

Committee on Aging
2019 Annual Report
American Psychological Association

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Mission

There shall be a Committee on Aging that shall concern itself with furthering the major purpose of APA 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 minorities, receive the attention of the association. Specifically, the committee will pursue the following goals:

Science

Provide strong and visible advocacy for a scientific agenda on aging to policymakers and private and public funding agencies.

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, including continuing education, training programs and professional development of psychologists.

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 to psychologists, other professionals, policymakers and the public.

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.

Meeting Dates

In-person & Zoom meetings:

March 14 – 17 (at Consolidated)

August 10 (at Convention)

September 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (via Zoom)

Conference Calls:

11 calls: January 11, February 8, March 4, April 12, May 8, June 5, July 12, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Membership

Walter R. Boot, PhD (Chair); Norman Abeles, PhD; Vonetta Dotson, PhD; William E. Haley, PhD; Katherine Ramos, PhD; Kelly M. Trevino, PhD

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

2019 CONA is comprised of two senior career psychologists, three mid-career psychologists, and one early career psychologist, three men and three women, two ethnic minority and one member that identifies as a gay man.

Major Activities

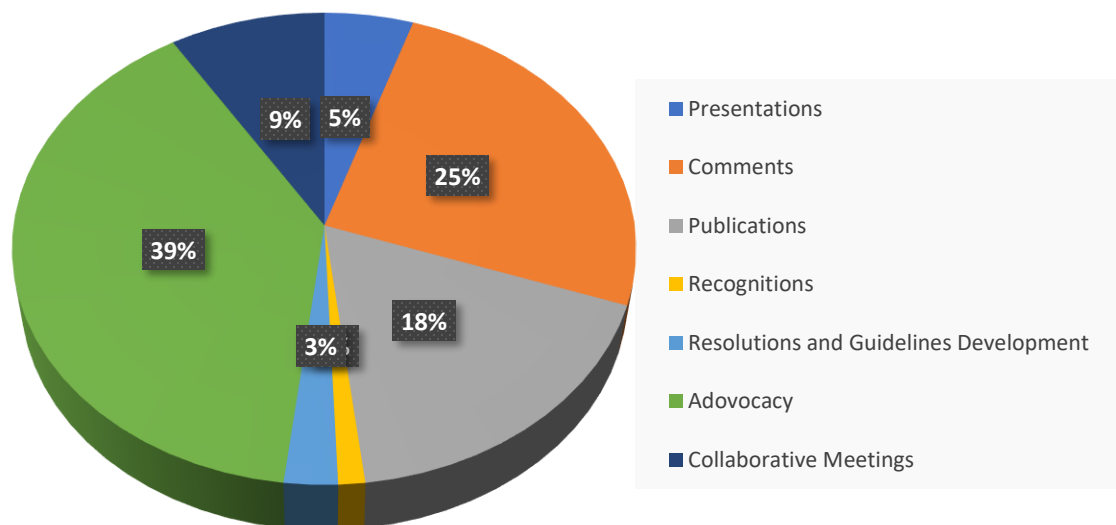
There was a total of **79** activities that CONA participated or initiated in 2019.

Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	4
Comments	20
Publications	14
Recognitions	1
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	2
Advocacy	31
Collaborative Meetings	7

Figure 1

Committee on Aging 2019 Activities



Presentations

Pres #1

Thursday, August 8th – CONA and Divisions 20 and 44, LGBT Issues Across the Lifespan---
How Social Stigma and Multiple Inequities Present Challenges to Successful Aging

Pres #2

Saturday August 10th – CONA (organizer), CEMA, CWP, CYF, Convention Governance
Collaborative Program: Taking Care of our Own: Diversity in Caregiving across the Life Span

Pres #3

Saturday, August 10th - 2019 Committee on Aging (CONA) Conversation Hour: The Future of
Aging and Technology: How will Technology Support Older Adults in the Year 2050?

Pres #4

Sunday, August 11th – CONA and Division 40, Neuropsychology in an Aging Word: Is the Field
Ready?

