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Cultural Competency in Geropsychology Working Group

In its February 2007 request for APA Council of Representatives discretionary funding for its newest Working Group, CONA noted the rich diversity in the population of aged persons; that culturally diverse older Americans often are at greater risk of poor health, social isolation, and poverty, as are their younger counterparts; and that health outcomes, whether measured by relative incidence of death, disease or disability, are disproportionately unfavorable among minority elders.

Upon receipt of Council funding, the members of the APA Cultural Competency in Geropsychology Working Group were appointed. They are: David Chiriboga, PhD; Martha Crowther, PhD; Steven David, PhD; Michiko Iwasaki, PhD; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP (CONA representative); and Yvette Tazeau, PhD. The group will meet on May 4-6 and is charged with (a) identifying core principles of infusing cultural competency into geropsychology, including identification of conceptual and empirical information on cultural competency issues specific to an older American population, and (b) setting an agenda for achieving cultural competency in education and training, practice, research, and policy.

APA Presidential Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population

The Presidential Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population (IHAP) is an initiative of APA President Sharon Stephens Brehm. The Task Force will develop a *Blueprint for Change: Achieving Integrative Health Care for an Aging Population* that will inform psychologists about how to enter and function within an integrated team of health care professionals to ensure appropriate and effective healthcare for older adults. The task force will also reach out to other professional groups to secure their involvement in this project. Dr. Brehm appointed the following individuals to the Task Force: Toni Antonucci, PhD (co-chair); Antonette Zeiss, PhD (co-chair); Greg Hinrichsen PhD; Deborah King, PhD; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD; Martita Lopez, PhD; and Jennifer Manly, PhD.

A symposium, *Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population: Report on a Presidential Task Force*, will be held at the APA Convention on August 18th from 10:00 -11:50 a.m. in Room 2000 of the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

2007 APA Committee on Aging (CONA)

CONA welcomes its two newest members, Merla Arnold, RN, PhD and Michael Smyer, PhD, who began three-year terms in January 2007. They join Rosemary Blieszner, PhD (Chair), Florence L. Denmark, PhD, Peter A. Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, and Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP on CONA. A fond farewell and thank you to Drs. Toni Antonucci and Barry Edelstein for all of their efforts as members of CONA over the past three years!

CONA Nominations

Nominations are being solicited for *both* the 2007 CONA Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging and for membership on CONA. See the last two pages of this newsletter or the CONA web page for the Calls for Nominations.

CONA Spring 2007 Meeting Summary

CONA held its first meeting of the year on March 23rd - 25th. CONA met with a number of guests to discuss pertinent issues, including APA President Sharon Stephens Brehm, PhD; Alan E. Kazdin, PhD, APA President Elect; Ronald Rozensky, PhD and Melba Vasquez, PhD, Board of Directors; James W. Lichtenberg, PhD, Chair, Committee on Accreditation; Diane Elmore, PhD, Patricia Kobor, and Nina Levitt, EdD, APA Government Relations Office; Jessica Kohout, PhD, Director, Center for Psychology Workforce Analysis and Research; and Susan Zlotlow, PhD, Director, Office on Accreditation. In addition, Angela L. Jefferson, PhD, Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology) Liaison to CONA attended the entire meeting.

One of CONA's tasks during the Consolidated Meetings is to provide input on APA Cross-Cutting Agenda items. CONA crafted responses to multiple items with relevance to aging including the Proposed Revisions of the Recommended Guidelines in Postdoctoral Training in Psychopharmacology for Prescription Privileges and Model Legislation, Guidelines for Hospital Privileges, Resolution on Families of Incarcerated Offenders, and the Governance Survey on Representation of Women, Ethnic Minorities, Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

CONA also used its meeting time to work on current and plan future projects. In the upcoming year, CONA will: revise its *Life Plan for the Life Span* brochure (see Resources section of this newsletter) for other health and aging professionals; continue its quest to secure a reduced or one-day Convention fee for APA members with Life Member Status; advocate for a focus on aging in ongoing APA efforts such as the Public Education Campaign; and encourage Divisions to develop aging interest groups. Its *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project* involves working with Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPPS) and Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges (PTCC) to provide new and updated curricula and resource materials on geropsychology topics and career opportunities. Thus far, Dr. Molinari has written an article, *Geropsychology In and Out of the Classroom*, for the *Psychology Teacher Network Newsletter*. Additionally, CONA is providing input to the revision of their Development unit lesson plan, and the National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula.

