

**Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and  
Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP)  
2008 Annual Report**

**CRSPPP Members:** See 2008 CRSPPP roster below.

**Staff Liaison:** Catherine Grus, PhD

CRSPPP held two meetings in Washington, DC in 2008: May 8-9 and September 25-26 and a business meeting at the APA annual convention on August 15. CRSPPP conducted the remainder of its business via conference calls and e-mail.

**Petition reviews**

During the 2008 year, CRSPPP reviewed and acted on the petition for the continued recognition of Forensic Psychology as a specialty, Psychological Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders as a proficiency. CRSPPP recommended and Council voted to approve a new petition of Police Psychology as a proficiency in professional psychology.

**CRSPPP review of its policy documents**

In 2007, CRSPPP began to review and recommend changes to the documents associated with the principles for proficiency recognition. The revised document was distributed to all APA Boards and Committees and other relevant groups for comment in January 2008 and was placed on the cross-cutting agenda during the Spring 2008 consolidated meetings. CRSPPP reviewed the public comments received and incorporated changes as appropriate. Council approved, as policy, the revised Principles for the Recognition of Proficiencies in Professional Psychology at their August 2008 meeting.

**Review of Other APA Board and Committee Agenda Items**

CRSPPP reviewed agenda items and reports of APA Boards and Committees that centered on APA policies and guidelines. In addition, CRSPPP reviewed the APA Strategic Plan and participated in focus groups held at the Spring and Fall consolidated meetings.

**Board of Directors' Taxonomy Task Force**

In 2007, the APA Board of Directors allocated discretionary funds to support a request from CRSPPP to create a Taxonomy Task Force. Boards and committees were invited by then APA President Sharon Stephens Brehm, PhD to appoint a representative to the Board of Directors' Task Force on Taxonomy.

The Task Force was not funded to meet in 2008 and has requested that CRSPPP continue the work of the task force and the initiatives on Taxonomy in Psychology.

**CRSPPP Convention 2008 sessions and liaison activities**

CRSPPP offered two hours of programming that focused on discussion of issues relevant to specialties and proficiencies.

CRSPPP continued its liaison activities with the Council of Specialties (CoS) and the Council of Credentialing Organizations in Professional Psychology (CCOPP). In addition, a CRSPPP Commissioner attended the 2008 Educational Leadership Conference (ELC).

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