A Message from the Chair
Don Meck

This year has been good to us. We are growing and by the end of the second quarter of 2021, we had 18 member states and 8 with an upcoming effective date. There is also pending legislation in one state. The Executive, Finance, Rules and Training and Public Relations Committees have been established and met to address the needs of the compact. Representatives from these committees will be presenting at the Annual Meeting to keep you informed and get your input on issues they have been addressing. Participation in PSYPACT by the licensed psychologist in our member states has increased daily and the PSYPACT staff have been busy evaluating and verifying necessary information so that one or both of the credentials can be awarded. Ensuring Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) and Temporary Authorization to Practice (TAP) holders continue to maintain active E. Passports and Interjurisdictional Practice Certificates (IPC) will add an additional burden on our staff. A burden they will handle professionally and with due diligence, I am sure. Thank you for your participation in PSYPACT.

Donald S. Meck, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP
Chair, PSYPACT Commission
Annual renewals for E.Passport and IPC are now open

Annual renewals for the E.Passport and IPC have already begun. Be sure to get your renewal in to keep your PSYPACT credentials active. If you aren’t sure of your renewal date, feel free to reach out to PSYPACT staff and we will be happy to let you know.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Rules Committee:
The Rules Committee met on May 5, 2021 and presented the Executive Board with recommendations for consideration and referral to the full Commission.

Meet the Requirements Review Committee:

Gary Lenkeit
Jean Deters
Christina Stuckey

Committee Charges:

Requirements Review Committee: A Requirements Review Committee shall be established as a standing committee to review of denials for authorization, review ongoing standards for reasonableness and interface with Association and Provincial Psychology Boards regarding E.Passport and Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate Requirements as needed.

New Commissioner Welcome

The PSYPACT Commission would like to officially welcome Mr. David Fye, who is the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Kansas, Ms. Lorraine Smith, as the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Maryland and Mr. Ronald Ross, as the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Ohio.

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.

Updates from the Committees

Rules Committee: The Rules Committee met on May 5, 2021 and presented the Executive Board with recommendations for consideration and referral to the full Commission.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on May 18, 2021 and reviewed several items and made recommendations to the PSYPACT Executive Board for consideration and referral to the full Commission in August. The committee will meet again on August 19, 2021 to begin work on five year forecasting as well as the 2022 Budget.

Training and Public Relations Committee: The Training and Public Relations Committee met on May 20, 2021 and presented the Executive Board with training materials for new PSYPACT Commissioners for consideration and referral to the full Commission. The committee will meet again in September 2021.
Executive Director’s Report
Janet Orwig

Welcome to Summer! I want to welcome our newest Commissioners: David Fye (Kansas), Lorraine Smith (Maryland) and Ron Ross (Ohio). Again, welcome and we all look forward to working with you!

With the 2021 legislative year winding down, I wanted to provide a summary of our busiest year yet! We had 20 bills introduced this year. 11 bills were enacted with one (1) still sitting on the Governor’s desk in New Jersey. We had eight (8) bills that either failed or have been rolled over to the 2022 legislative session.

The PSYPACT website continues to be a great resource. For this quarter, the site received visits from over 32,500 visitors with 30,754 being new visitors to the site. The most viewed page was the PSYPACT map. We continue to monitor the website analytics and will use that data to continue to improve on the website.

As always, I cannot thank you enough for all you do for PSYPACT.

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE
PSYPACT Executive Director

Legislative Activity
2021 Legislative Session Update

Currently, 18 states participate in PSYPACT including Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia. We also have 8 states that have enacted the PSYPACT legislation that are not yet effective. As the 2021 legislative session is now winding down, we are happy to report we saw legislation introduced in 20 states this session. We also have carry over legislation active in New Jersey as NJ A 4205 awaiting the governors signature.

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.

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 3,800 participants in the PSYPACT listserv. To sign up, email us at info@psypact.org or visit https://psypact.org/page/Listserv.

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Numbers current as of 07/01/2021
Looking at PSYPACT State Trends

Arizona

Colorado

Delaware

District of Columbia

Georgia

Illinois

Maryland

Missouri

Nebraska

Nevada
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New Hampshire

North Carolina

Oklahoma

Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Virginia