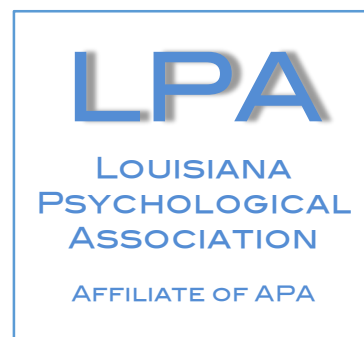


News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

for members of the Louisiana
Psychological Association



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News from the Executive Council...

LPA Members Speak at Psychology Board; Board to Reconsider CE Rule Revisions

Several Council members of the Council attended the long-range planning meeting of the state psychology board held on November 30 at the board's new office in Baton Rouge and expressed concerns about the proposed changes to the continuing education rule. LPA had taken the position that the board's authority was over the continuing education requirements and that the current requirements, and in particular the list of approved sponsors in the present rule, was appropriate. The public attendees were allowed three minutes each for comments and Julie Nelson, Kim VanGeffen, Tom Hannie, Marc Zimmermann, and Lucinda DeGrange spoke. After feedback from LPA representatives, the board decided that the proposed rule was probably confusing and agreed to review and revisit the matter.

Executive Council to Meet January 19th; Continues Work On Organizational Goals

The Executive Council will hold its quarterly meeting on January 19 at Kim VanGeffen's home in New Orleans. The Council will distribute reports and then continue working on organizational development goals, primarily planning for membership development, improving website, addressing social media resources, and reviewing convention plans. The meeting is open to all members but space is limited so please let Terry Lindemann know if you'd like to attend.

Committee for Colleague Assistance Created

The President has appointed Dr. Kelley Pears to head up the new special committee for colleague personal and professional assistance. Kelley will offer confidential support and assistance to members for stress, depression, substance use problems or other issues, including referrals. The committee also offers ethical and professional guidance, with committee member Dr. Tom Hannie offering guidance about professional and ethical questions. Dr. William Costelloe will help members with career questions and Dr. Beth Caillouet Arredondo will assist Early Career Psychologists with their career questions. Dr. Hannie has already answered two questions about professional and ethical matters for members. Dr. Kelley Pears is working on the committee structure and methods and will report soon to members about his progress.

Council Reminds Members to Renew

The Council and Membership Coordinator Terry Lindemann are reminding members to renew for 2019 membership.

Membership renewal has been made even easier. There has been a renewal tab added to the front landing page of the website. All you have to do is go to the site and use the top left menu tab to renew. Ms. Lindemann is available for questions at 225-508-7011.

Photo: Council meeting last year. (L to R) William Costelloe, Terry Lindemann, Alan Coulter, Bridget Sonnier-Hillis, Erin Reuther, Kim VanGeffen (facing away).



...about LPA

We are the Louisiana Psychological Association, a group of psychologists, psychological scientists, professors, practitioners and students who have joined together to work toward our mission: "To advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting health, education, and human welfare." This is a goal we embrace with the belief that psychology is in a position to have a significant, positive impact on our community and its people. Because of our scientific perspective, psychologists are unique. We represent both a science and a profession. We use the tools and methods of science, resting on a body of knowledge and theory, to ask questions and find valid answers in real world human problems. We believe that psychology must have a meaningful influence if our communities are to truly thrive.

Upcoming events...

Convention Committee to Hold Planning Meeting January 18

Members of the Convention Committee will meet to continue planning the 2019 Convention topics and schedule. They will meet on Friday, January 18, in New Orleans. This year's convention will be on June 14 and 15 at the Sheraton Metairie–New Orleans. The theme is "Psychology: Making a Difference." The planning meeting is open to all Convention Committee members. Contact chair Julie Nelson for questions. (drj@drjulienelson.com)

Legislative Affairs to Begin Review of 2019 Legislative Issues

The LPA Legislative Affairs Committee will meet on January 18 to begin reviewing ideas and plans for the 2019 Legislative session. The meeting is to be chaired by Dr. Erin Reuther and is open to all legislative committee members.

Committee News...

Rural Health Has "a long way to go," Says Dr. Jennings

The Louisiana Department of Health announced September 24, 2018 that it had received a Federal grant of more than \$24 million toward addressing the opioid epidemic in our state, said Dr. Tiffany Jennings, licensed psychologist in Shreveport, and Louisiana Psychological Association Rural Health Coordinator for the American Psychological Association, who chairs the Rural and TeleHealth Services Committee for LPA. "This grant was funded from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Dept. of Health and Human Services," said Dr. Jennings. "The money will be used for improving access to treatment, prevention strategies, improving surveillance data and to enable health centers and other agencies to expand integrated services treatment." This is a step in the right direction. "But we've still got a long way to way," said Jennings.

