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This is the Annual Report edition of THE BROAD VIEW: a look at some of the highlights of the past year.

The OPA Staff
In my 20+ years with OPA this is the best team I’ve worked with. They are skilled, creative, and professional and member service oriented. They are truly a team, working well together and helping each other as needed. What an asset to the association to have such a great team.

Beth Wherley has been here almost as long as I have, dealing with the tremendous biennial mega-stress that comes every two years at the end of the MCE biennium. MCE was just getting started when she joined us and she has stuck with it keeping track of thousands and thousands of hours of continuing education, working with approved providers, coordinating with the Board of Psychology and staffing the MCE Committee. I have known Beth for decades and worked with her in other jobs. She does an amazing job.

Carolyn Green came to us with a solid background in data management, membership building and event planning. She fits in so well with the association’s work, contributing energy and ideas for efficiencies. She can and does cover many bases and has been really key to the switch over to a new website and data management platform. I have known Carolyn for years as well and was delighted when she showed an interest in joining our team.

Karen Hardin was here when I arrived but was walking out the door. About 18 years later, with a solid career in association membership and marketing, we enticed her to come back. She has been tremendous in completely changing our website and membership/education data management. This has saved us money and made us more efficient. She has a super “can do” attitude that inspires us all.

David Savoia is the money guy, and he’s really on top of our finances. Having a top professional in this role is so very important. The Finance Committee has come to rely on his opinions and perspective. David has a great sense of humor too and keeps us in stitches when we eat lunch together. When he grows up he plans on joining the new Space Force.

Jim Broyles is the Director of Professional Affairs. We hardly ever see him in the office but know he is getting emails and phone messages. We hear from members that they value the information he shares about insurance issues and his efforts to resolve problems. Switching this position’s focus to insurance issues has proven to be helpful to OPA members.

My contract was just extended through 2022. I’m here for a few more years and am working with the Board to begin serious transition planning; so that, we are ready for whoever comes next. My goals are to see that OPA remains financially strong, an effective advocate and that the Association strongly supports its members throughout the span of their careers.

The new Board Structure and Strategic Planning
Last year we adopted new by-laws and a new Board structure. We went from a Board of 22 that met quarterly, to a Board of 11. The Executive Committee, which had met monthly, was eliminated and the Board now meets every month. The Board changed from being a group of committee chairs and regional reps with narrowly focused interests to officers and vice presidents who work with groupings of committees and regional leaders to bring a broader view of the serious policy issues psychologists and mental health providers face to the Board for discussion and action. We have been
feeling our way through this new structure, and there have been adjustments we’ve needed to make, but it has worked well. As it continues to evolve I know it will serve the interests of the Association. One aspect of it that has had a powerful impact is the requirement that we have two membership assemblies. We did one virtual assembly last fall and had a two day assembly at convention. These began a dialogue with members on our priorities and issues where Psychology can have an impact. This is driving our strategic planning process, in which all members will have more opportunity to participate through a survey that is coming soon. (Actually, it will go to non-members too, since we need input from the entire community of psychology in Ohio.) The Association is functioning well and I appreciate that the Board is looking more broadly at issues and ways we can impact the health of the people of Ohio. I also really like the Board’s focus on and vision of social justice relating to the clients served by our members. The willingness to issue statements and take positions on issues, particularly in the current environment, is to be commended. One thing that I really like about it is that previously, when committee chairs had voting seats on the board, we would often struggle to draft people to chair committees, when the commitment included coming to Columbus for meetings 4-5 times a year. Now that votes do not involve committee chairs, we have gone to having co-chairs for many committees. This has expanded the opportunities for members to be involved and has helped us progress in our goals for leadership development. From my perspective, OPA’s leadership feels stronger and more energetic than it had been. New people are getting involved and we have made strides toward our goals for diversity on the Board (but have a ways to go!).

Leadership Development
After a year off, OPA’s highly successful Leadership Development Academy (LDA) is returning this year. The faculty is planning now for a new cohort of psychologists who will participate for the next year. Throughout this past year, we’ve been answering questions from other state psychological associations about our program and how we set it up. Dr. Peg Mosher was the driving force behind this fabulous program. I have selected this as a highlight for this year because of the impact LDA graduates from the first two cohorts have had on OPA. Many current committee chairs are LDA grads. Several of our VPs went through the program. One left Ohio to become a Congressional Fellow. Watch for news about the process for applying for the next cohort. This is a tremendous program!

Prescriptive Authority Legislation
When I started the percentage of members interested in prescriptive authority was small. In our last survey it was close to 75%. It has been passed in five states and momentum is increasing around the country for psychologists to prescribe. Much of the interest is rooted in the severe shortage of prescribers trained in the use of psychotropic medications and the impact of the national opioid crisis. Getting access to a psychiatrist in Ohio is very problematic. And if you can get an appointment: most don’t take insurance; few take Medicare; and hardly any take Medicaid. The most vulnerable citizens have limited access to medications they need. OPA’s HB326 authorizes appropriately trained psychologists to prescribe psychotropic medications. At the time I am writing this we have just finished our Fifth hearing before the House Health Committee. That hearing went very well for us with very strong testimony from our VP for Practice, Dr. Angela Miller. It was so good that legislators are asking her to testify in support of other bills. While the opponents had the opportunity to testify at this hearing, they chose not to and instead submitted a letter that rehashed their usual arguments against psychologists prescribing. Despite our efforts to compromise and respond to their concerns, the opponents have dug themselves into a trench to try to block the bill. Since the arguments against us prescribing are the same ones used to oppose nurse practitioners and physician assistants, they have lost credibility given how well these groups have performed and the extent to which they have improved health care. The commitment from the University of Findlay/College of Pharmacy to begin a Master’s program in Psychopharmacology once the bill is passed is also helping our efforts. Kudos to Dr. Brad Potts (Advocacy Chair), Dr. Angela Miller (VP for Practice and RxP Task Force Chair), Dr. Jerry Strauss (RxP Advocate) and Penny Tipps (OPA’s Lobbyist) for the effort and leadership to take us so much further than we have ever been with this legislation.

