



Call for Nominations: Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS)
Deadline: September 19, 2014

The APA Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS) is a standing committee that reports to APA's Council of Representatives through BPA. Its mission includes (1) the development, review and evaluation of practice guidelines for providers of psychological services; (2) providing assistance with BPA to other APA bodies developing practice guidelines; and (3) monitoring, evaluating and developing information regarding the scientific and professional aspects of psychological services.

While all applicants will be given serious consideration, those with one or more of the following experiences are particularly encouraged to apply:

- 1) Expertise in emerging practice including working in the following settings, including (a) public health; (b) integrated health care; and (c) primary care.
- 2) Background and expertise in the following management practices, including (a) billing and administration within health care delivery systems, (b) record keeping, and (c) ethics and licensure; and (d) the interface between psychology and technology.
- 3) Background in the following fields, including (a) behavioral health; (b) psychological and neuropsychological testing and assessment and measurement; and (c) psychology and the law.

Early career candidates and those new to APA governance are particularly encouraged to apply.

Well-developed research, oral presentation, writing and editorial skills, as well as experience in guideline development, are important assets to the Committee. As always, BPA and COPPS seek candidates who will enhance the diversity of the Committee in every way, including: racial/ethnic groups, gender, areas of clinical expertise, experience with special populations, geographic location and practice settings, including independent practice. APA governance experience is a plus.

Participation in COPPS requires a significant annual time commitment including two meetings in Washington, DC, work on individual projects and conference calls. Committee members cannot serve simultaneously on another APA standing or continuing board committee and no one can serve a consecutive term on a committee unless an exception is voted by two-thirds of the board.

There are currently **four (4) appointments available** on COPPS for three (3) year terms, beginning in January 2015.* COPPS will review nomination materials and forward its recommendations to BPA, which will select the new members at its Fall 2014 Meeting (October 31 – November 2, 2014). All appointments are subject to approval by the APA Board of Directors.

Candidates are asked to submit the following:

- 1) Letter indicating his or her willingness to serve if selected
- 2) 75-word description of qualifications
- 3) Current curriculum vitae



The deadline for COPPS nominations is Friday, September 19, 2014. Please send nominations, including the materials listed above to: Sheila Kerr (skerr@apa.org). Note that nominators of other individuals are responsible for ensuring that these materials are submitted.

**Given recent Council of Representatives' action enhancing the size and capacity of COPPS to review, revise, consult on and develop guidelines, staggered terms may be considered to accommodate these changes. Candidates who are confirmed for appointment to COPPS will be apprised of their term of office at that time.*