



* POSITION DESCRIPTION *

Title: Federal Advocacy Coordinator

Term & Related: One Year (Appointed by Board)

Answers To: IPA's Board of Directors

**Bylaw References
To Position:**

The Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee may be co-chaired by the Federal Advocacy Coordinator and the State Advocacy Coordinator and monitors state and federal legislation affecting the profession of psychology. It will advise the Board and work toward desired statutory and regulatory actions so as to advocate for psychologists and their patients.

General

Description:

The Federal Advocacy Coordinator also performs the following duties:

- Serves as co-chair to IPA's Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee and works closely with State Advocacy Coordinator to arrange and lead Committee meetings.
- Recruits Committee members from IPA's membership.
- Regularly attends conference call meetings of the Board and one live Board meeting at the Annual Convention for the purpose of reporting on legislative issues and advising the Board on actions to take. Will also present a report to the membership at the annual membership meeting.
- Due to the importance of presenting one voice for psychology in Idaho, co-chairs must assure there is clear consensus among committee members and IPA's Board before undertaking efforts outside of the association to seek legislative action and support.
- Respond to APA's requests for grassroots action in a timely fashion. Provides feedback on IPA's grassroots efforts to APA's regional field staff and/or Government Relations Office in a timely fashion and to IPA's Board.
- Works closely with State Advocacy Chair to develop and communicate with a statewide grassroots network of psychologists for the purpose of promoting legislation and legal movements relevant to psychology and mental health in Idaho and nationwide.
- Follows national/federal legislation initiatives relevant to psychology and mental health and communicates regularly with the APA Practice Organization on such issues. Provides regular reports via the members' listserv on advocacy issues important to IPA members.
- Participates in APA's Federal Advocacy Coordinator Listserv.
- Attends APA Practice Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in March. (If budgets allow, APA covers a large portion of expenses; continuing education for psychologists is available for some activities).
- Contacts Idaho's Congressional delegation to address issues pertinent to psychologists. Encourages Idaho psychologists to contact their Congressmen regarding such issues.
- Participates and provides leadership for the visits to Idaho's Congressional delegation members on Capitol Hill while in Washington, DC for the Practice Leadership Conference. Completes and submits to APA Practice Organization the report on the outcome of those visits.
- See APA's position description for Federal Advocacy Coordinators (attached) for further information.

All officers, delegates or representatives of the Association agree to abide by the Approved Guidelines Regarding Representing IPA (posted on the Leadership page of the website) when agreeing to serve in the position.

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