**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS (BPA)**

Targeted Nomination Statement

(Four candidates to be elected for 3-year terms: January 1,2026 – December 31, 2028)

**Slate 1: Child, Adolescent & Family Services**

BPA seeks nominees with background and expertise in providing behavioral health, mental health and integrated health services to children, adolescents, and their families. Nominees with experience in innovative practices, as well as providing services in clinical and school-based settings are particularly sought. Nominees with community health, and school-based mental health services and/or nominees working with underserved children, youth and families are encouraged to apply.

**Slate 2: Institutional Practice / Health Care Systems Leadership**

BPA seeks nominees who have leadership experience in large systems, institutional/public sector administration, systems-wide application of evidence-based practice of psychology (EBPP), and/or broad knowledge and experience in community-based and/or institutional health systems, including those in higher education settings. Nominees with background and expertise in integration models with medical clinics, schools, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) integration with private practice are particularly sought. Nominees with background or expertise in health care, health care financing, health care systems, practice innovation and interprofessional practice are encouraged to apply. Nominees with leadership backgrounds or high-level experience in policy development are particularly sought.

**Slate 3: Applied Psychology Practice**

BPA seeks nominees with background and expertise in the use, application, and advancement of psychological and behavioral science in applied psychology work settings beyond the delivery of services that are reimbursed by the third-party payer system. Candidates with practice experience in consulting psychology, forensic psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, sport/performance psychology, technology application development, and/or in the public policy arena are encouraged to apply.

**Slate 4: Licensing and State Regulations**

BPA seeks nominees with experience serving on a state psychology regulatory board. Candidates with expertise in the intersection between professional practice and regulations are encouraged to apply as BPA engages in efforts to envision the future of the psychology profession.

**GENERAL INFORMATION about serving on BPA**

For all four slates, in addition to the above areas of expertise, BPA encourages nominees who are knowledgeable of professional issues and matters, ethnically/culturally diverse psychologists, and/or those who have worked with diverse populations. Candidates with expertise in leadership roles, advocacy, social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, integrating technology into clinical practice, or interest in evidence-based practice of psychology, guidelines, and standards of care are encouraged to apply.

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024 the Council of Representatives revised and adopted its 2019 [strategic plan](https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/apa-apasi-strategic-plan-2024.pdf) that sets APA’s organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA groups actively collaborate across APA to align the work of elected and appointed leaders, staff, and the broader membership in service of advancing the strategic plan. Given the importance of this approach to the Association’s strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

As a mission-driven organization that applies the best available psychological science to benefit society and improve lives, APA is committed to infusing the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) into all aspects of the work. As such, APA is committed to engaging in an inclusive and transparent process that advances EDI, strategic priorities, and the Association’s vision and mission, as noted in the APA’s Racial Equity Action Plan. BPA for its part of this collective vision and effort accomplishes its work through application of an EDI/anti-racism lens and collaboration with other groups across the Association.

Nominees should be familiar with working virtually and accessing material on virtual collaborative platforms. BPA members will be expected to attend several meetings each year (either virtually or in-person) as the Board expects to have one hybrid meeting at the APA Spring Consolidated Meeting in Washington, DC, and several more virtual meetings and events throughout the year, including a virtual 2-day Fall Consolidated Meeting, and four 2-hour virtual meetings, among others that may be called based on the scope of work. BPA members attend the APA Practice and SPTA (State, Provincial, and Territorial Psychological Associations) Leadership Conference held in-person in Washington, D.C., early in February of each year. BPA members also may be invited to participate in advocacy and other events, both in-person and virtual, to volunteer as liaisons to APA governance groups, and work on limited scope items and issues as needed.