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A Message from the Chair

Don Meck

Hopefully we will begin to experience normality again. Even with the pandemic, we have increased our membership by four this legislative session; Idaho, Indiana, Washington and Wisconsin. We have active legislation in 6 states as well as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. We are now 31 member states strong and providing needed psychological services to the citizens we represent. Qualified psychologists, through PSYPACT, are able to provide these services to enhance the psychological well-being of others and provide continuity of care. What was a good idea has become a real solution. Let’s have another productive year and continue to grow. Thanks for your continued involvement with PSYPACT.

Donald S. Meck, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP
Chair, PSYPACT Commission

Upcoming Meetings

- April 25, 2022 - PSYPACT Compliance Committee
- May 3, 2022 - PSYPACT Finance Committee
- May 12, 2022 - PSYPACT Rules Committee
- May 17, 2022 - PSYPACT Requirements Review Committee
- May 23, 2022 - PSYPACT Training and Public Relations Committee
- June 17, 2022 - PSYPACT Executive Board
- July 14, 2022 - PSYPACT Commission Mid-Year Meeting
- November 17, 2022 - PSYPACT Commission Annual Meeting
Updates from the Committees

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on January 13, 2022 and finalized the budget and 2021 year end review. The Finance Committee will meet again on May 3, 2022 at 12 PM EST.

Rules Committee: The Rules Committee met on January 19, 2022 and presented the Executive Board with recommendations for consideration and referral to the full Commission. The Rules Committee will meet again on May 12, 2022 at 11 AM EST.

Requirements Review Committee: The Requirements Review Committee met on January 25, 2022 to discuss correspondence that has been received and made recommendations to report to the Executive Board. The next meeting of this committee is set for May 17, 2022 at 3 PM EST.

Training and Public Relations Committee: The Training and Public Relations Committee met January 6 and 20, 2022. Within these meetings the Committee discussed making updates and finalized information to be added to the PSYPACT website. The next PSYPACT Training and Public Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 11 AM EST.

Executive Board: A meeting for the PSYPACT Executive Board was held on February 2, 2022. During the meeting minutes from the October 7, 2022 meeting were approved and are available on the PSYPACT website. Additionally, PSYPACT Executive Director, Janet Orwig provided updates to the Executive Board. The PSYPACT Executive Board also motioned to approve reports from the Finance Committee, Rules Committee, Requirements Review Committee and the Training and Public Relations Committee. The next PSYPACT Commission Executive Board meeting will be held on June 17, 2022 at 10 AM EST.

New Commissioner Welcome

The PSYPACT Commission would like to officially welcome Ms. Brenda Nash as the newly appointed commissioner for the state of Kentucky.

Verification of PSYPACT Credentials

Available at www.verifypsypact.org, users of the site can search for all licensed psychologists who currently hold an active APIT or TAP.
Executive Director's Report
Janet Orwig

Happy Spring! I want to welcome our newest Commissioner, Brenda Nash (Kentucky). We all look forward to working with you! As can be seen in the Legislative Activity section of this newsletter, we have had a busy 2022 legislative year so far. We have seen bills pass in Idaho, Indiana, Washington and Wisconsin. Unfortunately, we saw legislation in Florida after passing the House fail to move forward in the Senate but are hopeful for next year! Thank you to all who have graciously volunteered to serve on Committees. We have set up our second quarter committee meetings. The complete list of upcoming meetings can be found on the PSYPACT website at https://psypact.site-ym.com/page/Meetings.

As always, I cannot thank you enough for all you do for PSYPACT. We are off to a good start in 2022!

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
PSYPACT Executive Director

Communications Update

Interest in PSYPACT continues to grow! We hear daily from psychologists interested in learning more about the compact and how they can participate and use an email listserv to provide periodic updates about important application updates and information as new states introduce and enact PSYPACT legislation. To date, we have over 5,700 participants in the PSYPACT listserv. To sign up, email us at info@psypact.org or visit https://psypact.org/page/ Listserv.

Legislative Activity

2022 Legislative Session Update

Currently, 31 states participate in PSYPACT including Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Idaho (effective July 1, 2022), Indiana (effective July 1, 2022) and Washington (Effective Date to TBD by Washington Department of Health). As the 2022 legislative sessions began we saw legislation introduced in 6 states. We currently have legislation introduced in Connecticut as CT H 5046, Rhode Island as RI H 7501 and RI S 2605, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as CNMI HB 22-80. We also have carryover legislation in Massachusetts as MA S 2542, Michigan as MI H 5489 and South Carolina as SC H 3833.

Did you know?

PSYPACT is available to host webinars and provide presentations for psychologists in your state to learn more about PSYPACT and how it works. If you are interested, contact us at info@psypact.org. Additional training materials can also be found on the PSYPACT website at www.psypact.org.

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PSYPACT by the Numbers

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Looking at PSYPACT State Trends

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Indiana

Kansas

Kentucky

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