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/cona01.html>

CONA web page

http://www.apa.org/ed/topss/PTN_spring07.pdf

Geropsychology In and Out of the Classroom

APA Aging Leadership Team Update

The Aging Leadership Team was established in 2003 as a mechanism to increase ongoing communication between CONA, Division 20, and Division 12-II, and to provide a vehicle for coordinated geropsychology input on issues of both internal and external importance to APA. Current members of the team include the CONA Chair (Rosemary Blieszner, PhD), the Presidents of APA Divisions 20 (Elizabeth Stein Morrow, PhD) and 12-Section II (Forrest Scogin, PhD), and the Division 20 APA Council of Representatives members (Norman Abeles, PhD and Bob Knight, PhD). The Team communicates via regular conference calls on upcoming activities and key issues. This year, the Team worked together to nominate individuals to serve on APA Boards and Committees to enhance their likelihood of selection.

APA 2007 Convention

The sixth annual CONA Conversation Hour, *Integrative Health Care for an Aging Population*, will be held on **Saturday, August 18th from 3:15 – 4:30 pm** in the Nob Hill Rooms A and B, San Francisco Marriott Hotel. During this Hour, the 5th Annual CONA Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging will be presented. All conference attendees with an interest in aging issues are encouraged to attend. (Important topic! Friendly people! Good food!)

CONA will also sponsor a symposium “Aging and Health Disparities: Cumulative Effects of Race, Gender and SES.” CONA Chair, Rosemary Blieszner, PhD will chair the symposium. Participants include: David Chiriboga, PhD, Barbara Yee, PhD, and James Jackson, PhD. Toni Antonucci, PhD will serve as discussant. It is scheduled for Sunday August 19th from 3:00-3:50 pm in Room 224 of the Moscone Center.

The Office on Aging will once again prepare its *Sessions on Aging Issues* Convention Program guide and distribute to all newsletter recipients.

ABA/APA Capacity Assessment in Older Adults Project

The ABA/APA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project was established in 2003 to improve cross-communication between psychologists, attorneys and judges and improve the ability of each group in the assessment of capacity in older adults. This ongoing collaboration with the ABA Commission on Law and Aging has thus far resulted in two products, *Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers* (2005) and *Determining Capacity of Older Adults in Guardianship Proceedings: A Handbook for Judges* (2006). The Project’s current effort is the development of a companion handbook for psychologists. It will be completed in 2008.

APA members of the Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project Working Group are: Barry Edelstein PhD; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP; Daniel Marson, JD, PhD; Jennifer Moye, PhD; David Powers, PhD; Aida Salvidar, PhD; and Stacey Wood, PhD. ABA members are: Charles Sabatino, JD, Director, and Erica Wood, JD, Associate Director of the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. The Working Group is currently seeking psychologists with expertise and interest in capacity assessment and/or legal issues to become involved as contributors and reviewers to this project. If interested, send an e-mail to ddigilio@apa.org.

http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/diminished_capacity.pdf

Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers

<http://www.abanet.org/aging/docs/judgesbooksum.doc>

Judicial Determinations of Capacity in Older Adults in Guardianship Proceedings: A Handbook for Judges

<http://ncmha.org>

The National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging

<http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/>

SAMHSA Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices

<http://www.agingconference.org/>

2007 ASA/NCOA Joint Conference

The National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging

At NCMHA's most recent meeting on April 23rd, the Executive Committee for 2007-2009 was selected. They are: Deborah DiGilio, APA (Chair); Robert Bernstein, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law (Vice Chair); Anita Rosen, ASA, Laurie Young, Older Women's League and Robert Tiller, NCOA (At-Large); Mildred Reynolds, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (Consumer Representative); Bob Rawlings, Oklahoma Coalition (State/Local Coalition Representative); and Willard Mays, NASMHPD (Past Chair).

