

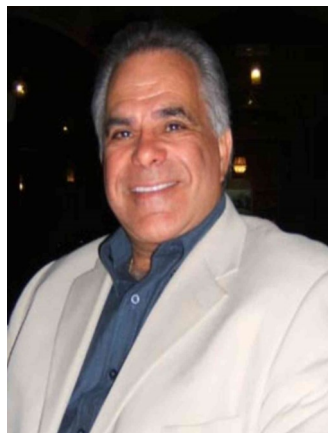
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President's Column By Joe Tramontana, Ph.D.



The April EC meeting was chock full of business, including considerable discussion about the bill being proposed by LSBEP during the current state legislative session regarding elections of LSBEP members. We (LPA) sent a letter to the board last March, during Dr. Fanning's presidency, indicating that LPA wanted to be removed from the actual election process. We are still willing to report the election results to the governor. We are

currently working with LSBEP to amend the

state statute to reflect this new division of labor.

I attended APA's State Leadership Convention accompanied by our new Executive Director, Cindy Bishop, as well as Dr. Lucinda Degrange, who is LPA's Legislative Chair and Public Education Coordinator, and Dr. Michele Larzelere, our Federal Advocacy Coordinator. It was full of great ideas regarding improving state associations, and the group came back energized. We are looking forward to implementing many of these ideas to better serve the psychologists of our state.

"(SLC) was full of great ideas regarding improving state associations..."

We have a great CEU line-up for our June

Convention. Information about how to sign up is contained later in the newsletter. I will now defer the rest of my report to our various committee members, each of whom has much to report. Ψ

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Drs. Tramontana and Nemeth enjoy conversation prior to the April 11 meeting.





In the News...

Congratulations to Dr. Darlyne Nemeth, the new Nominations and Elections chair for the APA Healthcare/Health Science Caucus. The new President of this caucus is Dr. Bob McGrath. The Secretary/Treasurer is Dr. Teri Strong.

Congratulations to Dr. Lacey Seymour, LPA President-elect, and her husband Ben on the birth of their second child. Along with son Beau, they welcomed Lillian "Lilly" Rachael Seymour to their family on 4/25/15.

A bill has been proposed in the LA Senate (SB8) by Senator Gerald Long which would criminalize substance use by pregnant women (including potential punishment by jail time). LPA has not taken a position on this bill, but the bill is being opposed by several other Louisiana organizations (including the LA March of Dimes). The March of Dimes believes that criminal prosecution for women who use drugs during pregnancy may make women less likely to receive appropriate prenatal care. They advocate screening by healthcare providers and appropriate referral to substance abuse treatment programs tailored to the needs of pregnant or parenting women. For more information about this bill see

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=925556>.

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee who will be hearing this bill include:

Senator Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka (Chairman), (318) 362-3474; kostelka@legis.la.gov

Senator Jonathan "J.P." Perry (Vice-Chairman), (337) 643-6425; perryj@legis.la.gov

Sen. Robert Adley, (318) 965-1755; adleyr@legis.la.gov;

Sen. Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb, (225) 342-9700; dorseyy@legis.la.gov;

Sen. Elbert L. Guillory, (337) 943-2457; guillorye@legis.la.gov;

Sen. Fred H. Mills, Jr., (337) 365-8484; millsf@legis.la.gov;

Sen. Mack "Bodi" White, (225) 272-1324; whitem@legis.la.gov

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June 12 & 13, 2015
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Louisiana Psychological Association
2015 Annual Convention
"Psychology Across the Lifespan"





