

## APA Council Spring 2018

STP Council Representatives Regan A. R. Gurung and Maureen McCarthy attended their first Council meeting. We present the order of events below but want to highlight two major items.

1. APA Council made history by approving Accreditation of Masters programs and ,
2. APA Council Initiated work on an Institute of Psychology (an organization to increase advocacy for science, education, and practice). It is important that STP leadership note that implementation of this plan will be designed by a Presidential taskforce that will feature 2 members from the BEA. It is critical that at least one of these two BEA members are undergraduate education friendly. Details below.

*Friday March 9, 2018*

CEO Presentation

Vision for APA is a catalyst for improving people's lives and address important societal issues.

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1968, so this is an even more important time for the discipline of psychology.

A new strategic plan for the organization is being undertaken this year. This year is for gathering data and feedback. The new plan will be developed and implemented (after council approval) in 2019.

This year the organization will use strategic priorities

- 1) Increase visibility of APA
- 2) Increase public understanding of psychology as a science
- 3) Prepare Psychology as a discipline for the future
- 4) Prepare APA Organizationally for the future
- 5) Expand APA's advocacy capacity

We (APA) have filed 185 amicus briefs and APA has been cited in 40 supreme court decisions.

APA is hosting a new conference entitled Technology, Mind and Society, an interdisciplinary conference.

APA is hiring a chief diversity officer.

APA is also hiring a number of chief executive officers.

*President Jessica Henderson Daniels*

Announced her citizen psychologist initiative.

*Approved a Motion*

**Approved the motion to pursue accreditation for masters programs in those areas for which we already accredit.**

The council engaged in discussion about how the new masters degree would be titled. Consistent naming across states would be of benefit for licensure.

*Approved a Motion*

**Council voted to change the structure of APA to include both a c3 and c6 organization.** The motion passed by 89% Yay to 9.1% Nay.

Item: Council is asked to approve the joint 501(c)3/501(c)6 organization membership agreement which requires that all APA members and affiliates pay a combined dues fee for membership in the 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations beginning with the 2019 dues cycle. This change will result in no increases to APA dues for at least a three year period. Council is also asked to direct the President to appoint a work group to develop an implementation plan to bring back to Council for approval at its August 2018 meeting.

*Dr. Nordall – Practice Directorate* provided a comprehensive listing of the advocacy successes of the practice organization. The APAPO is working to ensure parity for psychologists and provision of services to the people most in need.

Center for medicare approved our application for the mental and behavioral health registry. Allows psychologist to track quality outcomes.

New products – HIPAA smart compliance resource for psychologists. Innovative practice models toolkit resource. New webinars on billing and reimbursement, podcast on issues relevant to practitioners, opt-in listserve for practice organization members.

*Saturday March10, 2018*

Council was asked to approve guidelines on obesity.

Council is asked to adopt as APA policy the *APA Clinical Practice Guideline for the Behavioral Treatment of Obesity and Overweight in Children and Adolescents* (Exhibit 1) and approve March 2023 as the expiration date for the Guideline.

Passed with a slightly different title

*President Daniels made a presidential citation*

### *Multicultural Guidelines*

The task force chair presented an overview of the new multicultural guidelines. Available here: <http://www.apa.org/about/policy/multicultural-guidelines.aspx>

### *Motion to record votes*

The council debated a motion that would require individuals on council, boards, and committees to publicly record votes. The vote was postponed until the next council meeting.

### *Motion to approve a resolution*

That Council adopts as APA policy the following *Resolution on Pregnant and Postpartum Adolescent Girls and Women with Substance Abuse Related Disorders*:

The council overwhelmingly approved the resolution.

The council proposed a change in fiduciary responsibility (Action item #2). This vote was postponed until August.

Respectfully submitted,

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