

What GPA is Doing for YOU!



Highlights from 2017-18 Fiscal Year



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President, 2017-18

- Met with CareSource, Amerigroup and Peachstate to address member concerns.
- Board Developed 4-year Strategic Plan to guide Leadership in meeting mission and objectives.
- Established Autism Task Force and advised the Department of Community Health, in writing and in hearing testimony, about the \$65 million Medicaid autism benefit plan in GA.
- Met with Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards about PSYPACT and obtained a \$5,000 lobbying grant. Advocacy efforts helped pass PSYPACT unanimously in the GA House. GPA is working on a plan to get bill passed in both the House and Senate next year.
- GPA Members participated in the DeKalb County Police Department roundtable discussion to improve police response to individuals with mental illnesses.
- Dr. Gayle Spears was appointed as the first psychologist Executive Director in August 2017. Dr. Spears' experience includes being a past president of GPA (2015-16), a past chair of GPA's Ethics Committee, and a past President of the Kentucky Psychological Association.
- The Membership Committee, Diversity Directorate, Early Career Psychologists and Senior Psychologists Network held many events for members throughout the year.
- Provided 46 Continuing Education programs for ~1200 registrants, including a highly-acclaimed program at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Athens, GA.
- Installed Officers for the newly organized Georgia Psychological Association of Graduate Students (GPAGS).
- Served and supported 925 members throughout Georgia.
- Won the Diversity Award from APA Division 31 (Division of SPTAs) for our diverse Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and goals in the Strategic Plan.