Parity@10
OPA is very involved with the new Parity@10 Coalition. Ohio is one of ten states selected for this three-year campaign to establish effective models for the robust enforcement of the Federal Parity Act in 10 states and to disseminate those models across the country. The campaign’s goal is to ensure that insurance carriers and State Medicaid programs offer fully parity compliant substance use and mental health benefits and put an end to a complaint-driven enforcement model that forces consumers to fight for the evidence-based health care they need and are entitled to receive. The campaign is being spearheaded by the Legal Action Center (LAC), The Kennedy Forum, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Partnership
for Drug-Free Kids and the Research & Evaluation Group at Public Health Management Corporation.’ In Ohio, the lead organization for this effort is The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers. We have had excellent strategy meetings and feel that in this election year we can have an impact on parity laws, regulations and enforcement.

**Federal Advocacy**

OPA has been one of APA’s strongest allies in the area of Federal Advocacy. When we go to the Hill, our mantra has often been “It’s all about Ohio” because Ohio legislators are in such important roles. (Dr. Suzanne LeSure gets credit for this mantra!) Dr. David Hayes has been our Federal Advocacy Coordinator, pushing out Action Alerts, organizing Hill visits for the annual fly-in in March, arranging special contact with Members of Congress from Ohio when APA requests our help. He’s done us proud in his effort to keep on top of the issues from the national perspective and keep us all aware of what is happening (or not) at the national level. Because Ohio is so important to Federal Advocacy, with two influential Senators and so many Members of Congress in key positions, APA has approved us having a second Federal Advocacy Coordinator. Here is where another graduate of the LDA Program will have an impact, since Dr. Catherine Golden will assume this role. Katie is also a former OPAGS leader. As APA undergoes reorganization in its approach to Government Relations, I believe our Federal Advocacy Coordinators will play an even greater role. We used to only get information about issues relating to practice but as APA moves toward this new structure, I am already seeing information of national legislative issues that relate to Science, Education and Public Interest. This is information we’ve long sought after since our membership is not solely practitioners.

**OPA Finances**

Dr. Eric Sullivan has been has provided strong leadership as OPA’s Finance Officer and I look forward to working with Dr. Brandon Kozar as we head into next year. We’ve managed to maintain a balanced budget year to year and our financial performance has fallen closely in line with our projections. You have a very frugal staff that are cost conscious and are continually looking for efficiencies, while striving to provide the highest quality service. The Board takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously. David Savoia, the Director of Finance and Operations, does a great job tracking income and expenditures, so the Board has accurate data about how we are doing. We are one of the few state psychological associations that have an annual audit, but the perspective of our auditors, Mulligan, Topy & Co. CPA’s, gives all of us assurances that our finances are in good shape. We have not had a dues increase since 2014 and do not project one for 2018-19.

**The outlook for OPA**

As you read the reports from the Vice Presidents and others in this report, you will see all the ways that OPA is working to have a positive impact on your career and community. Please be sure to respond to the Strategic Plan Survey to help us set responsive goals and priorities for moving OPA and Psychology in Ohio forward. Look over the list of committees and get involved. If there is an area where we aren’t doing enough, tell us and join in the effort to address the concerns you have. Support our PAC to strengthen our Advocacy efforts and outcomes. Support our Foundation to help us attract the best young scientists to Psychology, support research, and educate the community about what Psychology is and its history in Ohio. Get your friends to join OPA and encourage them to get involved too...we’re in this together!
The Ohio Psychological Association continues to provide significant support to Ohio psychologists and consumers of mental health services, while serving our members and the public. Despite numerous challenges, the Board of Directors navigated the transitional year to the new governance model, as well as working on the “nuts and bolts” of managing the association. Here are a few of the highlights of this past year.

**Governance Structure**

The OPA Board of Directors moved from a 27-member board that met approximately five times a year, to an 11-member board that meets eleven times a year. This has enabled the board to approve business items more quickly, increased communication between the board members, and allowed OPA to open up committee leadership to co-chairs, which facilitates a deeper leadership pipeline. The new model has also utilized technology more often so that our Board members can communicate from their home cities, rather than driving to Columbus. On the whole, the modifications to the governance structure have followed the eight principles that were approved by the board in 2014 and has been a positive change for OPA. Dr. Katharine Oh, the incoming President-Elect, and former chair of the Governance Task Force, will lead the charge to continue to fine-tune the model to be most effective.

**Policy and Procedures**

As with most organizations, OPA has an extensive policy and procedures manual that guides our work. This manual needed significant updates and modifications due to changes in the governance structure, as well as changes related to legislation and regulations. OPA Board members, committee chairs and members, and OPA staff worked diligently over six months to refine the manual. The manual is the backbone of the organization, and it was important to have voices from numerous stakeholders reflected in this critical document.

**Strategic Plan**

This year we undertook the significant task of reviewing and modifying the OPA strategic plan. This effort was led by Planning and Development Committee Co-Chairs Steven Kniffley, PsyD, ABPP and Justin Dewberry, PsyD. This discussion began at the fall board retreat with rich exploration of the mission and purpose of OPA. Feedback was collected from OPA leadership at numerous levels, and processed at an intensive retreat with the OPA President, President-Elect, Past-President, and Executive Director. A final review of the data is currently in process, with the hope that the new OPA Strategic Plan will be rolled out at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

**Interdisciplinary Violence Prevention Across the Life-Span Task Force**

Given the numerous concerns facing Ohioans this year, including school violence, bullying, mass shootings, the opioid crisis, sexual assault, and increasing suicide rates, to name a few, I have started the Interdisciplinary Task Force for Violence Prevention Across the Life-Span. The goal of this task force is to initially identify resources that span all disciplines (psychology, education, law enforcement, social work, etc.) and across the life-span (childhood, adolescence, adulthood and older adulthood), and work together with other stakeholders to create a comprehensive website that compiles all these resources into one location.