Professional Affairs, Reports on New CPT Codes

by Dr. VanGeffen

As of January 1, 2019, the new CPT codes for psychological and neuropsychological testing are in effect. These new CPT codes create a significant change in the way in which insurance companies will reimburse testing services. In the past, one code was used to bill test administration and scoring whereas the new system separates test administration/scoring from test interpretation and report writing. The new testing codes represent a significant change in that psychologists will now be able to bill for the time which is spent in activities such as planning assessments, test selection, interpretation and integration of test data, report writing and treatment planning. LPA has a recorded training webinar on the new CPT codes which is available free to LPA members. For information on viewing this webinar, contact Terry Lindemann at terrylindemann.lpa@gmail.com.

I-O and Consulting Psychology Committee Meet with Area Professionals

Members of the Industrial-Organization and Consulting Psychology Committee, chaired by Gig Costelloe, will be meeting with other professionals and human resource management individuals at the French Truck Coffee Café on Government Street in Baton Rouge on January 12. Courtland Chaney said that the group will likely discuss plans for a consulting psychology track at the 2019 LPA conference. Courtland said, "The 2019 I-O track will be conceptualized as a Consulting Psychology track and will encourage presentations covering a broad application of behavioral science knowledge, including assessments and interventions at individual, group, organizational and community levels of human systems. Because consulting psychology concerns applying and extending behavioral science knowledge through the process of consultation to problems involving human behavior in various areas, we concluded a consulting psychology track would have a broader appeal across behavioral science specialties."

Conventions & Education Committee, 2019 Convention

Planning for the 2019 Annual Convention is proceeding well according to chair Julie Nelson. "We have settled on a good contract with the Sheraton Galleria and discussed with them some improvements that we feel will make the event even better this last year. We just recently received confirmation that Dr. Tony Puente, Past President of APA, will be a keynote speaker. He is known for his vision for the future of practicing psychologists and will strongly contribute to our theme, 'Psychology: Making a Difference.'" Dr. VanGeffen said, "He is a great speaker and I think that people will want to hear him given that he is on the forefront of so many of the changes taking place in mental health care."

Nelson said, "Our committee is having a planning meeting next week and we'll connect with the chairs of the interest area committees to find out their best and most important topics, to help us flesh out the training program. I imagine that we will have an extremely interesting research poster session—we always do—and we are also working to connect with our colleagues at the various universities for the Science Café again this year. Perhaps the most surprising but consistently high rated event we have provided is the collegial Lunch & Learn training. We'll be including some interesting variations and making it better again this year."

School Psychology Committee Member Activities

excerpts from Dr. Coulter's report

Advisory Council on Student Behavior & Discipline—LPA is a member of the ACSBD by act of the LA Legislature. In the first year of ASCBD's work, LPA's member of the Council made a formal presentation on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) for council members and the public. LPA, with other groups, has supported the continuing need for training in evidence-based practices such as PBIS and the need for more personnel trained to provide mental health interventions. Annual reports have been filed for 2016 and 2017. *Louisiana Legislature Bullying Awareness and Intervention Task Force*—LPA, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Louisiana Association of Marriage and Family Counselors are founding members of the legislature's task force on bullying awareness and prevention. LPA has emphasized the need for increased efforts in prevention and led the review of research in this area. An annual report was filed for 2017 and the report for 2018 will be available soon. The task force will conclude this year after considering additional testimony, reviewing current practices, and making recommendations for needed changes.

Member News...

Nominations Still Open for LSBEP

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists extended the nominations period for this year's election, wrote board Executive Director Jaime Monic to licensees on December 10. Nominations will be accepted through January 22, 2019 and opened at the regularly scheduled meeting of the LSBEP in January. LPA is looking for candidates who are able and willing to serve. Please contact the president at drj@drjulienelson.com.

APA Council of Representative Call for Nominations

If you would like to run for the APA Council of Representatives, please alert Terry Lindemann or one of the Council members. Candidates must be a member of the State/Provincial/Territorial Association they are elected to represent and a Member of APA. Only APA Fellows, Members or voting Associate members who belong to your State/Provincial/Territorial Association are allowed to nominate and elect your Council representative. There are to be at least two candidates on the final election ballot for each vacancy for Council representatives.

Please Welcome our Newest Members!

A warm welcome to new and returning members: Drs. Anneliese Boettcher, Clifton Mixon, Lauren Rasmussen, Teresa Rosetti, and Jerome Tobacyk, and student member Paula Muse.

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