A Message from the Chair
Don Meck

It has been a rewarding experience to watch PSYPACT grow from the original seven member states to the current number of sixteen (District of Columbia joined us on 03/16/2021) and soon to eighteen in June when Alabama (06/01/2021) and Kentucky (06/29/2021) will join us. In addition, at the end of quarter 1 of 2021 there was pending legislation in sixteen other states. This is evidence of the hard work and commitment of all of those involved in PSYPACT as a means to meet the psychological needs of underserved areas. Committees are now being formed, scheduling meetings, and beginning to address the needs and concerns of our growing compact. Each Member State’s involvement in PSYPACT is crucial to its success, so be sure to get involved in joining or working on one of the committees. Thank you for your continued support of PSYPACT.

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

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Heidi Paakkonen
Arizona
Lorey Bratten
Colorado
Shauna Slaughter
Delaware
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District of Columbia
Don Meck
Georgia
Cecilia Abundis
Illinois
Jean Deters
Kentucky (*Effective 6/29/2021)
Pam Groose
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Jaime Hoyle
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Susan Hurt
North Carolina
Mariann Burnetti-Atwell
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Upcoming Meetings
May 3, 2021 10:00 AM EST - Finance Committee
May 5, 2021 3:00 PM EST - Rules Committee
May 20, 2021 3:30 PM EST - Training and Public Relations Committee
May 26, 2021 3:00 PM EST - Executive Board
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
Verification of PSYPACT Credentials

We are excited to announce the official launch of a website dedicated to the public verification of PSYPACT Authorizations. Now available at www.verifypsypact.org, users of the site can search for all licensed psychologists who currently hold an active APIT or TAP.

PSYPACT Executive Board Meeting
March 25, 2021

A meeting for the PSYPACT Commission Executive Board was held on March 25, 2021. During the meeting, minutes from the November 20, 2020 PSYPACT Commission Executive Board meeting were approved and are available on the PSYPACT website at www.psypact.org. Additionally, Chair Don Meck (GA) and PSYPACT Executive Director Janet Orwig provided updates to the Executive Board. The PSYPACT Commission Executive Board also motioned to post a legal opinion regarding the applicability of PSYPACT state laws to the PSYPACT website and referred several topics to the Rules Committee for review. The next PSYPACT Commission Executive Board meeting will be held May 26, 2021.

New Commissioner Welcome

The PSYPACT Commission would like to officially welcome Ms. Lori Rall, as the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Alabama, Ms. Heidi Paakkonen, who is the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Arizona, Ms. Jean Deters, who is the newly appointed Commissioner for the state of Kentucky and Ms. Susan Hurt, who has also been newly appointed as Commissioner for the state of North Carolina.

Meet the Rules Committee

Don Meck
Pam Groose
Deborah Warner
Susan Hurt
Patrick Hyde

Meet the Finance Committee

Teanne Rose
Jaime Hoyle
Heidi Paakkonen

Meet the Training and Public Relations Committee

Heidi Paakkonen
Lori Rall
Mariann Burnetti-Atwell

Committee Charges

Rules Committee: A Rules Committee shall be established as a standing committee to develop uniform Compact rules for consideration by the Commission and subsequent implementation by the states and to review existing rules and recommend necessary changes to the Commission for consideration.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall be established as a standing committee to audit needs, finances, develop state-specific materials, etc.

Training and Public Relations Committee: The Training and Public Relations Committee shall be established as a standing committee to administer training and public relations on behalf of the Commission.
Executive Director's Report
Janet Orwig

Happy Spring! I want to welcome all the new Commissioners: Lori Rall (Alabama), Heidi Paakkonen (Arizona), Jean Deters (Kentucky) and Susan Hunt (North Carolina). Again, welcome and 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 2021 legislative year so far. We have seen bills pass in Alabama and Kentucky. We are sitting on the Governor’s desk awaiting approval in Maryland and West Virginia. And many more have passed one chamber awaiting committee hearings in the other chamber. Unfortunately, with all our success, we did have setbacks as well. We saw legislation in New Mexico fail to move forward in this legislative session, but are hopeful for next year!

Thank you to all who have graciously volunteered to serve on Committees. We are working to schedule those meetings and appreciate your help!

As always, I cannot thank you enough for all you do for PSYPACT. We are off to a good start in 2021!

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, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Alabama (effective 6/1/2021) and Kentucky (effective 6/29/2021). As the 2021 legislative sessions began, we saw legislation introduced in 19 states. We also have carry over legislation active in New Jersey as NJ A 4205 and NJ S 2506.

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 3,600 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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