The presenter at the April meeting was Lisa Park with the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). NREPP is a relatively new searchable database of interventions developed to assist in identifying approaches to preventing and treating mental and/or substance use disorders that have been scientifically tested and that can be readily disseminated to the field. There are currently 28 reviewed interventions, three specific to older adults (submitted by Eric Granholm, PhD and John Quaid, PhD, VA San Diego Healthcare System; Larry Thompson, PhD and Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP, Stanford University School of Medicine; and Thomas Patterson, PhD and Dilip Jeste, MD, University of California, San Diego).

New intervention summaries are continually being added as reviews are completed. The next review process cycle will be October 2007-February 2008. Priority areas for program submissions will be placed on their website this August. Readers are encouraged to submit their programs for consideration.

At its meeting in January, Clare Koller, of the Medicare Mental Health Equity Coalition presented on efforts to end Medicare's historic discriminatory 50 percent coinsurance for payment for outpatient mental health care, and Robert Bernstein, PhD, presented on the CMS rules for seclusion and restraint. Minutes from all previous NCMHA meetings are on its website.

APA has been the organizational home for the National Coalition on Mental Health and since 2001. In addition to Deborah DiGilio, APA representatives are geropsychologist, David Powers, PhD and Diane Elmore, PhD of the Public Policy Office.

2007 Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging

The conference, "Let's Rethink Aging," was held March 7-10, 2007 in Chicago, IL. At the conference, Office on Aging Director, Deborah DiGilio presented as part of a special program, *Mental Health and Aging Coalitions: Effective Approaches and Innovative Practice*. This year, the joint conference placed more of an emphasis on highlighting evidenced-based treatment, interventions and programs for late-life mental health disorders. Psychologists Patricia Arean, PhD, Larry Dupree, PhD, Erin Emery, PhD, Erlene Rosowsky, PsyD, and Steven Zarit, PhD were among the presenters. Also at the Conference, Larry Dupree, PhD received the ASA "Mental Health and Aging" 2007 Award. The award is given to "an outstanding professional who has had a profound and lasting impact on the mental health of older adults through practice, teaching, research, advocacy or policy planning." Look for the upcoming story acknowledging this honor in the *May Monitor on Psychology*.

<http://www.marylandpsychology.org/MPAFiles/GeropsychologyBrochure.pdf>
MPA Conference brochure

Maryland State Psychological Association 2006-2007 Workshop Series on Geropsychology

The Maryland Psychological Association/Foundation has organized an in-depth continuing education series in Geropsychology, one of the first state associations to do so. The most recent offering of the 2006-2007 Workshop Series on Geropsychology was *Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Depressed Older Adults* by Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD, held on April 20th. Remaining offerings include *Neuropsychological Assessment of the Older Adult* by Laurie Ryan, PhD on May 18th and *Sexuality and Aging* by Antonette Zeiss, PhD on June 8th. This continuing education program is a wonderful model for state psychological associations and other groups.

The need for and interest in training opportunities such as this was documented in "Psychologists in Practice with Older Adults: Current Patterns, Sources of Training, and Need for Continuing Education," Professional Psychology: Research and Practice (Qualls, et al., 2002). As stated in this article, "Very few of the practitioners providing services to older adults were formally trained to do so, with the vast majority relying on informal clinical training or on-the-job training.... A surprisingly, large percentage (70%) of practitioners is interested in more training for work with older adults.... The vast majority of practitioners reported an interest in continuing education (CE) in clinical geropsychology, with the favored formats for CE were short-term workshops offered at the regional level." The authors note that "those planning such training can have confidence that there is a very large market of potential attendees given the very large numbers that resulted from projecting the survey's percentages to the full body of practitioners within APA."

Aging Policy Update

By Diane Elmore, PhD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer
Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO)

After many years of advocacy, the Lifespan Respite Care Act was passed by Congress and signed into law in December. APA continues to work as a member of the National Respite Coalition in support of full funding for this new law. The Lifespan Respite Care Act authorizes the development of lifespan respite programs at the state and local levels; planned and emergency respite for family caregivers of children and adults; training and recruitment of respite workers and volunteers; provision of information to caregivers about available respite and support services; assistance for caregivers in gaining access to such services; and establishment of a National Resource Center on Lifespan Respite Care. APA and National Respite Coalition partners are working with federal agencies to ensure that the mental and behavioral health needs of caregivers across the lifespan remain a priority throughout the implementation of the law.

