



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
- Standing Committee Chairs
- Members at Large (2) – Lincoln/Omaha and Greater Nebraska
- APAGS Representative (nonvoting)
- Executive Director (nonvoting)

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 their term
- Appoints the committee chairperson(s) with the approval of the Board.
- 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 Membership/Nominations/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 and Division of State Psychological Association Affairs
- Provides updates to the Board and membership

Members at Large:

- Are elected for staggered 2-year term
- Serve on at least one committee
- Are liaisons between psychologists and Board
- Assist the State Legislative and the Federal Government Affairs Committees 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. 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
- Communications and Media
- Continuing Education
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Early Career Psychologists (ECP)
- Ethics
- Federal Governmental Affairs
- Membership/Nominations/Elections
- Professional Affairs
- State Legislative Committee

Academic Affairs Committee:

The Academic Affairs Committee focuses on all aspects of psychological teaching, training, and research, with particular emphasis on master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral training programs in Nebraska. The committee promotes the dissemination and application of the psychological research findings of Nebraska-based faculty and graduate students.

Budget and Finance Committee:

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

Communications and Media Committee:

The Communications and Media Committee works to coordinate communication between the association and members, nonmember psychologists and other mental/behavioral health providers, as well as association communication with the public.

Continuing Education Committee:

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

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee:

The DEI Committee works to integrate cultural sensitivity and a commitment to diversity throughout the organizational and membership structures, as well as the broader community of psychology in Nebraska. Within the committee, the term “diversity” incorporates, but is not limited to, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, spirituality, disability, age, and/or gender differences.

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.

Federal Government Affairs Committee:

This Committee recommends and monitors the implementation of APA and NPA federal policy, standards and guidelines for the profession of psychology, federal legislation, and maintains

relationships with other professional organizations and groups appropriate to its mission. The Federal Advocacy Coordinator serves as Chair.

Membership/Nominations/Elections Committee:

This committee works 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. In addition, the 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, and act as liaison to the Medicaid Care Advisory Committee.

State Legislative Committee:

This committee recommends and monitors the implementation of APA and NPA state policy, standards and guidelines for the profession of psychology, state legislation, and maintain relationships with other professional organizations and groups appropriate to its mission. This committee will coordinate with contracted lobbyists to propose to the Board and Association ways to enhance the profession of psychology, and fostering the application of psychological knowledge in order to promote public welfare through legislative action. The committee will review and recommend area of focus for the lobbyist on an annual basis