In sum, while the work of the association is not always glamorous or exciting, it truly builds a solid foundation upon OPA can create a strong presence representing psychology and psychologists across Ohio. We continue to be one of the most highly-respected STPA’s across the United States, and our presence at the APA Practice Organizations Practice Leadership Conference is confirmation of that status. I am grateful to each and every member of the OPA staff, leadership, and the members that participate in the work of the association. Together, we are stronger and continue to work towards a Psychologically-Healthy Ohio!
OPA LEADERSHIP

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    Dr. Cindy Van Kuren
  •  Editor, Ohio Psychologist – TBD
  •  PEC – TBD
  •  Psychologically Healthy Workplace Network –
    Dr. Robin Graff-Reed
  •  Disaster Relief Network – TBD

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    Dr. Wanda McEntyre, Dr. Jim Broyles and Dr. Peg Mosher
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    Dr. Cathy Gaw, Co-Chair and Dr. Sarah Greenwell, Co-Chair
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  •  Public Sector – TBD
  •  PROs – TBD
  •  Early Career Psychologist Committee – Dr. Adrienne Jett
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  •  Cleveland Psychological Assn. Rep. – Dr. Cathy Gaw

Vice President for Professional Practice – Dr. Angela Miller
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  •  Legislative Day Planning Committee – Dr. Brad Potts
  •  RxP Task Force – Dr. Angela Miller
  •  Political Action Committee – Dr. Thomas Swales
  •  Insurance Committee – Dr. Virginia Clark
  •  Toledo Area Academy of Professional Psychologists Rep. –
    Dr. Mark Babula
  •  Advocacy Committee – Dr. Brad Potts
  •  Federal Advocacy Committee –
    Dr. Catherine Golden and Dr. David Hayes

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  •  MCE Committee – Dr. Cathy Gaw
  •  Dayton Area Psychological Assn. Rep. –
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Every year OPA does a 2-year budget to give us some perspective on the future impact of financial decisions we are making in the budget. Last June the Board considered and rejected a draft budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 that included a small dues increase. Early this year the Finance Committee advised the Board that it had discussed options of increasing dues and that they would be reflected in the FY18-19 and FY19-20 Budget which will be presented to the Board in June of 2018.

A comment regarding increasing dues and income: The last increase was in 2014 when dues went from $330 to $360. That was a steep increase but there was little fallout from it. The 2018-19 fiscal year will be the fifth year we’ve gone without an increase. Many associations find it advantageous to do small, annual increases to keep pace with inflation rather than go for many years without any increase and then need to make a significant adjustment.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

Some of the basic considerations of these budgets include:

- Staff salaries are increased 1% in both years.
- The Practice Leadership Conference is budgeted for both years. Some positions are fully or partially funded. The budget funds the Executive Director (currently almost entirely covered by APA), the Director of Professional Affairs (entirely covered by APA), and the President-elect, the President, the Federal Advocacy Coordinators (2) (fully fund by APA) Diversity delegate #1, Early Career delegate #1 and OPAGS President-elect.

- The projected investments amount reflects investments that we sell and convert to cash at the beginning of the year, per Finance Committee policy. At the end of the current year and through early next year, MCE income for the two-year biennium will increase our money market accounts and investment accounts significantly.

**COMMENTS ON INCOME**

**Grants and Donations:** Because of APAPO financial difficulties, no CAPP grants are projected for the next two years.

**Advertising Sales:** Boxwood is our online career center, and we will be moving to a new vendor next year. Career center services are a fairly stable source of income. Endorsements include: Care Works Consultants (BWC coverage), IC Systems (Collections), Credit Card Processing, and others. With the upgrades to our website and the quality of our publications Web Ads is one area of growth.

**Legislative Day:** We will not have a Legislative Day next spring but will bring it back in the fall of 2019. This will be in a different format, starting later in the day with a reception for legislators. The goal is for this event to break even, so the same amount for income and expense has been budgeted.

**Stand-Alone Workshops:** Home Study materials are available on our website. We continue to build a nice library of Webinars which are considered a growth opportunity for OPA. Stand-Alone workshops will occur in the fall and summer.

**MCE:** The budgeted amounts ($279,000 and $285,700) are in-line with previous years.

Income increases the second year of a biennium with the impact of late registrations, single course review fees and charges to approved providers who offer a higher number of courses over 2-year cycle.

**Membership Dues:** Our dues projections are based on 1500 members. Staff’s role is to reach out more directly to current and prospective members to help us recruit and retain members. A point of emphasis next year will be the role of Board members to recruit new members.

**Total Income:** Our projection for 2018-19 is $792,350 and for 2019-2020 it is $799,700. This is slightly less than recent budgets which have been around $800,000.

**COMMENTS ON EXPENSES**

**General Operating Expenses:**

- **Coalitions and Sponsorships:** We pay “dues” to be part of the coalitions in which we participate. This helps fund the advocacy work we do collaboratively.
- **APA Convention - OPA** typically pays for the Executive Director and Director of Professional Affairs to attend the APA Convention. The Convention is in San Francisco for the 2017-2018 budget and in Chicago for the 2018-2019 budget.
- **Liability and Business Insurance** - Two years ago we conducted a review of our insurance, made some changes and consolidated overlapping coverage to enable an adjustment to this line item.
- **Computer Hardware and Software** - We have avoided replacing our server.
- **Total General Operating** - This is projected at $136,444 for next year and $137,044 for the following year.

**Divison 31 and Caucus Dues:** OPA pays annual membership dues to Division 31 for the association and to the State Caucus, which benefits our Council Representative.

**Convention:** We are projecting a $23,000 net income from convention this year and $21,800 for 2019-2020. Expense projections track slightly ahead of previous years’ experience/results. Improvements to our website and realignment of staff roles should help us continue to improve how we market convention.

**Stand Alone Workshops:** We project a net of $26,200 from workshops/home study/webinars next year and $25,100 the following year.