Report of the Professional Affairs Committee

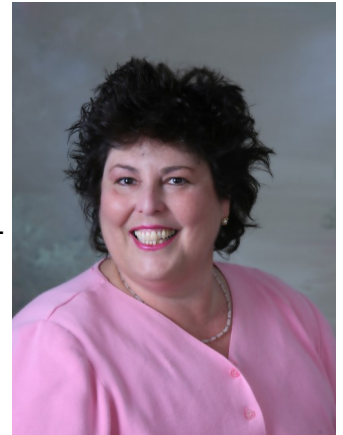
by Kim VanGeffen, PhD

On Saturday, April 4, 2015, the Louisiana Psychological Association hosted Dr. Antonio Puente at a fund raiser for its Political Action Committee. Dr. Puente spoke to us on the topic of Psychology's inclusion in the CPT System and integrated care. Dr. Puente is currently a candidate for President of the American Psychological Association and has served as the APA representative to the American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) panel. He was also elected to serve as a voting member on the CPT Editorial Panel. Dr. Puente shared his experiences and expertise on the issue of mental health coding with the assembled LPA psychologists. Having been a member of the CPT panel, Dr. Puente has also been in a unique position to observe changes which are likely to be coming with regard to billing for psychological services. Dr. Puente noted that one of the changes taking place involves a shift from traditional fee for service to pay for performance. This means that future reimbursement for health care services will likely be based on some type of assessment of results rather than solely on the provision of those services. Those psychologists who have begun to use the Medicare Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) will have experienced this change. The PQRS involves financial incentives for health care providers who bill Medicare and who submit data on specified quality measures. PQRS will also provide future penalties if quality measures are not reported.

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Dr. Puente also offered his observations on psychology's role in the future of health care. He noted that those psychologists who will be successful in the future will be those psychologists who have found ways to be integrated into patients' overall health care, not only their mental health care. This is due to decreasing reimbursement for mental health and also due to the emergence of many other professions who provide mental health treatment. Dr. Puente would like to see psychologists become more fully involved with all health-related problems. Many physical problems and illnesses have psychological components to them and often benefit from the interventions which psychologists are able to provide. By positioning themselves as members of the patient's overall health

care team, psychologists will ensure their place at the table as health care landscape changes. **ψ**



Save the Date!

LPA Day at the Legislature: June 2, 2015

Join your colleagues to represent psychology to our state legislators.

Details to come on the listserv, or contact Cindy Bishop (destiny 236@yahoo.com).



Understanding LSBEP's New Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Rules by Kim Van Geffen, PhD

New continuing education rules were enacted on 10/20/13 and can be found in LSBEP Newsletter, Volume 26, Number 1 (2013) on pages 6-7 (www.lsbep.org/pdfs/News_vol26.pdf). The new rules now refer to continuing education as "continuing professional development (CPD)". These new guidelines make use of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development which were developed in June, 2012 and revised in August, 2014. (http://www.asppb.net/resource/resmgr/guidelines/asppb_guidelines_for_continu.pdf)

For the reporting periods starting in July, 2014 and July, 2015, 30 CPD hours are required (accumulated over a 2 year period). For the reporting period beginning July, 2016 and July, 2017, 40 CPD hours are required. No CPD is required for newly licensed psychologists for the remainder of the year in which he/she is licensed. For any two year reporting year, at least two CPD hours must be within the areas of ethics or law. Psychologists with even numbered licenses report in even numbered years and psychologists with odd numbered licenses report in odd numbered years (due July 1 and delinquent on July 31).

Psychologists with Emeritus status will require continuing education. Emeritus psychologists with odd numbered licenses will need to begin to accumulate continuing education beginning in July, 2015 to be reported in 2017. Emeritus psychologists with even numbered licenses will need to begin to accumulate continuing education credits in July, 2016 to be reported in 2018. The title of Psychologist Emeritus was created in Louisiana Statute RS:37:2354: "to qualify for status as psychologist emeritus, the applicant must annually make a satisfactory showing to the board, in a manner to be determined by the board, that the applicant is sixty-five years old or older, has held continuous licensure as a psychologist in the state for at least twenty years, and at the time of application is retired from the full-time practice of psychology or any other full-time employment.

Psychologists will need to maintain documentation of CPD for two years after this CPD has been reported for licensure renewal.

For any two year reporting period, psychologists must earn CPD in at least two of the following nine categories. LSBEP is currently developing the form to be used for documentation of CPD. Further information on these categories can be found in the new CPD rules.

**EC Members discuss
organization business during the
April 11 meeting.**





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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CATEGORIES

PROFESSIONAL

- Peer Consultation
- Practice Outcome Monitoring
- Professional Activities
- Conferences/Conventions

ACADEMIC

- Academic Courses
- Instruction
- Publication

TRADITIONAL

- Approved CE Sponsorship
- Self Directed Learning

PROFESSIONAL

Category 1: Includes peer consultation, case consultation, journal clubs, research groups, mentoring, shadowing a colleague (documentation is required to indicate that

this is a structured program with regularly scheduled meetings). The consultant must attest, by signature, to the description of the program and number of hours. Peer consultation must be an ongoing process and not a one-time case consultation.

