



## *NPA in ACTION*

NPA is dedicated to the protection and further development of psychology in Nebraska, and continues to advocate for psychologists on important issues both locally and nationally. Check out a few things NPA leadership and members have done recently to promote and protect professional psychology:

- **Met with our state congressional representatives on Capitol Hill**, resulting in Congressman Adrian Smith's **support of HR 1173 (Medicare Mental Health Access Act)** which is the bill that amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to expand the definition of "physician," for purposes of the Medicare program, to include a clinical psychologist with respect to the furnishing of qualified psychologist services.
- Hosted a **successful Legislative Breakfast** in at the State Capitol where NPA leadership and members had an opportunity to meet our legislative representatives, answer their questions, and address with them the behavioral health concerns of their constituents; as well as let them know who we are, the range of concerns we have, and how we can help them in finding solutions.
- Testified at legislative hearings and continued discussions with senators, DHHS leadership and Board of Psychology on the still **pending psychology regulations update**.
- Nominated and recognized Nebraska **Senator John Stinner as the American Psychological Association's 2018 Legislator of the Year!**
- Testified at various other legislative hearings including the Legislative Resolution 238 hearing on the feasibility of funding for **doctoral internships in rural Nebraska**, which resulted in the first internship placement at the recently established High Plains Internship Consortium this year in Scottsbluff.
- Active, ongoing participation in **BHIAC, Heritage Health, DHHS and Stakeholders meetings**.
- Provided **high quality continuing education** with expert presenters on topics including our most recent Telepsych and PSYPACT Interstate Compact webinar, Unified Protocol for the Treatment of Emotional Disorders, PTSD and Moral Injury, and The Trust's Sequence VII Legal and Ethical Risks and Risk Management in Professional Psychological Practice.
- In 2017, more Nebraska psychologist than ever wrote **letters of support and concern** that made a difference to legislators, HHS administration, the Board of Psychology, and public media.
- NPA held a very successful **"Early Career Psychologist Meet & Greet"** event with a focus on the newly established ECP Committee.
- **Participated actively on the national level** through the APA Council of Representatives, the APA State Leadership Conference, the APA Advisory Committee on Colleague Assistance, and targeted federal legislative advocacy with current efforts on PSYPACT legislation.
- **NPA's RxP Committee** submitted a proposal to the DHHS 407 Credentialing Committee which was praised by the committee as one of the best submissions ever received. The proposal seeks to create a prescription certificate for psychologists who meet rigorous training standards. Review of the proposal is nearly complete.

*Active participation by **ALL** is important!*

Your support and commitment to investing in your professional association is vital!

We encourage you to get and stay involved and engaged! Visit us online at:

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