**Contract Services:**

- **Website/Design** - Staff is doing this work now in lieu of paying a designer.
- **Lobbyist** - The lobbyist is paid a monthly retainer.
- **General Counsel - Legal fees** vary from year to year.
- **CIVIC Data Base Programming** - This includes our base data management fee to CIVIC for the MCE database which we anticipate moving to the YourMembership system next year.
- **Audit** - The contract sets our fee for the annual audit.

**Financial Services Fees:** These include brokerage fees, bank service charges and our payroll processing through PayChex.

**Total Expense:** This is $791,956 for next year and $798,859 for 19-20. Spending totals may vary depending on approval of any contingency expenses.

**COMMENTS ON NET INCOME**

Small surpluses are projected in both years: $194 next year and $6,141 the following year.
Call for Proposals: 2019 OPA Convention
Working Together to Build a Culture of Understanding

Wednesday, April 24 - Friday, April 26, 2019

Proposal Deadline: 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018

The Ohio Psychological Association invites program proposals for the 2019 Annual Convention. This year’s Convention theme is “Working Together to Build a Culture of Understanding.” We invite you to be a part of this annual event known for its excellent programming that addresses issues facing Ohio psychologists.

Read through these guidelines carefully to ensure that your proposal meets the criteria. Submissions must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018 for consideration. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.

About the OPA Convention
The OPA Convention is an annual, three day event combining networking, continuing education, academic-related and OPA membership events. Now taking place each spring, the Convention typically attracts over 350 psychologist attendees, reputed speakers and presenters, student poster presenters, exhibitors, sponsors, award winners and guests. The 2019 Convention will be held April 24-26, 2019, at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus.

Proposal Guidelines
To participate in this conference, please submit a compelling presentation proposal that supports the field of psychology. OPA is committed to supporting the personal and professional lives of psychologists throughout their lifespan, from student status through retirement. Presentations for all experience levels are welcome.

OPA is committed to diversity and multiculturalism. ALL presentations are expected to address the needs of a diverse population. Presenters are required to explain, as part of their proposal, how their workshop addresses and/or integrates diversity issues into the topic.

OPA expects ALL workshops to contain elements of ethics and/or cultural competency. However in order for a workshop to count as Ethics CE, ninety percent of the content must address ethics and/or cultural competency. As an APA approved CE provider, OPA adheres to their guidelines, and no partial credit is given.

OPA supports and strongly encourages programs that allow for a collaborative style, address cutting edge research and create opportunities for thoughtful discussion. Please review the proposed presenter standards (https://ohpsych.site-ym.com/page/present) before submitting a proposal.

Proposals should be submitted using our online form. (https://ohpsych.site-ym.com/page/2019ConvProposal)

Deadline
Submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2018. Presenters will be notified no later than November 9, 2018 of their proposal acceptance. In submitting a proposal, presenters accept responsibility for the time scheduled for their presentation and agree that they will meet all set deadlines.

Questions?
Call Karen Hardin,
Director of Education and Communications,
at 614-224-0034 ext. 15 or email at khardin@ohpsych.org.

Suggested Topics
As the result of a survey conducted by OPA’s Education Committee, the following topic areas were designated to be of high interest. Please note the following topics are suggestions, other topics related to the convention theme are welcome. Interdisciplinary themes are encouraged.

• Psychology’s role in building a culture of understanding and tolerance  
• Recent research and practice in building resilience and coping skills to address depression and anxiety.  
• Early detection of suicidality among youth and high risk populations. Suicide prevention strategies.  
• Preparing to perform an Independent Medical Examination (IME) for the Social Security Administration, BWC, the Industrial Commission, etc.  
• Psychology’s role in addressing the opioid epidemic.  
  ... Chronic pain, opioids, and non-pharmacological interventions  
  ... The VA’s model of addressing chronic pain and opioid dependence  
  ... Assisting primary care physicians in treatment of their chronic pain patients  
  ... Effectiveness of medication assisted treatment and interdisciplinary treatment approaches  
  ... Effectiveness of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) and Acceptance Commitment Therapy (ACT) approaches to chronic and acute pain  
  ... A community-based response to the opioid epidemic  
  ... Is psychology missing the boat when it comes to treating substance abuse and addictions?
COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS Leadership Team Committees:

- Akron Area Professional Psychologists Representative: Dr. Colin Christenson
- Communication and Technology Committee: Dr. Cindy Van Kuren
- Disaster Relief Network: TBD
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- Marketing Task Force: Dr. Kim Anzek
- Psychologically Healthy Workplace Network: Dr. Robin Graff-Reed
- Public Education Coordinator: TBD

WEBSITE

Our current website was launched in the fall of 2016. The new site featured improved navigation and helped to streamline communications and event management. Now, our goal is to broaden our outreach by fine-tuning the site to increase the ease at which non-members such as physicians and the general public can locate mental health services and resources.

Here’s an overview of our web reach for the last 12 months.

- Total number of website users: 50K
  - 82% New Users
  - 18% Returning Users
- Total number of website sessions: 78K
  - 79.6% Desktop
  - 16% Mobile
  - 4.3% Tablet
- Average duration of each session: 2.3 minutes

Most Popular Pages:
- OPA-MCE
- Find A Psychologist
- Events

PSYPACT

The Communications and Technology Committee promoted PSYPACT at Legislative Day. There has been opposition from physicians to PSYPACT so we do not currently have a legislator to sponsor the bill. The hope is that we can identify a sponsor to support the bill next year and encourage OPA members and non-members to educate their legislators on PSYPACT. The State Board of Psychology in Ohio has endorsed PSYPACT. For more information about PSYPACT, visit https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT.

- 7 states must enact language to activate PSYPACT. Current count...
  - Arizona
  - Colorado
  - Nebraska
  - Nevada
  - Missouri
  - Utah

PRINT & DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, OPA published editions of the OPA Review, Ohio Psychologist and the Annual Report. Our monthly member e-Newsletter, OPA Notes, continues to be a great resource and a quick way to get updated on OPA’s activities. All publications are archived on our website under the “News” tab.

