**Committee on Professional Practice and Standards**

**Targeted Nomination Statement**

(Three candidates to be elected for 3-year term: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028)

The Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS) is a continuing committee that reports to APA’s Council of Representatives through the Board of Professional Affairs. Its mission includes the development, review, and revision of guidelines for providers of psychological services; consultation to guidelines developers; and the monitoring and development of guidance and insights related to the scientific and professional aspects of psychological services.

COPPS is currently seeking to fill three (3) positions on the Committee for terms to begin on January 1, 2026. COPPS is seeking psychologists from a broad range of potential backgrounds who have the ability to contribute to system- and structural-level efforts to improve psychological practice. Please consider self-nominating (or nominating a colleague) if they would provide expertise in any of the following areas:

**Practice in health service and non-health service settings**

* Expertise in emerging practices related to (a) innovations in the practice of psychology, (b) trends in the integration of technology in the practice of psychology, and/or (c) trends in the business of practice.
* Expertise in psychological evaluation and assessment.
* Familiarity with practice and professional affairs including regulatory issues related to the use of practice guidelines, licensure, ethics, and/or interjurisdictional practice.

**Practice focused on social determinants of health**

* Background and expertise in the national and global burden of disease; health equity, health promotion.
* Experiences in the advancement of health, wellness, and prevention topics, interventions, and population health strategies.
* Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) including in practice, research, and policymaking.

**Expertise in psychological practice in a relevant population, role, or setting**

* We seek members with deep knowledge and expertise in any area relevant to professional practice guidelines. Some examples include but are not limited to:
  + Background in child/adolescent/family practice, including developmental, academic achievement, medical issues, trauma, and parenting concerns.
  + Specialized knowledge of forensic topics, including psychology and the law, forensic evaluation, consultation, expert testimony, risk assessment, justice involvement, courts, and court systems.
  + Expertise in practice with adults with chronic suicidality or self-harm behaviors, or those with serious mental illness, who interface with both medical and mental healthcare systems.

Due to the number of guidelines, projects, and consultancies under development at any given time, excellent leadership, facilitation, and/or project management knowledge, skills, and expertise are important. Well-developed research, presentation, writing, and editorial skills, as well as experience in guidelines development, are important assets to the Committee. Once on COPPS, members ensure that its actions, including development of guidelines and policy proposals, are grounded in psychological science, promote psychology as a field and a discipline, and are aligned with the APA Ethics Code, Strategic Plan, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion framework, and the policies of the Association.

We welcome self-nominations. Because COPPS seeks to develop guidelines that apply to a wide range of practice settings, populations, and professional roles, the Committee especially values the perspectives and insights of individuals from diverse backgrounds, including early career candidates, those new to APA governance, and psychologists practicing in rural areas. COPPS seeks candidates who will enhance the diversity of the Committee broadly defined, including through their: racial/ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, economic background, areas of clinical expertise, experience with special populations, geographic location, and practice settings, including independent practice. COPPS seeks nominees who, in addition to specified areas of expertise and interest, have worked with ethnically and culturally diverse populations, and are committed to dismantling racism and infusing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) to benefit the field, discipline, and society at large.

Participation in COPPS requires a significant time commitment including monthly virtual meetings and between-meeting work that may require four to six (4-6) hours per month. When possible, the Committee benefits from in-person meetings (typically in Washington, DC). Committee members may not serve simultaneously on another APA standing or continuing board or committee as described in Association Rule 110-14, Rules Governing Simultaneous Service. This does not include service on working groups or task forces.

There are currently three (3) appointments available on COPPS for 3-year terms, beginning in January 2026. COPPS will review nomination materials and forward its recommendations to BPA, which will select new members on or about its Spring 2025 Meeting. All appointments are subject to review and approval by the APA Board of Directors.

Please submit nominations materials, including (1) Brief Statement of Interest (up to 150 word description of personal/professional qualifications); and, (2) a current CV. Thank you!

# Note: APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a much greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024 the Council of Representatives revised and adopted its 2019 strategic plan that sets APA’s organizational priorities for the next three to five years. APA groups actively collaborate across APA to align the work of elected and appointed leaders, staff, and the broader membership in service of advancing the strategic plan. Given the importance of this approach to the Association’s strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to review the [strategic plan](https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/apa-apasi-strategic-plan-2024.pdf) to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success