APA worked closely with Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and Susan Collins (R-ME) and Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), co-sponsors of the *Positive Aging Act*, in preparation for reintroduction of this legislation last month. This bill is designed to integrate mental health and primary care services in community settings where older adults reside and receive services. The 2007 version of this bill will include only Title II of the *Positive Aging Act of 2005*, as significant language from Title I was enacted as part of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act last year. In addition, APA has recently joined other key mental health and

aging organizations to establish the Mental Health and Aging Advocacy Alliance, a coalition of national organizations dedicated to federal mental health and aging advocacy.

In May, APA will co-sponsor a congressional briefing with the Older Women's League and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging in celebration of Older Americans' Mental Health Week. This briefing will educate policy makers about the mental health needs of older adults and highlight several important legislative initiatives, including the Positive Aging Act, the Elder Justice Act, and geriatric mental health workforce programs (including the Graduate Psychology Education Program).

For more information on these and other aging policy initiatives, please see: Contact Us on page 7.

In the News

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/apr07/denmark.html>

Denmark 2007 Fowler Award

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/feb07/accentuating.html>

Accentuating the Positive

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/dec06/blanchardfields.html>

Psychology and Aging

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/dec06/pi.html>

APA on Capitol Hill

<http://www.apa.org/releases/positiveagingact.html>

<http://www.apa.org/releases/geneticcarriers.html>

<http://www.cdc.gov/aging/saha.htm>

State of Aging and Health in America Report

CONA Member Florence Denmark, PhD wins the 2007 Fowler Award

which recognizes an APA member's outstanding contributions to the association. *Monitor in Psychology*, Volume 38, No. 4 April 2007

Accentuating the positive—why older people are happier highlights Dr. Laura Carstensen's Henry and Bryna David Lecture at the National Academy of Sciences held on Nov. 14th and her paper published in *Issues in Science and Technology*, Winter 2007 issue. *Monitor on Psychology*, Volume 38, No. 2 February 2007.

Dr. Fredda Blanchard-Fields is editor of Psychology and Aging. The new editor aims to court cognitive and social neuroscientists and boost reviewer ranks. *Monitor on Psychology*, Volume 37, No. 11 December 2006

APA Public Interest Committees Advocate on Capitol Hill reports on the two dozen attendees, including CONA members, who attended an all-day workshop at APA headquarters that was part tutorial and part advocacy on the Hill. *Monitor on Psychology*, Volume 37, No. 11 December 2006

Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and Susan Collins (R-ME) and Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) introduce the **"Positive Aging Act of 2007.** APA Press Release, March 2007

At least through their mid 60s, people at genetic risk for Alzheimer' age mentally just like non-carriers: The largest study of its kind has found that carriers and non-carriers show the same type and extent of normal age-related cognitive declines, decades before carriers start to more often develop symptoms of dementia. APA Press Release, January 2007

Resources

The State of Aging and Health in America 2007 presents the most current national data available on 15 key health indicators for older adults related to health status, health behaviors, preventive care and screening, and injuries. The "State-by-State Report Card" provides similar information for each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

<http://www.owl-national.org/mentalhealthweek/index.html>

Older Women's League

http://www.annapoliscoalition.org/files/Strategic_Planning/WorkforceActionPlan.pdf

Behavioral Health Workforce Development Plan

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/seniorshealthissues.html>

Medline Plus

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/LifePlan.pdf> *Life Plan for the Life Span brochure*

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APA Division 20

Older American's Mental Health Week, sponsored by the Older Women's League, will be observed on May 21-27, 2007. APA is again a partner in this effort which is an annual opportunity to spread the message that mental disorders are not a normal part of aging. A toolkit has been developed and is available on their website along with the findings of a poll conducted to assess knowledge and attitudes about mental health and aging among physician assistants, physical therapists and nurse aides.

