



Who We Are

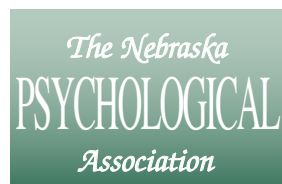
The Nebraska Psychological Association is the only statewide organization dedicated solely to represent the interests of psychologists and psychology across Nebraska. NPA holds scientific and professional meetings, conducts continuing education workshops and conferences, advocates on behalf of psychology and provides up-to-date information to psychologists and mental health practitioners in Nebraska.

We strive:

- to promote the independent practice of professional psychology to be at the forefront of mental health care;
- to promote the highest standards of ethical and effective practice;
- to educate ourselves, our colleagues, our government and the public on issues of common concern;
- to bring the resources of psychology to bear on social problems in our state and our communities.

The NPA Board

The NPA Board is the planning and governing body of NPA, and operates to execute the will of the general membership. The Board acts for the membership in all legal matters, collects and disperses NPA funds, oversees and integrates committee activities, takes action consistent with the Bylaws or the will of the majority membership.



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Board Membership

The NPA Board consists of the following:

- President
- President-Elect
- Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Representative(s) to the Council of APA
- Committee Chairs
- Members at large (2) – Lincoln/Omaha and Greater Nebraska
- APAGS Representative (without vote), and
- Executive Director (without vote)

The Board generally meets once a month.

President:

- Serves a 2-year term
- Calls and presides over NPA meetings
- With Board approval, appoints the standing and any temporary committees to serve during his/her term
- Appoints committee chairperson(s), except for the Ethics Committee Chairperson
- Serves as ex-officio member of all committees

President-Elect:

- Serves a 2-year term
- Succeeds automatically to the presidency
- Assume duties of the President in his/her absence
- Is an ex-officio member of all committees
- Serves on the continuing education committee

Past President:

- Serves a 2-year term
- Is the most recent retired President
- Serves on the Nomination/Election committee

Secretary:

- Serves a 3-year term
- Keeps complete records of proceedings of the Board and general business meetings, including transcriptions of all motions and resolutions passed by the Association
- Serves on at least one committee

Treasurer:

- Serves a 3 year term
- Serves as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
- Is responsible for keeping and disbursing NPA's funds
- Submits an annual report to the Association at the Fall business meeting, including a statistical report on membership, a complete financial statement, and any other matters as needed
- Provides informal financial statements

Representative(s) to the Council of APA:

- Serves a 3-year term
- Is elected per APA Bylaws
- Is NPA chief delegate(s) at APA Council meetings & Division of State Psychological Association Affairs
- Provides updates to the Board and membership

Members at Large:

- Are elected for staggered 2-year terms
- Serve on at least one committee
- Are liaisons between psychologists and Board
- Assist the Governmental Affairs committee in contacting members for legislative action or input.

APAGS Representative:

- Serves a 2-year term
- Is liaison between psychology students and Board



What We Do

The NPA Board carries out the work of the Association through a variety of Standing and designated committees. Chairs of the Standing Committees are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Due to the complexity and diversity of issues that can be encompassed within a Standing Committee, subcommittees have been established. NPA members are strongly encouraged to participate and engage with committees of interest to them at the level they are able and comfortable.

Standing Committees

The Standing Committees currently identified in the NPA Bylaws are:

- Academic Affairs
- Budget and Finance
- Continuing Education
- Early Career Psychologists (ECP)
- Ethics
- Governmental Affairs
- Membership/Nominations/Elections
- Public Education Campaign
- Professional Affairs

Academic Affairs Committee:

Academic Affairs focuses on the relationship between NPA and the academic psychology programs and faculty in Nebraska college and university settings. Topics of interest include psychology teaching, training, and research findings.

Budget and Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee presents an annual budget and reviews the annual financial statements of the Association.

Continuing Education Committee:

The Continuing Education Committee is responsible for planning educational programs of interest to psychologists and other behavioral health providers. Committee members connect approximately once a month.

Early Career Psychologist (ECP) Committee:

The ECP Committee works to connect and serve as a liaison for early career psychologists in Nebraska, engaging in social and educational events.

Ethics Committee:

Ethics Committee members are elected by NPA membership for three-year terms. The Ethics Committee reviews ethical questions/issues posed by members and is available for private consultation. The Ethics Committee also reviews and forwards to the Board recommendations on research projects submitted to NPA for dissemination to members.

Governmental Affairs Committee:

The Governmental Affairs Committee encompasses both federal and state/local activity, and thus consists of two subcommittees working closely on legislative issues.

Federal Governmental Affairs Subcommittee:

This Subcommittee includes the Federal Advocacy Coordinator who works with APA on federal governmental issues, attending APA's annual Practice Leadership Conference and leading NPA's delegation on Hill Visits.

NE Legislative Affairs Subcommittee:

This Subcommittee works closely with NPA's lobbyist in monitoring and taking various levels of action on legislative issues in Nebraska. Committee members annually review bills introduced in the state legislature, as well as monitor and coordinate grassroots advocacy efforts. This Committee is most active during the Nebraska legislative session, with varying levels of activity throughout the year depending on current issues.

Membership/Nominations/Elections:

This Committee also essentially functions as two subcommittees – Membership Committee and Nominations/Elections Committee.

Membership Committee:

The Membership Committee's goals are to connect with members, identify the makeup and interests of membership, encourage active participation and engagement of members in the association, and promote membership retention and growth.

Nominations/Elections Committee:

This Committee is responsible for conducting elections and Bylaws voting in accordance with NPA Bylaws, determine and certify the results of elections to the Board of Directors, and investigate complaints about elections.

Professional Affairs Committee:

This Committee is responsible for maintaining relationships with other professional organizations and groups working to enhance the profession of psychology, fostering the application of psychological knowledge in order to promote public welfare, and advocating for psychology and psychologists in Nebraska. Activities of this Committee include but are not limited to regular attendance at Board of Psychology meetings, monitoring Board of Mental Health meetings, active participation in the Heritage Health Stakeholders Group, and acting as liaison to Justice Behavioral Health Committee. Due to the nature and broad scope of issues addressed, the Professional Affairs Committee looks to potentially expand into subcommittees.

Public Education Campaign (PEC):

The PEC's focus is educating the public about the role of psychology in healthcare.

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