- OPA’s Annual Report is sent to 3,735 individuals
- OPA’s publications travel to over 8 countries
- OPA Notes reaches 1,450 members monthly

LISTSERVS

Listservs provide an ongoing forum for discussion on various topics and professional concerns as well as referral inquiries. OPA offers members the opportunity to participate in a variety of listservs including: General Forum, Early Career Psychologists, Forensics, LGBT, Neuropsychology, OWP, Prescriptive Privileges, Small College and Student. Watch for news later this summer regarding a new member benefit... an insurance focused listserv for office managers!

- Members subscribe to one or more of OPA’s listservs...
  - 1,276
- Threaded-posts to all of OPA’s listservs last year...
  - 1,773
AKRON AREA PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS
The highlight of the year for AAPP (Akron Area Professional Psychologists) was the recent presentation by Glenn Karr on 9 Major Practice Problem Areas for Mental Health Professionals. It was held on 5-11-18 and was attended by about 60 people.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Join the online conversation! OPA’s online presence continues to grow as more and more members and non-members begin to rely on social media for news, event notifications and organizational updates. If you haven’t already joined our online community... check us out today!
- facebook.com/ohiopsychologicalassociation
- twitter.com/ohpsychassn
- linkedin.com/company/ohiopsychologicalassociation
- pinterest.com/ohiopsychassn/
- youtube.com/user/OhioPsychAssn

MARKETING TOOLKIT
The OPA Online Marketing Toolkit is a FREE member benefit that was developed to help licensed psychologists grow and market their practice through professional, effective and customizable resources designed to help educate the general public and to encourage referrals from other healthcare professionals. Social media best practices will be added to the toolkit soon!

EDUCATION
Educating mental health providers in regards to the use of technology is a priority of the Communications and Technology Committee. Over the past 12 months, OPA has hosted multiple face-to-face workshops and webinars on the topic of integrating technology into the practice of psychology as a means of increasing accessibility.

Experience Quality Trainings in the Application of EMDR Therapy
The EMDR Institute experiential 2 part Basic Training is designed to familiarize licensed mental health practitioners with the therapeutic application of EMDR, a psychotherapy approach empirically validated in over 24 randomized studies of trauma victims. Recommended by the World Health Organization for the treatment of PTSD trauma and other adverse life experiences. Recommended in both domestic and international treatment guidelines.

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Feb 1-3, 2019

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Oct 19-21, 2018
Mar 15-17, 2019

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registration@emdr.com

“The speed at which change occurs during EMDR contradicts the traditional notion of time as essential for psychological healing.”
Bessel van der Kolk, MD
Boston University
School of Medicine

“Francine Shapiro has made an enduring contribution to the field of psychotherapy.”
Jeffrey Zeig, PhD
Founder & Director
DIVERSITY

DIVERSITY EDUCATION

One of the Diversity Leadership Team’s goal is to integrate cultural sensitivity and a commitment to diversity throughout the organizational and membership structures of OPA, as well as the broader community of psychology in Ohio. The term “diversity” incorporates, but is not limited to, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, spirituality, disability, age, and/or gender differences. Providing educational events for mental health professionals is an integral element in achieving this goal. Over the last 12 months, OPA has offered a combination of stand-alone workshops, webinars and convention sessions that fall under the umbrella of diversity education.

Most recently, OPA and the LGBT Sub-Committee welcomed Dr. Ling Lam from San Francisco, California to Columbus to present “Complex Trauma and LGBTQi+ Clients: Ethical and Clinical Competencies.” His all-day sold-out workshop received raved reviews including this attendee comment...

“Bring him back! Best 1-day workshop, I have ever attended in my 22 years in psychology.”

MEET & GREET BRUNCH

This past spring, OPA’s Diversity Committee hosted its annual Meet & Greet Brunch. Thank you to Dr. Sarah Greenwell for opening up her home for this outreach event. The Brunch offers a unique opportunity for members to network, discuss social justice issues and learn more about OPA including the resources it provides as well as the leadership opportunities that are available... all in a casual safe-space setting.

Diversity Leadership Team Committees:

- Cincinnati Academy of Professional Psychologists
  Dr. Sarah Greenwell
- Diversity Committee
  Dr. Jessica Smedley
- LGBT Sub-Committee
  Dr. James Brush
- Social Responsibility Committee
  Dr. Elizabeth Harris

OPA GRADUATE STUDENTS AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE HOSTWORKSHOP

At the 2018 OPA Convention, OPAGS and the Diversity Committee hosted “Processing Experiences in Academia for Students of Diverse Backgrounds.” Committee collaboration plays a key role in OPA’s ability to increase inclusiveness while providing safe-spaces for meaningful discussion. Thank you to Dr. Kniffley and Dr. Smedley for moderating this session.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance to support graduate student research projects in honor of Dr. Sullivan’s work with the American Psychological Association, state, provincial and territorial psychological associations and his commitment to diversity and inclusion. It has been funded by gifts, grants, contributors and bequests that have been made in his honor. The Diversity Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications and selecting winners.

2018 Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Winners

**Anna Abate’s** research focuses on the relations between perceptions of the justice system, chances for success, ethnicity, and recidivism among juvenile offenders. Moreover, her research includes investigating the role of trauma in the development of aggression and stereotype threat on offending patterns and aggression in inpatient adolescents and justice-involved youth as well as the impact of racial differences in parental expectations on parental dysfunctional discipline.

**Kathleen Collins’** research explores the intersection of LGBTQ mental health and psychotherapy process work through the use of mixed methodology. Her recent projects include testing the ability of online expressing writing interventions to reduce distress in LGBTQ adults who have experienced heterosexism and conducting a task analysis of these writing responses to identify micro-processes that progress in productive and unproductive ways.

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**OPA DIVERSITY DELEGATE**

Dr. Jessica Smedley, Chair of OPA’s Diversity Committee, was selected to represent OPA as our Diversity Delegate at the American Psychological Association’s Practice Leadership Conference. She is pictured above with Dr. Jessica Henderson Daniel, APA’s first African American President.