The National Action Plan on Behavioral Health Workforce Development

With funding from SAMHSA, the Annapolis Coalition was charged with developing a comprehensive plan to address the nation's growing crisis surrounding efforts to recruit, retain, and effectively train a prevention and treatment workforce in the mental health and addiction sectors of this field. Chapter 16 of this document is specific to Older Adults. The Senior Advisor to the Older Adult Expert Panel was Stephen Bartels, MD, MS. Panelists were Deborah DiGilio, MPH; Barry Edelstein, PhD; Margaret Gatz, PhD; Rita Gallagher, PhD, RN; Maureen Halpain, MS; Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD; Sara Honn Qualls, PhD; Anita Rosen, PhD; Stephanie Reed; Forrest Scogin, PhD; and Antonette Zeiss, PhD.

Medline Plus offers an extensive coverage of senior health issues with information from NLM, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations. It also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, and interactive patient tutorials.

Life Plan for the Life Span, produced by the 2005 APA Committee on Aging, offers guidance and links to resources helpful for psychologists and others in planning for legal/financial, health, psychological, social, and work life/retirement issues that often arise as people age.

Aging at APA

The Office on Aging – Within the APA Public Interest Directorate, the Office works to promote aging issues within APA, among its members, other professionals, policy makers and the public. It strives to bring psychological knowledge to bear on discussions regarding matters that affect older adults. Deborah DiGilio is the Director of the Office.

The Committee on Aging (CONA) - CONA is a six-member committee of psychologists with substantive professional expertise in aging issues who are selected to serve three-year terms. CONA works toward the optimal development of older adults, expanded scientific understanding of adult development and aging, and the delivery of appropriate psychological services to older persons.

Public Interest Government Relations Office – This Office works on aging policy issues at the federal level. Diane Elmore, PhD is the Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer who manages a policy portfolio that includes aging issues.

APA Division 20 (Adult Development & Aging) - APA Division 20 is concerned with the study of psychological development and change throughout the adult years. Their website includes resources for educators and students, information about graduate programs for students interested in pursuing this field, publications, conference information, and links to other sites.

[http://www.geropsych.org/
APA Division 12-II](http://www.geropsych.org/APA_Division_12-II)

[http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/cona/
award.html](http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/cona/award.html)
*Call for Nominations: Award for
the Advancement of Psychology
and Aging*

APA Division 12- Section II (Society for Clinical Geropsychology) - APA Division 12, Section II is devoted to research, training, and the provision of psychological services for older adults. Their website includes information on training opportunities for students and professionals including clinical psychology internships, postdoctoral fellowship opportunities, and continuing education offerings, and research funding and job information.

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
APA Committee on Aging
Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging**

The Committee on Aging (CONA) of the American Psychological Association invites nominations, including self-nominations, for its award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging. This award for outstanding achievement is presented annually to recognize psychologists and friends of psychology who have made significant contributions to the mission of CONA.

The mission of CONA is to pursue the following goals:

Science: Provide strong and visible advocacy for a scientific agenda.

Practice: Promote the practice of psychology by advocating policies that enhance the availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.

Policy: Contribute to the formulation and support of public policies and associated regulations that promote optimal development of older adults, facilitate psychological practice with older persons, and expand scientific understanding of adult development and aging.

Education: Promote inclusion of knowledge about adult development and aging in all levels of education.

Public Interest: Promote the application of psychological knowledge to the well-being of older people, with special attention to the influences of gender, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, and family in science, practice, and policy relating to older adults.

Public Affairs: Develop and disseminate information concerning the scientific findings and practice issues about older adults.

APA: Serve as a visible focus for the coordination of information among groups within APA that address aging issues and offer consultation to relevant APA boards, committees, divisions, state associations, and directorates; also ensure that older members of APA receive the appropriate attention of the association.

Successful candidates will have made significant contributions in one or more of the areas of the CONA Mission stated above. All nominations must include a current curriculum vitae of the candidate and three letters of reference. Reference letters should indicate the categories in which the candidate has made contributions related to aging (Science, Practice, Policy, Education, Public Interest, Public Affairs, APA). Additionally, letters should address the nominee's leadership activities, contributions, and scope of influence that advance knowledge for and about older adults and aging issues, foster understanding of older adult's lives, and improve the status of older adults.