Category 2: Practice Outcome Monitoring using empirically demonstrated questionnaires (one questionnaire equals one credit). LSBEP will not be providing an approved list of such questionnaires but psychologists should use instruments which have been demonstrated to be reliable and valid. One patient monitored will equal one credit whether this consists of pre- and post-therapy questionnaires or ongoing monitoring of patient progress.

Category 3: Professional Activities such as serving on a national, regional, or state psychological association board or committee, or board member of a psychology regulatory body (one year equals 10 credits).

Category 4: Conference/Conventions (one conference day equals one credit).

ACADEMIC

Category 5: Academic courses related to practice and taken for credit from an accredited university (one three-hour graduate level course equals twenty credits).



LPA Secretary, Dr. Kelley Pears (right), shares a laugh with new Committee on Legal and Ethical Issues Chair, Dr. Lee Matthews (left).



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Category 6: Instruction: first time teaching of a course in an accredited institution or a full day workshop (one three hour course equals twenty credits; one full-day workshop equals ten credits).

Category 7: Publications: Author an article for a peer-reviewed publication or author, edit, co-edit a book in psychology (one article equals ten credits; one book chapter equals ten credits).

TRADITIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL

Category 8: Approved Sponsored Continuing Education (one hour equals one credit)

Category 9: Self-Directed Learning which includes reading, Internet, video and/or unsponsored activities (document using self-directed verification form; one hour equals one credit). CCAPS meetings might qualify under this category if the presentation is a minimum of one hour (presentation plus discussion) and if there is documentation (for example, date, topic, time). **Ψ**

The Louisiana Psychological Association welcomes the following new members:

Full Members

**Dr. Burton Ashworth Dr. Fred Davis Dr. Amy Henke
Dr. Matthew Holcomb Dr. Shaunda Johnson
Dr. Abigail Lambert Dr. Sasha Lambert Dr. Cynthia Lindsey
Dr. Mary Livingston Dr. Devi Murphy Dr. Lindsey Poe
Dr. Lisa Roberson Dr. Sara Sohr-Preston**

Associate Member

Robin Parker

Affiliate Members

Elizabeth Allain	Chelsea Chabreck	Marcus Cherry
Timothy Dugas	Amber Flick	Brenda Gamez-Patience
Oana Harrington	Lauren Jordan	Rachel Knight
Mary Medlin	Danielle Newman	Ashley Rohner
	Shellea Williams	



Membership Committee Update

LPA recently mailed membership invitations to all licensed psychologists in Louisiana. The letter below was sent out by Dr. Carolyn Weyand (LPA Treasurer). If you would like LPA to continue to grow and become a more vibrant, representative organization, we encourage you to send this letter, or something like it, to your friends and colleagues who may have allowed their memberships to lapse, or who may have never considered joining the organization. You all are the best recruiters for LPA.

Dear friends and colleagues,

There are 690 licensed psychologists in Louisiana. Less than 150 of them are LPA members.

LPA is the only organization in Louisiana devoted exclusively to representing psychology and psychologists. Yet, only a tiny percentage of us are members. To become more effective, LPA needs your voice, your input, and your participation.

I know from talking to many of you that, like me, you found the past incarnations of LPA to be irrelevant and closed.

LPA has sent an invitation to join to all licensed psychologists this week. When you get yours, consider giving LPA another chance. Please join... or rejoin.

LPA is working to become more relevant to psychologists in training, too. Please, encourage your students to join.

**Warm regards,
Carolyn**

Continuing Education Chair, Dr. Gail Gillespie (left) and Dr. Lee Matthews, Committee on Legal and Ethical Issues Chair (right) participate in discussions during the recent EC Meeting.





A Report From Council: February 20-22, 2015

By Darlyne Nemeth, PhD, MP



“And the Beat Goes On”

The APA Council of Representatives continues to fiddle with internal matters (i.e., Restructuring of Governance), while external issues, such as Integrated Health Care, march on.

A considerable amount of time was spent in carefully orchestrated “Break Out Groups” regarding issues involving Research, Advocacy, and Educating the Public.