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**LEGISLATIVE DAY & DIVERSITY BREAKFAST**

The goal of OPA’s annual Legislative Day is to not only make psychologists aware of specific legislation that may affect the profession, but to also encourage psychologists to become active advocates. Talking with legislators can be intimidating, OPA’s Legislative Day includes training for members who may be “newbies” to advocacy. We also help to “pair-up” more experienced member with those who may be less confident. Several years ago, Legislative Day was expanded to include a Diversity Breakfast. Members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus are invited to attend this intimate gathering to discuss current legislation and social justice issues. Historically, this event is very well attended by graduate students and offers them the opportunity to not only meet legislators face-to-face but the unique experience of discussing how issues of diversity affect mental health providers and those they serve.

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**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

One of the Diversity Leadership Team’s goal is to integrate cultural sensitivity and a commitment to diversity throughout the organization. This endeavor reaches far beyond the limits of our membership and requires that OPA position itself; so that, it is able to quickly respond to legislation and current events.

Over the course of the past year, OPA has issued 7 Official Statements in response to a variety of issues. These statements are available on our website under the “News” section. In addition, Dr. Elizabeth Harris, incoming Vice President of Diversity, presented “What It Really Means to End the DACA Program” to over 100 attendees at the 2018 OPA Convention.

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25 Scholarship applications reviewed by the committee
MEMBERSHIP LEADERSHIP TEAM’S FOCUS
The Membership Leadership Team’s role extends far beyond recruitment and retention of members! The primary roles for this team, all of which involve collaborating with other leadership teams and identifying new areas of development, include:

- Member development (e.g., professional and leadership development);
- Member benefits (e.g., Ethics consultation, Marketing Toolkit; professional services and discounts);
- Member needs assessment (e.g., assessing and evaluating member needs across the lifespan from students through retirement);
- Member outreach, especially in underserved and underrepresented areas of cultural, ethnic, geographic and demographic diversity.

The common thread that ties these roles together is our overriding goal: ENGAGEMENT throughout the career span.

EARLY CAREER PSYCHOLOGISTS COMMITTEE
A primary goal for ECPC is to increase engagement and connection between early career psychologists (ECPC) throughout Ohio and across areas of practice. This year, the Committee added four new members. The ECPC webpage has been updated and includes resources specifically for early career psychologists. Check it out at https://ohpsych.site-ym.com/page/EarlyCareerCom

The Committee is actively reaching out to ECPs through FaceBook and our list serve. If you would like to join the OPA-EARLY listserv, contact OPA at 614.224.0034, ext. 11.

Cleveland Psychological Association
Under the guidance of our President, Dr. Eric Berko, and Administrator, Angela Bailey, CPA has made significant progress toward eliminating problematic work-flow issues and implementing effective administration of routine Association functions. In addition, CPA has made significant progress toward creating a more user-friendly and secure platform on the CPA’s new website.

ETHICS CONSULTATIONS AND EDUCATION
The Ethics Committee has five functions:

- to advance the knowledge and competency of OPA members regarding ethical standards for psychologists;
- to educate psychologists regarding ethical principles and conduct;
- to provide guidance to psychologists who have questions regarding their own professional ethics or conduct;
- to advise the Board of Directors concerning procedures or actions which the Board can or should take to promote the ethical standards of practice of its members; and
- to interface with the Education Committee to plan continuing education opportunities on topics relevant to the ethical practice of psychology.

In addition to providing ethics consultations to OPA members throughout the year, the Committee presented “The Ethical and Legal Practice of Psychology,” at OPA’s 2018 Convention.

We are also reaching out to APA and ECPCs in other states to collaborate and generate ideas for recruitment and areas of focus.
The Public Sector Issues Committee supports psychologists and their clients in various settings and organizations including:

- State psychiatric hospitals
- Community mental health centers
- Veteran’s administration medical centers
- Military
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Nonprofit health care systems
- Correctional settings

26% OPA members that identify as public sector psychologists.

The committee’s mission is to monitor and advocate for issues impacting consumers of publicly funded behavioral health services in all settings and to work collaboratively with the OPA Board of Directors to ensure that these issues are addressed through education and advocacy.

The development of continuing education addressing the needs of public sector psychologists and their clients is one of the committee’s major goals. Dr. Dawn Graham, past Chair of the Public Sector Issues Committee, presented “Rural Behavioral Health in Ohio” at OPA’s 2018 Convention.

The Public Sector Issues Committee is in transition at this time. If you have an interest in working with this committee, please contact the OPA office at 614-224-0034.

Ohio Women in Psychology

The Ohio Women in Psychology 2018 Scholarship was awarded to Mansi Mehta, MS of Kent State University for her research entitled: Examining the Validity of Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder.

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Colleague Assistance Program

The colleague assistance is in the process of completing a webinar that will roll out for all new providers who wish to participate in the colleague assistance program. More information about the OPA-CAP program can be found at ohpsych.org/OPACAP.

Leadership Development Academy

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As I complete my first year as VP for Professional Practice, I reflect on the tremendous growth and positive change I have witnessed within the organization. While there have been growing pains and an occasionally steep learning curve to accompany our transition to the new governance model, our board and committees have worked tirelessly and have made significant accomplishments during this process. It is work in which we, as psychologists, can all be proud.

OPA’s Strategic Plan includes the goal to “Advocate for public policies that promote psychological services, the field of psychology and a psychologically healthy Ohio.” As a group, the professional practice committees have identified and committed to defining and working towards three aspirations that are key to the stability and future development of the practice of psychology in Ohio.

• Expand the scope of advocacy efforts to include business, insurance, and public sector issues as they relate to psychologists
• Increase communication within and among Ohio’s networks of psychologists to advance an advocacy strategy that is BOTH proactive and responsive to the needs of the profession
• Increase engagement of persons of color, ECPs, and graduate students in our ongoing advocacy efforts.

