you perceive as being the issues of greatest concern to SPTAs and to their memberships?

Among the issues of greatest concern are:

1. Increased involvement and representation of SPTAs in APA governance;
2. Resources and central support to assist in developing and enacting agenda;
3. Parity of mental and physical health insurance; and
4. Critical service delivery issues including reimbursement for services, portability of licenses, and prescription privileges.

[2] If elected to the APA Presidency, what would you do to address these issues?

I am committed to each of these issues and will work to support the Division issues but also to help concretely with the needs of individual States and Provinces. I will be an activist for SPTAs because the Division represents a broad constituency that can act on a range of issues at the level (State, Provinces) where they are to be addressed and resolved. I will be available personally to help and will to mobilize resources at APA to serve as well.

[3] Describe your activities on the national level that have strengthened or benefited SPTAs.

My research has been with inpatient and outpatient populations, i.e., "real patients" in clinical services, and their needs. My work has shown relations among child deviance, parent mental health, and family interaction and how treatment of the child palpably improves, child, parent and family functioning. I work with parent violence, single-parent families, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and underrepresented groups and lobby daily for their services. These foci have given my work attention and have underscored the need for improved services at the national level. These are not specifically in behalf of SPTAs, but my interests, work, writings, and heart are closely connected to many issues SPTAs have embraced.

[4] Describe your activities and accomplishments at the state, provincial or territorial levels that have strengthened SPTAs.

At the state level, I have testified for legislation and worked on committees with legislators for increased services for children and families. I have lobbied for improved treatments and for different, better, and more consistent reimbursement structures for delivery of services. In Connecticut, I have been involved in a statewide evaluation of services delivered to children and families, a project to provide information for delivery of services.

[5] How long have you been a member and what offices have you held in your SPTA.

At different points in my career I have been a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and now I am a member of the Connecticut Psychological Association. I have not held offices in either.

I currently chair a large medical school department (400+ faculty and staff) and oversee training (psychology, child psychiatry, social work) and clinical services (inpatient and outpatient), and am directly involved in issues related to managed care, medication and medication trials, and policy for services at the state level. These pertinent experiences will help make me an effective, informed, credible, and vigorous advocate for the Division (please see <http://votekazdinapa.yale.edu>).

Candidate Nora Newcomb

Thanks for writing to me about the APA Presidency. APA is a large and complex organization that serves many constituencies. I believe that the staff of APA, headed by a very capable CEO, does a fantastic day-to-day job of monitoring and addressing the concerns of the various groups of psychologists who comprise APA.

My aim in running for president is to provide a unifying face and voice for several over-arching issues: relating science to practice and public policy; organizing "big picture" activities that reduce the fragmentation of our discipline; and, delineating appropriate ways to make evidence-based decisions. Because I am committed to this vision, I have decided to concentrate on these themes in my campaign rather than comment on all of the many particular questions that form a part of the ongoing work of this largely well-functioning organization.

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Candidate Stephen A. Ragusea

[1] What do you perceive as being the issues of greatest concern to SPTA associations and to their memberships? No doubt here. The biggest immediate concerns are reimbursement and managed care issues. The financial structure of clinical practice has been grievously damaged; clinicians need help. Systems are crumbling.

[2] If elected to the APA Presidency, what would you do to address these issues? We'd better be ready for what comes after managed-care, be it consumer-driven healthcare, single-payer or some hybrid. I would guide more of APA's resources to focus on reimbursement issues. It's the financial basis of psychological practice and it demands more respect and attention.

[3] Describe your activities on the national level which have strengthened or benefited SPTAs. I'd start by reporting that while on APA's Council of Representatives, I served as chair of the SPTA Caucus and worked with Ron Levant and others to change Council's voting system to give small SPTAs voting power. And, over the years, I served on a variety of APA, task forces, committees, etc. and provided APA presentations for SPTAs such as "Structuring Your Association For Maximum Effectiveness."

I have also spoken in Canada and at state associations on various topics including the critical importance of developing Practice-Research Networks for the long-term health of psychology at all levels. It is my hope that these efforts were useful.

[4] Describe your activities and accomplishments at the state,

provincial or territorial level which have strengthened SPTAs. Frankly, I am extraordinarily proud of all the teamwork in which I have engaged for the benefit of the Pennsylvania and Florida Psychological Associations.

In Pennsylvania, I helped preside over the 25-year metamorphosis of an organization that started as a box of records on the president's kitchen table and grew into an efficient and professionally run state association with its own building and eight full time staff. I am proud to have provided workshops at every PPA convention for 24 years. I am proud to have written scores of articles for association newsletters. I am proud to have chaired the development of Pennsylvania's Practice-Research Network, a model for similar efforts all over the country. And, I am very proud to have received APA's Heiser Award for Advocacy and two major PPA Awards. I think I helped make these organizations better and stronger.

