



* POSITION DESCRIPTION *

Title: State 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 State Advocacy Coordinator also performs the following duties:

- Serves as co-chair to IPA's Advocacy & Legislative Affairs Committee and works closely with Federal 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.
- 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.
- Works closely with Federal 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.
- Responds to IPA's requests for grassroots action in a timely fashion. Use of IPA members' listserv is encouraged. Provide feedback on IPA's grassroots efforts to IPA's Board.
- Provides regular reports via the members' listserv on advocacy issues important to IPA members.
- Works closely with the Executive Director to contract with a professional lobbyist to work for IPA during the legislative session.
- With the help of IPA's lobbyist and other Committee members, closely monitors legislation that may affect the practice of psychology in Idaho and notifies IPA's Board of any action that must be taken immediately.

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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