The Top Poll Results from the groups were as follows.

Science: Change the reward structure so it adds incentives for faculty/ supervisors and trainees at all stages of development for shepherding research findings into real word action

Effective Communication: APA may need to provide technical assistance to individuals, groups, programs, and areas to enable them to achieve these goals

Advocacy: Diversity and Social Issues: provide relevant training and education, develop rapid response to current issues. Go beyond education and training to public policy prevention. Ensure that the psychologist plays a leadership role in eliminating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities, in education, health, access to care, policy, etc.

Applying our science to our practice, our education, and our efforts to assist society in effectively dealing with challenges.

Psychology should be at the table promoting Integrated Care as independent voices in the discussion.

Economics facing the discipline of psychology and psychologists as individuals and an aggregate. This crosses practice, education, research, and applications for the public good.

Educating the Public: Develop strategic partners such as schools, educational systems, health systems, religious or spiritual institutions, YMCA, social clubs, law enforcement agencies, criminal justice, cable outlets, science writers, foundations, community organizations and businesses.

Hire a bunch of research–informed publicists through APA.

Identify a high profile, influential partner who can carry our message to the public. Having high profile ‘champions’ or advocates.

I was in Group C. Our three strategies were as follows:

1. Translate psychology into everyday language.
2. The story, which must be timed and sequenced properly, must represent the science, and
3. Use the medium that best represents the target audience (e.g. social networking, classrooms).

Caucuses were held on Thursday and Sunday. There were so many (and often overlapping) that it was hard to choose. I attended the following: 1.) the very small Caucus of State Provisional and Territorial Representatives (VSCSPTR) which chose to disband; 2.) the Caucus of State Provisional and Territorial Representatives (CSPTR) which chose to continue; 3.) the Women’s Cau-



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cus 4.) the APA Health Care/ Health Science Caucus, and 5.) the Association for Practicing Psychologists.

I am the current Secretary for #3 CSPTR and the newly elected Nominations and Elections Chair for #4!

At Council, a rosy report was given about the Internship Imbalance by President Barry Anton. We all know that statistics can be deceiving and so they were. Things have not dramatically improved.

We were given a report on "Strategy as Simple Rules" from the Harvard Business Review for ways to be more effective and efficient at Council. Drs. Eisenholdt and Sall added, "Don't meet complex markets with complex strategies. Instead, use a few concrete, simple rules to grab the hottest opportunities." Of course, Council did not follow these suggestions. The meetings were laborious and little was accomplished.

I spoke up about Agenda Item #9 regarding Standards for Accreditation in Health Service Psychology regarding acceptance into doctoral programs. There was too much emphasis on the GRE score as the cut-off criteria for consideration. But I got nowhere. I must restate my objection when comments regarding the implementation process appear on the APA website.

Also, Item #7 regarding Competencies for Psychology Practice in Primary Care settings was used in Missouri to prohibit psychologists who did not meet this "gold standard" from practicing in those settings. The Chair of that Committee was Dr. Susan McDaniel, our newly elected APA President. A footnote was then added to this report explaining that these were guidelines, not standards. The problem is that psychologists who are not in the trenches really did not have a clue. What a mess! Lots of unintended consequences.

I also attended the APAPO luncheon. APAPO and CAPP are really very helpful organizations and do a lot of "good." They are 501-C-6 organizations; whereas APA is a 501-C-3 and is bogged down in policy. As one CoR representatives said, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the 'good'."

In regard to APAPO, Dr. Katherine Nordal is working on a strategy to have Doctoral Level Psychology Interns reimbursed by Medicaid for services rendered. As APAPO is a 501-C-6 organization, staff members can lobby for psychologists. Also, CAPP, headed by Monica Koryel, is now an APAPO committee and can therefore advocate for psychologists. The C-3 part of CAPP has now been sunsetted. APAPO is working to get psychologists included in the definition of "physicians" under Medicare.

APAPO is providing a new PQRS registry (APAPO.PQRSPRO.com) and a free ICD-10-CM web application. As many of you are already aware, APA is promoting the use of ICD-10-CM and that is why LPA invited Dr. Carol



Dr. Darlyne Nemeth (center) and Traci Olivier, MS (right) presented at the CW Austin Learning Disabilities Conference held recently in Baton Rouge. Also pictured is Ellie Avegno (left).



