

**Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP)**  
**2010 Annual Report**

**CRSPPP Members:** See 2010 CRSPPP Roster below.

**Staff Liaison:** Catherine Grus, PhD & Jan-Sheri Morris

CRSPPP held one face-to-face meeting in Washington, DC in 2010: April 29-May 1, and a business meeting at the APA annual convention on August 15. CRSPPP also held a fall meeting in October 8-9, 2010.

Petition reviews

During the 2010 year, CRSPPP reviewed and acted on the petition for the continued recognition of Sport Psychology and Psychopharmacology as a proficiency in professional psychology and Behavioral & Cognitive Psychology, Industrial Organizational Psychology, and Clinical Neuropsychology as a specialty in professional psychology. CRSPPP also received three new petitions for recognition in Personality Assessment for a proficiency and Group Psychology and Geropsychology for a specialty in professional psychology.

CRSPPP review of its policy documents

In 2010 CRSPPP began to review and recommend changes to the specialty principles and petition application for a specialty in professional psychology. The goal is to develop a technical assistance document that addresses criteria on the petition that are commonly confused by petitioners. The revised document is still in the revision process and will be distributed to boards and committees for review and public comments. CRSPPP will review the public comments received and incorporated changes as appropriate. The Board of Directors will approve any changes to the document at their meeting.

Review of Other APA Board and Committee Agenda Items

CRSPPP briefly reviewed the combined copy of the strategic plan for APA which included initiatives proposed by all APA Boards and Committees.

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.

CRSPPP has continued the work of the Taxonomy Task Force.

CRSPPP Convention 2010 sessions and liaison activities

CRSPPP offered two hours of programming that focused on the Taxonomy and one hour is reserved for a CRSPPP business meeting

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 2010 Educational Leadership Conference (ELC).

CRSPPP Continue Work

**Changes to current Specialty Definition:** Discussion was a follow-up to a recent conference call convened by CoS to work to develop a consistent definition of specialty among CoS, ABPP, and CRSPPP. During the discussion a modified definition of specialty was drafted. CRSPPP approved forwarding the new specialty definition and to CoS and ABPP for their review and approval.

**Meeting Attendance:** The CRSPPP chair attended the fall Council of Specialties meeting held on October 30-31, at the APA building. The Council of Specialties is comprised of synarchy (specialty) representatives from CRSPPP or ABPP recognized psychology specialties. Meetings of the CoS provide an opportunity for the discussion of issues common to the development, education, training, credentialing, and practice of the specialties in professional psychology. Topics of discussion at the October meeting centered on issues related to the quality of education and training in the specialties and the specialties definition developed by CRSPPP.

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