[5] How long have you been a member and what offices have you held in your SPTA? An APA Fellow of Division 31 and a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, I have been an active member of PPA for 26 years serving as President, Clinical Division President, APA Representative, Chair of the Hospital Practice Committee, Membership Recruitment Committee Chair, and Chair of the Practice-Research Network. A member of the Florida Psychological Association for 3 years, I serve on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Ethics Committee.

For more information please visit: www.raguseaforapa.com

Ψ STUDENT CORNER

Maryland Students Advocate for License Change

By Chantal Abukutsa, MS, Doctoral Student in Clinical Psychology, Loyola College, Maryland

Recently, a wonderful event of collaboration involving psychologists from the doctoral student level to well-established career psychologists across the state of Maryland occurred.

This event was in response to the recommendations by the American Psychological Association (APA) that graduates at the doctoral level be considered eligible for licensing provided they have received two years of professional training, even if those two years are completed before receiving the doctoral degree. As this means a change in state legislation, action was needed to advocate for an appropriate change in state laws.

Students turned to their Maryland Psychological Association. A meeting occurred in the fall of 2005 where students explained to members of the Maryland Psychological Association the various reasons why a change in state laws would be beneficial to the profession of psychology in this state.

Progressively, students and practicing psychologists presented the impact of current laws on the profession. This impact includes a shortage of professionals providing services in rural areas; the reduction of a diverse graduate class at the doctoral level when compared to other

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levels of psychology because of the economic obstacle obtaining this degree incurs, even post degree; and, for those who receive the doctoral level degree, the strain of making ends meet while attaining supervision and paying student loans can result in the acquisition of part-time jobs outside of the field.

Indeed the reasons to change the law were many. Not a single student, however,

advocated for a reduction in professionally supervised training, just an acknowledgment that this training may have already been received pre doctoral and, if so, repeat training in a post doctorate setting is then unnecessary. As an accompaniment, an electronic letter writing campaign occurred too.

The result of this vigorous campaign, anchored in large part by students, was a supportive and unanimous vote that the Maryland Psychological Association will lobby for a change in state law allowing qualified students to seek licensure immediately after completing the requirements of the doctoral degree.

While this does not mean that the state laws will change, it does mean that students and early career psychologists were very active in recruiting a very influential change agency to support a change that will not just benefit psychologists individually, but mental health across the state of Maryland.

No matter the outcome, students should be proud of their efforts. We have only just begun to influence our own profession!

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ShoP TALK/Diversity Briefs

By Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD

"ShoP TALK" represents State, Psychological and Territorial Associations and will incorporate both state and territorial current news updates and diversity briefs. The title was suggested by Bonnie Markham, PhD, PsyD, Division 31 Treasurer.

Hawaii Psychological Association

A diversity task force was developed to work in three main areas:

- 1) Taking a leadership role in revitalizing HPA's mentorship program. Information was distributed at the annual HPA convention and information will be posted on the Web site.
- 2) At the 2005 HPA Annual Convention, the Diversity Task Force led a successful program titled: "A Public Conversation Model Discussion: The Experience of Becoming a Psychologist." A diversity program will now be a standing part of the annual HPA convention.
- 3) Work is underway to compile a list of resources/agencies in the community that addresses issues of diversity which will be available on the Web site.

Iowa Psychological Association

The Diversity Committee will be the planning committee for the 2006 Fall Conference titled, "Integrating Multicultural Competencies into Your Practice."

A Needs Survey will be distributed to the 475 licensed psychologists in the state. It will gather information about

Iowa psychologists' professional demographics, experience with client diversity and training needs in the area of diversity. The data will be used in planning future IPA sponsored professional workshops and in establishing referral resources for clients from diverse backgrounds.

Massachusetts Psychological Association

Last spring, CEMA hosted a third conference addressing cultural competencies, advocacy, and diversity issues. Over 60 professionals and students attended the meeting. A mentoring program for ethnically diverse students continues and it has involved over 19 pairs. In late February, Dr. Martin LaRoche, Dr. Elena Eisman, and other MPA members spoke before the state legislature to advocate for a Cultural Linguistics Bill, an innovative and first step to mandate HMOs to provide services that are culturally sensitive. It requires HMOs to provide patients with psychologists who are fluent in patients' language. In addition, in March, as part of the MPA Spring Lecture Series, CEMA provided a conference on strategies to enhance cultural competencies within the psychotherapeutic process.

Utah Psychological Association

The Utah Psychological Association Diversity Committee has been in existence for approximately one and a half years and has seven members who represent diversity through ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and work setting (school,

academia, private practice) among other factors.