Nominations are solicited by CONA on a yearly basis with a **June 15th deadline for receipt of nominations**. The award is presented at the APA Convention. Prior recipients of the CONA Award for Psychology and Aging

were the following:

- 2003 Norman Abeles, PhD
- 2004 George Niederehe, PhD
- 2005 Margaret Gatz, PhD
- 2006 Antonette Zeiss, PhD

Nominations and supporting materials should be sent to Deborah DiGilio, Director, APA Office on Aging, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002-4242. Questions can also be directed to Ms. DiGilio at 202-336-6135 or ddigilio@apa.org.

Call for Nominations to the APA Committee on Aging

The American Psychological Association's Committee on Aging (CONA) is accepting nominations, including self-nominations, for two new members. CONA is the chief committee within the APA governance structure charged with addressing aging concerns. Entering its 10th year, CONA seeks full members of APA with **specialization in aging issues** to serve a three-year term beginning January 2008 and ending December 2010.

CONA places priority on maintaining representation within the Committee's membership that reflects the diversity of psychology and society, including (a) individuals with experience in research, clinical training and practice, policy and advocacy, and education; (b) early- and mid-career psychologists and those who are retired or employed less than full time; and (c) diversity with respect to ethnicity, culture, age, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and geographic location.

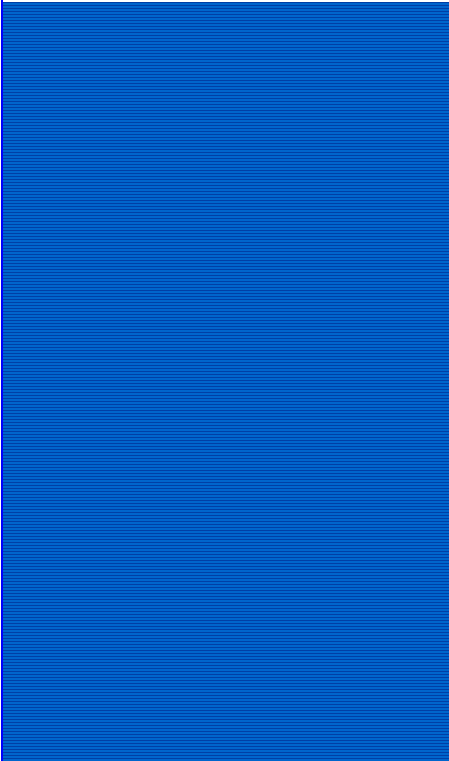
CONA's mission is to advance psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting health and human welfare by ensuring that older adults, especially the growing numbers of older women and members of minority groups, receive the attention of the Association. Its goals include:

- provide leadership for a scientific agenda on aging,
- advocate for policies that enhance availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families,
- contribute to the formulation and support of public policies that promote optimal development of older adults, facilitate psychological practice with older persons, and expand scientific understanding of adult development and aging,
- promote inclusion of knowledge about adult development and aging in all levels of education,
- develop and disseminate information concerning the scientific findings and practice issues about older adults,
- serve as a visible focus for the coordination of information among groups within APA that address aging issues and offer consultation to relevant APA boards, committees, divisions, state associations, and directorates, and
- ensure that older members of APA receive appropriate attention from the Association.

For an overview of CONA's activities since its inception, visit <http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/cona01.html>.

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/cona/callnominations.html>

Call for Nominations: 2008 APA Committee on Aging



Selected candidates will be required to attend two committee meetings each year in Washington, DC, with expenses reimbursed by the APA, and are encouraged to attend a CONA meeting held during the APA Convention at their own expense. Members are also expected to participate in email discussions and bi-monthly conference calls, work on Committee priorities between meetings, provide consultation to the Director of the APA Office on Aging, and participate in policy advocacy activities.

Nomination materials should include a current curriculum vitae and a letter from the nominee indicating willingness to serve on CONA and highlighting specific competencies, interests, and potential contributions to the work of CONA. Letters of support from other APA governance groups and divisions, state psychological associations, or other organizations are desirable but not required. Prior applicants are encouraged to reapply.

Nominations and supporting materials should be sent by August 31, 2007 to: Deborah DiGilio, Director of the Office on Aging, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street NE, Washington, DC, 20002-4242 or ddigilio@apa.org.