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Psychologists in Public Service - APA Division 18
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Division Elections are Underway!
Please Vote: Mailed Ballots are due to APA by June 6th!

Division 18 members should have received ballots by mail from APA for election of a President-Elect and At Large Member Cluster Chair. Please take time to review the enclosed ***Candidate Statements***, also posted on the Division 18 internet web page: <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div18/>, and **mail your completed ballot to APA by Tuesday, June 6th**. Candidates include:

for ***President-Elect:***

Scott W. Allen, PhD (Miami Dade Police Department),

Michael S. Neale, PhD (VA Connecticut Healthcare System) and

Edmund J. Nightingale, PhD (Minneapolis VA Medical Center);

for ***At Large Member Cluster Chair:***

Dawn M. Cisewski, PsyD (Massachusetts Correctional Institution Concord)
and

Bill Safarjan, PhD (Atascadero State Hospital).

If you are a new or recent PhD: Check out the Special Edition of APA Division Dialogues on Early Career Psychologists. Make your voice heard in Division 18: <http://www.apa.org/about/division/dialogue/MayJune06.html>.

As a member of APA Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service), you have been added to PUBSERVDIRECT to receive announcements and materials pertaining to Division business. PUBSERVDIRECT includes over 1,100 members. To minimize email burden, messages are kept to about once monthly - without member response. PUBSERV (PUBSERV@lists.apa.org) remains available for Division 18 members to share ideas. Efficient use of electronic media will improve Division and Section communication and help conserve valuable resources.

We are asking all Division 18 members for a current email address for PUBSERVDIRECT.

To submit or update your email address: Use the Address Change Portal on the APA Division 18 internet web page: <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div18/>. Bookmark the Division 18 web page for future reference!

To send PUBSERVDIRECT messages to a different email address: Enter old & new addresses at the Address Change Portal: <http://www.apa.org/divisions/div18/>.

To send a message about PUBSERVDIRECT: Address to pubservdirect@att.net.

To update your membership status: Contact Membership Chair Bill Safarjan PhD (5100 Cascabel Road, Atascadero, CA 93422-2345, bsafarjan@tcsn.net).

On behalf of your Division Executive Board, we hope you submit your ballot by June 6th and an article to Psychological Services soon thereafter.

Michael Neale PhD, Secretary-Treasurer

Candidate Statements 2006 Division 18 Elections

Please Vote: Division Officer Ballots are due to APA by June 6th!

Three Candidates for President-Elect

**Scott W. Allen, Ph.D.
Michael S. Neale, Ph.D.
Edmund J. Nightingale, Ph.D.**

Two Candidates for At Large Membership Cluster Chair

**Dawn Cisewski, Psy.D.
Bill Safarjan, Ph.D.**

***For President-Elect*
Scott W. Allen, Ph.D.**

For those procrastinators who have not completed the ballot for Division 18, I would like to take a few moments of your time and share with you thoughts regarding my platform as a candidate for president-elect of the division. I believe that the strength of Division 18 is its diversity of membership within the overall goal of service to the public sector. However, at times, these differences in conceptual approaches can create a vacuum of leadership and an underlying sense of ennui within the membership. As such, as president-elect, I will strive to engender a greater sense of compatible goal achievement within the division, and hopefully, stimulate an increased feeling of member vitality. I believe this can be best accomplished through a revitalizing of section-driven initiatives.

Consistent with this conceptualization of the division, I will place more responsibility upon section chairs to develop these initiatives via input and participation from section members. Secondly, to enhance both increased section interaction, and participation from section members, I will encourage the ability of sections to sponsor CE workshops / seminars. This will provide a direct benefit to division/section members by providing a forum for the exchange of scholarly data in a vibrant and interactive didactic atmosphere. A tertiary benefit to the division will be the establishment of a viable mechanism to produce a relatively risk-free revenue source. Finally, I will continue the division's commitment to the prescription privilege initiative which is clearly of paramount significance to the future of psychologists.

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For President-Elect
Michael S. Neale, Ph.D.

Dear Colleagues: It is a humbling honor to be nominated for President-Elect of **Division 18** as it **celebrates its 60th year**. For almost 20 years, I've worked to implement assertive community treatment (ACT or MHICM) services for veterans with serious mental illness. Ten years ago, I became active in Division 18 to **increase psychology's participation in ACT services** and assure they were fully multidisciplinary. As a member of APA's SMI/SED Task Force and the Division 18 Executive Board, I've met terrific, well-motivated people, discovered much about APA and areas of psychology I had barely glimpsed, and assimilated many "nitty gritty" organizational and financial details.

As candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, I promised to "bring a responsible, results-oriented approach and support efforts to **expand membership of students and new professionals** in our organization and **enhance communication among and beyond members**, via the Psychological Services **journal**, the Division 18 **web page** and an electronic **newsletter**." As your Secretary-Treasurer, I have worked hard, together with recent Presidents and Board Members, to keep these promises. We have made strides to **integrate electronic technology** but much work remains to **incorporate Member and Section perspectives**. If elected President, I will continue work in these areas and **explore new revenue streams**.

Public Service Psychology can be isolating work. Let's use our Division 18 community to make it less so and help the world better understand what we do. Thanks for your vote and your contributions to the Division and the people you serve.

In community,
Mike

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For President-Elect
Edmund J. Nightingale, Ph.D.

Edmund J. Nightingale, Ph.D. is Chief Psychologist at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. He currently serves as Fellows Chair for our Division. He served two high profile terms as Division 18 Representative to APA's Council and was elected by that Council to the Committee on Structure and Function of Council, which facilitates its smooth functioning. He has also been a Secretary-Treasurer of our Division, a past-President of the Illinois Psychological Association, of the Association of VA Chiefs of Psychology, a two-term member of the Minnesota Psychological Association (MPA) Ethics Committee, and founding President of MPA's Division of Public Service.

Psychologists in the public sector face exceptional challenges, working within are politically vulnerable systems and with groups who are socio-economically challenged. Our workplaces are diverse, but our common tie is personal and professional dedication. Together we serve the homeless, the chronically mentally ill, the incarcerated, those who serve to protect, and those at risk due to profound social and economic changes.

In the recent past, I have successfully moved APA's Governance to (1) Include VA in the Training Commission; (2) Act against stigma in SMI; (3) and Consider the special needs of police and correctional psychologists in the formulation of APA ethical standards. Outside of APA we need to support parity of care for mental health services, universal health care coverage, and prescriptive authority for appropriately trained psychologists in Public Service.

Thank you for your vote and the honor of serving you.

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For At Large Member Cluster Chair
Dawn Cisewski, Psy.D.

I am excited and honored to be a nominated as a candidate for the Member-at-Large seat on the Division 18 Executive Committee. Through my work as a neuropsychologist in the Massachusetts state prison system, as well as my prior work in the VA system, I have become acutely aware of the many issues public service psychologists face. As a result of staff and financial cuts across all public service sectors, our ability to provide adequate treatment to our clients has become significantly affected. Given that these agencies are often at the frontline in serving the needs of under-represented individuals, it is imperative that we advocate for ourselves and our clients to ensure that appropriate care and treatment is provided.

Having served on the Division 18 Executive Committee as a student representative and as the program chair, I have witnessed the power that we hold to create change. Through the excellent leadership and dedication of the Division 18 members, our voice as public service psychologists has been heard, both on the state and national levels. If elected, I am committed to continue the growth and progress Division 18 has accomplished, by providing the voice of all members in addressing the critical needs and concerns confronting us and our clients.

Utilizing my knowledge in public service psychology, combined with my experience with prescription privileges, I am confident in my ability to address the issues facing public service psychologists. With your vote, we can create change and successfully advocate for our clients.

Thank you.

Dawn Cisewski, Psy.D.

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For At Large Member Cluster Chair
Bill Safarjan, Ph.D.

Dr. Bill Safarjan is unwavering in his commitment to advance the practice of psychology in the public service. He successfully fought to include psychologists on active medical staffs of California state-run facilities and brought California closer to the ASPPB Model Guidelines by spearheading legislation that stopped the proliferation of regionally unaccredited schools. He successfully promoted legal action against California managed care and helped unify the science and practice communities by creating the Council of California Departments of Psychology and the California Graduate Student Association. Bill helped form Psychology Shield, a nonprofit corporation that is working closely with the APA and the California Psychological Association (CPA) to improve health care in state-run health facilities by providing clients with a full range of psychological services. Bill is a Fellow of Division 18; member of the APA Council of Representatives from California; member of the APA Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP); member of the Division 18, CPA, and Central Coast Psychological Association Boards of Directors, past chair of the APA Membership Committee, past chair of the CAPP Committee of State Leaders; past member of the APA Task Force on Serious Mental Illness; past president of the CPA, and past chair of the CPA Political Action Committee. For his efforts to advance the profession of psychology, in 2002 Bill received the APA Distinguished Contribution to Applied Psychology as a Professional Practice Award.

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