While there are many advocacy related issues for those working in the practice of psychology, some of these require legislative action and some do not. In all cases, psychologists are stronger when they are united in the pursuit of psychology’s advancement. As practicing psychologists, we remain committed to building this foundation of engagement within our colleagues and meeting these issues wherever they arise. We not only work toward the sustainability and growth of our profession, but we seek to demonstrate the unique and irreplaceable value of psychologists in our communities and strive to listen to, learn from, and advocate for the needs of those we serve. As we review our work over the past year and look to the future, it is my hope that we will continue to pursue this vision in an ever-increasing context of communication and transparency.

INSURANCE
COMING SOON to the OPA Website...
• Audit Tool Kit. This tool kit is designed to provide practical resources for psychologists to:
  Š Help improve documentation and reduce the likelihood of future audits
  Š Aide in the response and management of a current audit
• A list of insurance providers who will reimburse for services provided by a clinician who is supervised and working toward a psychologist license.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS
HB 49
• OPA and member advocacy efforts prevented the consolidation of the Mental Health Boards

HB 326
(Authorizes Appropriately Trained Psychologists to Prescribe Psychotropics)
• Legislation was drafted, and co-sponsors were secured
• Oral sponsor testimony was given to the House Health Committee by Reps. Seitz and Gavarone
• Oral proponent testimony given by Dr. Jerry Strauss and Dr. Ruth Roe-Navarrete, the only prescribing psychologist practicing in Ohio
• In-person meeting with opposition and Reps. Seitz and Huffman
• Opponent/Proponent/Interested Party Testimony was heard including proponent testimony was given by Mr. Don Stanslok, clinical pharmacist, and Dr. Marlin Hoover, prescribing psychologist (IL and NM). Written proponent testimony was submitted by Ms. Lori Cross, CEO of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Service Providers. Dr. Ron Ross, Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Psychology, gave interested party testimony.
• After many years of cultivation, a Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) at the University of Findlay has been created and is ready to open when the legislation passes.
• Legislative action on this active bill continues.

Annual Legislative Day held on May 16, 2018, was a success.
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

• An online survey of the OPA membership was conducted in Spring 2018 to assess issues related to the professional practice of psychology. As of this writing, 155 responses have been collected. Preliminary results appear to the right.

One question, “What do you consider to be the primary issue facing psychologists today?” generated responses fitting into one of five themes:
1. Insurance/Reimbursement,
2. Professional identity in a diverse healthcare marketplace (i.e. Many types of mental health professionals),
3. Diversity and Social Justice Issues,
4. Advocacy and Professional Engagement, and
5. Training/Credentialing Issues.

Members were offered the opportunity to provide additional comment during the Professional Practice Townhall Meeting held during the OPA Annual Convention and at the 2018 Legislative Day.

• Work has begun to update the Practice Tool Kit. Responses to the survey and feedback on the existing Tool Kit will be utilized to create this fully updated resource in the coming year.

Do you want to participate in the professional practice survey? Use the QR Code below to access it.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJ5H6CM

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS BASED ON 155 RESPONDENTS

Number of Direct Client Encounters Per Week

| 10 or fewer | 10% |
| 11 - 20      | 34% |
| 21 - 29      | 28% |
| 30 - 39      | 18% |
| 40 or more   | 5%  |

Salary from All Sources

| 0 - 19,999   | 8%  |
| 20,000 - 39,999 | 7% |
| 40,000 - 59,999 | 13%|
| 60,000 - 79,999 | 17%|
| 80,000 - 99,999 | 15%|
| 100,000 - 124,999 | 19%|
| 125,000 - 149,999 | 9% |
| 150,000+       | 9%  |
| Other          | 3%  |

How could OPA better serve your needs?

• 25% | Networking and Professional Consultation
• 25% | Assistance and Education on Reimbursement/Insurance Issues
• 18% | Business or Tax Strategies
• 13% | Education and Advocacy on Healthcare Reform
• 12% | Strategies for integrating psychological services in medical settings
• 7%  | Other

Highest Ranked OPA Benefits: MCE Tracking and Advocacy (Legislative and Insurance)

TIME
Is the number 1 reported barrier to participating in advocacy work.

Highest Ranked Advocacy Issues from the past year:

• Prevention of Board Consolidation
• Medicaid Expansion
• More favorable insurance contracting provisions
• RxP (Authorizes Appropriately Trained Psychologists to Prescribe Psychotropics)

Number one issue facing psychologists today with select elaborative comments.

• Insurance/Reimbursement for Services
  ... “Outcomes based reimbursement”
  ... “Declining or stagnant reimbursement rates with increasing costs”
  ... “Re-cooping Materials fees”
  ... “Partnerships with Physicians”
  ... “Novel practice models”
• Professional Identity in a Diverse Healthcare Marketplace
  (i.e. many types of MH providers)
  ... “We need to show the value of psychologists in comparison to other providers”
  ... “How do we distinguish ourselves?”
  ... “Marketing”
• Diversity/Social Justice Issues
  ... “Increase engagement of students and faculty”
  ... “Affordability for students and ECPs”
  ... “Increase diversity at all levels”
  ... “Increase OPAs proactive interactions with other professional psychology organizations (e.g. ABPs)”
  ... “Continue advocacy on social justice issues”
• Training/Credentialing Issues
  ... “Master’s level providers”
  ... “Achieving reimbursement for services provided by supervised trainees”
  ... “EPPPs”
  ... “PSYPACT”
  ... “Student Loan Repayment”
• Ability to advocate for the Profession
  ... “Parity”
  ... “Increase activism of the general membership”
  ... “Training and scripts for advocacy with legislators”

73% State primary focus of their occupation as Patient Care

Primary Work Setting

| Private Practice | 54% |
| Medical Setting  | 19% |
| Academic         | 10% |
| Forensic         | 6%  |
| Community Health | 4%  |
| Other            | 7%  |

27% Of respondents practice in multiple work settings

33% Of respondents are currently paying on student loans
SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

The Science and Education Leadership Team (SELT) is comprised of three long-standing committees and representatives from the Dayton Area Psychological Association as well as the Ohio School Psychologists Association. Under OPA’s new governance structure, the leadership of the Science, Mandatory Continuing Education and Education Committees has come together, for the first time, under one umbrella.