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Goodheart to speak at our Fall Conference. I recommend that you purchase her book—A Primer for ICD-10-CM Users.

In regard to the CAPP grants, LPA has received one of their 14 grants awarded this year. There were approximately 20 Action Items on the CoR Agenda this February. Not all were heard and or debated. Many were left for the August meeting. In general, the meeting was quite disorganized with the need for questions/ clarifications to the parliamentarian, some of which were not addressed satisfactorily. Thus, the efforts to make Council more nimble and effective did not materialize.

Lastly, a wonderful lecture was presented on Implicit Bias by Harvard bound Caloin Lai, PhD. He pointed out that “implicit biases are more influential when the information is complex or confusing and decisions are made too rapidly.” He recommended that “we save important decisions for when we are at the peak of our cognitive abilities—not at the end of the day.” Unfortunately, the Council meeting was managed in such a way that it did not adhere to this rule. Again, simple rules were not followed. Oh, well!

Respectfully submitted,

Darlyne G. Nemeth, PhD, M.P., M.P.A.P.
Louisiana Council Representative



LPA PAC members, some of whom are pictured above (Drs. Amy Henke and Kim Van Geffen) and at right with Dr. Tony Puente (center, seated), held a fundraiser on April 4th. To contribute to the PAC, go to

<http://www.louisianapsychologist.org>.





LPA Membership Levels:

New Full Member (1st Year) Dues: \$110

New Full Members must meet the same membership requirements as Full Members. Individuals applying for first time full membership are eligible for a reduction in dues. This member type is NOT available for renewing members. All Full Members are eligible to vote and hold office.

Full Member (2nd Year) Dues: \$180

Full 2nd Year Members must meet the same membership requirements as Full Members.

Full Member Dues: \$255:

Full Members are: (1) persons holding an earned doctoral degree in psychology conferred by a regionally accredited college, university or professional school of psychology, or program of equivalent standing outside the United States; or (2) persons holding a Louisiana license as a psychologist.

Life Member 50 Dues: \$127.50

Reduced dues (50%) are available for psychologists who are 65 or older, who have been LPA members for at least 10 consecutive years, and who have reduced their workload/income by 50% or more. Members must request and apply to the Treasurer for Life Member 50% status.

Life Member Dues: \$0

(1) Psychologists who are 65 or older, who have been LPA members for at least 10 consecutive years and who have officially discontinued their psychological workload/income, or (2) Psychologists who are 70 or older, who have been LPA members for at least 10 consecutive years, and who have reduced their psychological workload/income by 75% or more. Members must request and apply to the Treasurer for Life Member status.

Associate Member Dues: \$75

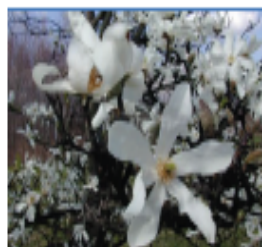
Associate Members are: Persons who have earned a Master's degree in psychology or a related area from a regionally accredited graduate school. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office.

Affiliate Member Dues: \$20

Affiliate Members are: Persons currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate psychology program or related field at a regionally accredited school. Affiliate members are not eligible to vote or hold office.

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- Platinum Level (\$500 up)
- Gold Level (\$250 - \$499)
- Silver Level (\$100 - \$249)



Your LPA membership supports the profession of psychology by:

- Representing and advocating for the profession of psychology at the state and national levels.
- Safeguarding and protecting our profession
- Working with state agencies and regulatory boards, including the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Office of Behavioral Health, and the Department of Insurance.
- Representing psychologists' interest with third-party payers.
- Representing psychology in the State Capitol and being a unified voice on issues affecting psychology.

- Representing Louisiana and APA member psychologists on governance and policy decisions with the American Psychological Association.
- Safeguarding the freedom of scientific inquiry, teaching and professional practice.
- Working with an Academic Advisory Committee; a Diversity Committee; and a Medical Psychology Committee



Benefits of Membership

- Legislative Advocacy
- Annual Convention and Fall Conference
- Discount Continuing Education Rates
- Early career psychologist assistance
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- Networking Opportunities with colleagues and others
- Online Referral Service
- Online Membership Directory
- Member Listserv for networking, referrals, and issues of special interests
- Special Interest Groups




Taking a Break to Care for Yourself.

