

## PROPOSED SLATES FOR 2024-2026

### Committee on Professional Practice and Standards

**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 two (2) positions on the Committee for terms to begin on January 1, 2024.** While all applicants will be given serious consideration, individuals with the following qualifications are particularly encouraged to apply:

#### **Slate I: Health Care**

- Expertise in emerging practices related to (a) telehealth and (b) interface between psychology and technology (c) innovation of psychology
- Familiarity with practice and professional affairs issues, including licensure and ethics
- Background in child/adolescent/family practice, including developmental disorders, academic achievement, medical issues, trauma, and parenting concerns
- Background, interest, or expertise in trauma psychology, including childhood trauma and adult trauma
- 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. Familiarity with community health settings and topics
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)- including in practice, research, and policymaking
- Assessment, testing and screening

#### **Slate II: Forensic**

- Background and experience in forensic practice
- Familiarity with forensic topics, including psychology and the law, evaluation, consultation, expert testimony, risk assessment, justice involvement, courts, and court systems
- Familiarity with issues related to child protection, parenting coordination, custody evaluations, and juvenile justice
- Emotional support animal (ESA) evaluations
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)- including in practice, research, and policymaking
- Testing and assessment

**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 policies of the Association.

**Self-nominations are welcome. 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, psychologists practicing in rural areas, and individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds.** 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 virtual meetings and conference calls, and virtual work that may require up to five (5) hours per month. In person meetings (typically one per year in Washington, DC) have been put on hold. Committee members may not serve simultaneously on another APA standing or continuing board or committee. This does not include service on working groups or task forces.

**The deadline for COPPS nominations is January 31, 2023.** Please submit nomination materials, including (1) Brief Statement of Interest (up to 150 word description of personal/professional qualifications); and, (2) a current CV. Thank you!

**There are currently two (2) appointments available on COPPS for 3-year terms, beginning in January 2024.** COPPS will review nomination materials and forward its recommendations to BPA, which will select the new members on or about its Spring 2023 Meeting. All appointments are subject to review and approval by the APA Board of Directors.

APA is engaged in a process of transformation in accordance with the APA Strategic Plan. To achieve significant impacts in priority areas, contributions across APA are needed - including those of APA boards and committees. As such, the expectation is that APA boards and committees work collaboratively. Given the importance of this approach, APA encourages nominees to review the Strategic Plan <https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/impact-apa-strategic-plan.pdf> to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.