The benefits of this increased collaboration were quickly notable. Together, they worked diligently to coordinate their activities for the 2018 OPA Convention resulting in improved services and visibility. In addition to being an approved CE Sponsor of the American Psychological Association, OPA was able to expand their CE Sponsorship to include all those licensed under the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board of Ohio. They also worked jointly in the revision of OPA Standards and Policies. We look forward to the continued coordinated efforts of these committees as we move into our second year of the SELT.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE

The Science Committee, under the co-leadership of Dr. Kim Metz and Dr. John Marazita, received the 2018 OPA Committee of the Year Award. This long-standing committee is primarily comprised of academic psychologists that together form the scientific backbone of OPA. They are investigative and scrutinize requests for research via the OPA list-serve, as well as the promotion of science. They comb through an array of abstract submissions and vet projects for scientific relevance, rigor and ethics. This year the committee worked to revise and improve their methodology. They reviewed current practices used by other scientific organizations and developed the judging rubric used at this years poster session. The committee members organized the judging teams that served during both the State Science Days sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science, as well as the OPA Graduate and Undergraduate Poster Sessions held during convention. They also served as judges during these events. These events serve as major promotions of Psychology as a Science and the encouragement of our future psychologists.

Science and Education Leadership Team Committees:

- Education Committee
  Dr. Jerome Gabis
- MCE Committee
  Dr. Cathy Gaw
- Dayton Area Psychological Association
  Dr. Johnathan Cleveland
- Science Committee
  Dr. John Marazita and Dr. Kim Metz
- OSPA Liaison
  Dr. Erich Merkle

20 Research posters presented by 40+ students at OPA’s poster session
7 Colleges and universities represented at OPA’s poster session
Mandatory Continuing Education Committee

The MCE committee has the responsibility of insuring that OPA approved CE activities are of sound quality and deliver post-graduate level information via our review of submissions for single course reviews and approved provider applications. The profession of psychology continues to grow and mature, spanning many exciting areas of knowledge and practice just as technology has provided even more options for learning and attending CE trainings and workshops! If you have an interest in helping shape the practice and preserving the integrity of quality continuing education of psychologists, consider joining the committee. Call OPA today at 614.224.0034.

Education Committee

The goals of OPA’s continuing education program are to make available to the professional psychological community the broadest possible range of education and training opportunities. Our continuing education programs are quality presentations that seek:

- to enhance professional competency,
- to promote the acquisition of new skills and knowledge,
- to improve the services psychologists provide to clients, and
- to foster a commitment to furthering the scope and impact of the field of psychology.

The Education committee, under the leadership of Dr. Jerome Gabis, works feverishly from the day convention ends until the following year of convention. Together they formulate the original concept and theme of convention and work diligently toward the deliverance of high quality and relevant presentations. Beyond the convention, this committee remains focused on development of stand-alone workshops and webinars with topic-specific experts that address timely and relevant subject matter. Not only do these workshops keep mental health providers tooled-up on clinical matters of great importance in their day-to-day practice, they also provide additional revenue for the OPA budget.

Upcoming OPA Educational Events... Mark Your Calendar!

Several workshops will be offered this fall to start the new biennium.

- The Next Generation | October 12, 2018 | Columbus
- Crisis Intervention Response and Treatment: When Every Moment Counts | October 27, 2018 | Columbus

Watch for announcements regarding a new webinar series for those who work with Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, and a new series of stand-alone workshops dealing with the opioid crisis.

And don’t forget, OPA’s 2019 Annual Convention, “Working together to build a culture of understanding,” will be held on April 24-26.
TWO PRIMARY PURPOSES:
Promoting and supporting educational programs that increase access to well-trained psychologists, create an awareness of what psychologists do, and decrease stigma about mental illness by:
• Disseminating information regarding psychology and behavioral health to the public and to mental health professionals;
• Developing and presenting educational or scientific exhibits and presentations on psychology for the benefit of the public;

Grating scholarships in psychology and supporting the Foundation’s commitment to diversity by:
• Developing and/or sponsoring panels, workshops, seminars, and other educational activities in psychology for the benefit of psychologists, other mental health professionals and the general public;
• Granting awards, stipends or other forms of recognition to teachers or researchers in psychology at secondary schools or institutions of higher education on the basis of innovative or meritorious achievement;

Philanthropic programs that encourage and reward psychologists, researchers and students who are committed to carrying on the work of psychology and broadening its scope and impact.

Gifts, grants, contributions, memorial/honorarium gifts and bequests support the mission and programs of PSYOHIO. Gifts are fully tax deductible. Call OPA for more information. To make a donation, visit ohpsych.org/foundation, or fill out the form below and send it to PSYOHIO c/o OPA | 395 East Broad Street, Suite 310 | Columbus, Ohio 43215.
We invite you to consider the stability of the Ohio State Medical Association’s Health Benefits Plan, designed specifically for medical practices and overseen by OSMA member physicians elected to the plan's board of trustees.

- 5% Average renewal rate increases over past three years
- Multiple Deductible Options
- Affordable Alternative to ACA and Non-ACA Coverage
- Life, Dental, Vision Options
- 10 Plan Designs Available (5 Co-Pay plans, 5 High Deductible Plans)
- Broad Provider Network

Get More Information:
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VISIT: OSMAINS.COM/OPA
EMAIL: OSMAGENCY@OSMAIA.COM
Congratulations...

The Ohio Psychological Association’s Annual Awards Luncheon was held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 as part of the annual convention. The following individuals were honored.

- Past President Plaque: Thomas P. Swales, PhD, ABPP
- Distinguished Service Award: Cathy Gaw, PsyD
- Public Sector Psychologists of the Year: Nathan Tomcik, PhD
- Special Projects Award: Justin Dewberry, PsyD, ABPP and Steven Kniffley, PsyD
- OPA Media Award: Kenneth Browner, PsyD
- President’s Award: Erich Merkle, PhD, EdS, NCSP
- OPA Committee of the Year: Science Committee

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- Best Undergraduate Empirical Award:
  Allison Koneczny | Denison University
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