The Committee has co-sponsored, along with community agencies and the University of Utah, the International Conference on Prejudice held in December, 2005. Additionally, the committee wrote two CEMRATT grants, one that is designed to enhance diversity efforts within UPA and a second one that focuses on recruitment of diverse students into the University of Utah's Department of Educational Psychology.

Washington State Psychological Association

We established a new position, Diversity Ombudsperson on our Executive Board, to act as a monitor to the Board on the behalf of diversity issues and as a Board liaison for the diversity constituency. The CEMA committee's yearly conference on ethnic minority issues will be presented by Joseph Trimble. He will present on "Restoring our connections: Ethnocultural influences on spirituality, identity and the human condition." The 2006 spring conference, "Beyond Blame," will address visions of the next generation of diversity activism, toward a more healthy and integrated society. Full funding for an ethnic minority student to attend the conference has been established. There will be a special issue on diversity issues in the "Washington Psychologist" monthly newsletter.

Heiser Award Winners Announced

by Jeffrey E. Barnett, PsyD, ABPP, Heiser Award Coordinator, Division 31 Past President

APA President Gerald Koocher and Division 31 are pleased to announce that the following individuals have been selected to receive APA's Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for Advocacy on behalf of the profession of psychology at the upcoming APA Convention in New Orleans. They are being recognized for their outstanding contributions as volunteer psychologists that led to the passage of legislation or regulatory change that have advanced and helped define the profession statutorily. We hope that all members will make plans to attend the award ceremony to recognize and congratulate these outstanding advocates on behalf of our profession and those we serve. The awards ceremony, chaired by Dr. Koocher, will be held at the APA Convention on Thursday, August 10, 2006 from 1-1:50 p.m. in the Marlborough Suite A of the Hilton Hotel, New Orleans.

Recipients are:

Anne Louise Barrick, PhD
Susan Chandler, PhD
Robin M. Deutsch, PhD
Robert A. Fein, PhD
James M. Georgoulakis, JD, PhD
Rachel Hess, PhD
Robert T. Kinscherff, JD, PhD
Paul D. Lipsitt, LLB, PhD
Chad Morris, PhD
Salvador Santiago-Negron, PhD
Joseph G. Rosenfeld, PhD
Gary T. Souheaver, PhD
Congratulations!

Highlights from State Leadership Conference

The focus was definitely on 31 at the Annual APA State Leadership Conference last March, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Division 31's members were giving and getting awards that recognized leadership and excellence. A near record group of 614 attended the conference, which was organized around the theme "Psychology and Community: Advancing Health, Building Resilience and Changing Behavior." Congratulations to all!



Above: Division 31 President-Elect Michael Murphy and President Linda Campbell. Left: Kentucky Psychological Association Members where honored as the SPTA of the Year.



Above left: Linda Campbell was honored as State Leader of the Year. The award was presented by Jennifer Kelly, Chair of the Committee of State Leaders. Above right: Linda Campbell presents the SPTA Staff Award, recognizing Jimelle Rumberg of the West Virginia Psychological Association to the president of the West Virginia Psychological Association.

Division 31 at APA Convention

Thursday, August 10

8-10:50 a.m.
Division 31 Business Meeting
New Orleans Marriott Hotel
Audubon Room

11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
Enhancing Ethnic Diversity in Psychology Leadership
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 348

2-2:50 p.m.
From Law to Practice—Prescription Privileges in Louisiana
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 347

3-3:50 p.m.
Successful Passage of Prescriptive Authority Legislation—The Louisiana Model
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 347

7-8:50 p.m.
Division 31 Social Hour
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel
Melrose Room

Friday, August 11

8-8:50 a.m.
Mentoring Students Through SPTA Affairs—Innovative Approaches and Common-Sense Considerations
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 335

9-9:50 a.m.
Innovative Strategies for Teaching Advocacy to Graduate Students
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 348

3-4:50 p.m.
Advances in Legislative Advocacy
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 336

5-5:50 p.m.
Arkansas' Recent Defense of Independent Practice—Tactics and Strategies Learned
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 336

Saturday, August 12

8-8:50 a.m.
Collaboration in the Wake of Katrina
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 257

9-9:50 a.m.
State Psychological Association's Response to Hurricane Katrina
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 257

10-11:50 a.m.
Emerging and Continuing Issues for State Disaster Response Networks and Partner Agencies
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 354

12-12:50 p.m.
From Adjudication to Education—Roles for Psychological Associations
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 256
1-1:50 p.m.
Paper Session
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 350

Sunday, August 13

9-9:50 a.m.
Developing Leadership, Teamwork, and Organization Skills for Psychological Association Decision Makers
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 241

10-11:50 a.m.
Confidentiality Versus Duty to Warn—A Mock Licensing Board Hearing
Morial Convention Center
Meeting Room 348

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Division 31's Social Hour!**

**August 10, 2006
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