

## **Public Interest Review Committee (PIRC) Procedure**

Any member of GPA can initiate a process urging the Association to take a position on an issue of public policy, social action and/or legislation.

1. The member should determine the GPA committee whose focus is best aligned with the issue s/he chooses to sponsor. Through a process of collaboration, the member and the chair of the committee will prepare a draft of proposal, which should be based on relevant psychological research. The member and the chair become “sponsors” of the proposal.
2. The proposal is submitted to the PIRC for review – based on the following criteria: content, adequate research support and importance/relevance to GPA. The PIRC can take one of three actions:
  - a. Advances the position to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for support
  - b. Approves the position in principle, but requests that the sponsors make modifications, which are outlined.
  - c. Declines to support the position with a clearly stated reason.
3. If the position is declined or modifications are recommended, the sponsors may take action and resubmit the proposal.
4. If the position is approved by PIRC, the PIRC and the sponsors will develop a plan for implementation.

In the event that a member wants to urge GPA to support specific legislation:

1. The member must prepare a written summary of the legislative issue and submit the summary to the Legal & Legislative Committee (LLC).
2. One members of the LLC must agree to oversee development of the GPA position on the legislature.
3. The majority of members of the members of the LLC must agree to advance the action.
4. The LLC will seek the input of the GPA lobbyist and that input will accompany the proposed action to the PIRC.
5. PIRC will review the proposal with the same possible actions outlined earlier.

**Submit Proposals to the Chair of PIRC- [Michael Johns, PsyD](#) and to the Executive Director- [Gayle Spears, Phd](#).**