By Michelle B. Moore, PsyD

Self-care is a frequently talked about topic, and you may even find yourself talking to patients about the importance of self-care. The question is ... do you practice good self-care? In order to teach self-care to others, it is important to have your own working practice. There are so many elements of work to juggle as an ECP and sometimes self-care gets put off to the side because you have other responsibilities to attend to. However the better you are at being able to take care of yourself, the more effective you will be at taking care of others whether it be your patients or family members. Now is the time to think through the big list of positive activities to determine what you need in your life to have balance. Choose activities that are attainable and do not set your expectations to an unreachable level. For example, potential goals could be to practice self-care this week by doing at least one physical exercise activity, reading one item that is not work related, talking with a friend on the phone, listening to your favorite music in the car, going to bed at a reasonable hour, or enjoying a meal out at a restaurant you like. The possibilities are endless, but you have to decide what works best for you. You also need to determine how much time you need for self-care each week. Some individuals feel reenergized after a quick fifteen-minute jog while others may require an hour of meaningless television watching to get their mind off of serious work topics.



At the end of the day, you are the only person fully responsible for taking care of yourself. Learn how to practice self-care now and accept that the goals you create now could change next month. The most important lesson to learn is that you need to develop insight into yourself and listen to what your body needs. If your mind and body are telling you that you need to take a day off, then do not ignore that request. You will be a better psychologist if you are well taken care of and rested, both mentally and physically. Your homework for tonight is to keep an on-going list of your favorite self-care activities and look over the list for reminders whenever you are in need of a break from your busy schedule.

The purpose of the Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Committee is to provide a supportive network to ECPs who are just beginning their careers as well as to create stronger relationships between newly licensed psychologists and veteran psychologists who can share their wisdom and expertise. The committee also hopes to address and resolve any unique issues, both professionally and personally, that arise for ECPs and to advocate for ECPs when necessary. The current committee consists of myself, Dr. Lacey Seymour, Dr. Anne Ciccone, Dr. Melissa Dufrene, Dr. Fernando Pastrana and Dr. Jacquelyn Braud. If you are interested in joining the ECP Committee, please send an email to michellebmoore@gmail.com. 

Legislative Advocacy Update By Michele M Larzelere, PhD

In March, members of LPA's Executive Committee journeyed to Washington to participate in the State Leadership Conference (SLC). SLC is held each year to promote Professional Psychology through the federal legislative process. APA Practice Organization (APAPO)'s legislative agenda for this year included developing relationships with new and returning lawmakers and addressing several problematic aspects of the Medicare system. In the month since SLC, one agenda item has already been accomplished: Congress has repealed the sustainable growth rate (SGR) once and for all! Although a number of other professions participated in advocacy concerning this issue, psychologists rose to the occasion, admirably, by sending more than 13,000 letters to their Congressional representatives. Although this is a significant victory that required dedicated efforts over many years, it is not yet time to relax. Ongoing grassroots advocacy is needed to achieve the other goals set for this year. APAPO is hoping to address the shrinking Medicare reimbursement rates for psychological services, make psychologists eligible for the HITECH Act incentives, and improve the access of Medicare patients to psychological services by allowing psychologists to practice independently in all settings. You will be receiving requests for action on each of these issues as the legislative term continues. Please take action when you are contacted! If you have questions about any of these issues, additional information can be found at APAPracticeCentral.org. Strong advocacy for our profession not only builds a legacy for future psychologists, but also protects access to psychological services for our patients. Our patients are often members of vulnerable constituencies; it is important that we use our voices to help advocate for their interests, as well. If you would like to take a greater role in advocacy at the national level, please contact me at mlarzelsu@gmail.com. For state level advocacy efforts, please contact lucindadegrange@yahoo.com. Ψ



Do you want to get more involved in LPA?

Elections will soon be held for several positions on the LPA Executive Council. LPA membership will be asked to vote for a Secretary and two Directors. Please consider self-nominating for these positions. For more information, please contact any current EC member or LPA's Executive Director, Cindy Bishop (destiny362@aol.com). Watch the listserv for details on the nomination process.



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