Comments

Resolutions

Comm #1

Combination Biomedical and Behavioral Approaches to Optimize HIV Prevention

Comm #2

Legal Liability Related to Confidentiality and the Prevention of HIV Transmission

Comm #3

Resolution on Neuropsychological Assessment and HIV Infection

Comm #4

Gender Identity Change Efforts Resolution

Guidelines

Comm #5

Guidelines for Education and Training in Psychological Assessment in Health Service
Psychology

Comm #6

Race and Ethnicity Guidelines in Psychology: Promoting Responsiveness and Equity

Comm #7

APA Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychological Assessment and Evaluation

Comm #8

APA Professional Practice Guidelines for the for the Implementation of Evidence-Based
Practice

Petitions before The Commission on Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology

Comm #9

CRSPPP Petitions Comments: Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Comm #10

CRSPPP Petitions Comments: Clinical Neuropsychology

Comm #11 – 12

Provided two sets of comments regarding the CRSPPP Petitions Comments: Clinical
Psychopharmacology

Comm #13

CRSPPP Petitions Comments: Serious Mental Illness Psychology

Cross-Cutting Agenda Items

Comm #14

Guidelines for Psychological Practice for People with Low-Income and Economic Marginalization

Comm #15

Felony Question on Membership Application

Comm #16

Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct Core Principles

Comm #17

Board Member Characteristics

Comm #18

Sunsetting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Psychology and AIDS (COPA)

Comm #19

APA President Rosie Phillips Davis Initiative

Comm #20

Call for Questions to the President-Elect Candidates

Publications

Pub #1

CONA Update, Division 12-Section II (Society of Clinical Geropsychology) Spring 2019 newsletter

Pub #2

CONA Update, Division 12-Section II, Summer 2019 newsletter

Pub #3

CONA Update, Division 12-Section II, Fall 2019 newsletter

Pub #4

CONA Update, Division 20 (Adult Development & Aging), Fall 2019 newsletter

Pub #5

CONA Update, APA Aging Issues Newsletter, May 2019

Pub #6

CONA Update, APA Aging Issues Newsletter, December 2019

Pub #7 – 9

Exploring Careers in Aging Roadmap [Classroom Activity Plans](#):

- Activities for High School and Early Undergraduate Student
- Activities for Advanced Undergraduate Student
- Activities for Research Labs

Pub #10 – 14

Exploring Careers in Aging Roadmap [Student and ECP Profiles](#):

- Andrew Dilanchian (Undergraduate Student)
- Ryan Mace (Graduate Student)
- Avanti Dey (Postdoctoral Fellow)
- Kelly O'Malley (ECP)
- Katherine Ramos (ECP)

Recognitions

Reg #1

CONA Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging to Steven Zarit, PhD

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

R&G #1

Began update of the APA Resolution on Ageism (2002)

R&G #2

Established and convened the first meeting of the APA Task Force to Update the 2011 Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Change

Advocacy

Advocacy #1

Commented on 2020 NIMH Draft Strategic Plan for Research

Advocacy #2

Commented on AHRQ's Draft Evidence Review "Diagnosis and Treatment of Clinical Alzheimer's-type Dementia (CATD): A Systematic Review"

Advocacy #3

Response to The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Draft Statement on Screening for Cognitive Impairment in Older Adults

Advocacy #4

Letter to Committee on the Health and Medical Dimensions of Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) on psychological research contributions.

Advocacy # 5

Stand for Science Participants training webinar with Patricia Kobor, MS

Advocacy #6

APA Stand for Science: Walter Boot, PhD, Neil Charness, PhD, and student Erin Harrell hosted lab visit with staff members from Senator Marco Rubio's (R-Fla.) office

Advocacy #7

APA Stand for Science: Walter Boot, PhD, Neil Charness, PhD, and student Erin Harrell hosted lab visit with staff and Representative Neal Dunn's (R-Fla.) office

Advocacy #8

APA Stand for Science: Past CONA member Lisa Brown, PhD, of Palo Alto University and her student, Tristan Hansell, met with Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-Calif.) in her district office

Advocacy #9

APA Stand for Science: CONA member, Vonetta Dotson, PhD of Georgia State University, met with staff from the office of Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) in his district office

Advocacy #10

Walter Boot, PhD, with Neil Charness, PhD and Sara Czaja, PhD, met with congressional staff to discuss artificial intelligence

Advocacy #11

Walter Boot, PhD, Neil Charness, PhD and Sara Czaja, PhD, met with the Senate Special Committee on Aging to discuss aging and assistive technology.

Advocacy #12

Successfully nominated Martha Crowther, PhD for the Administration for Community Living's w Advisory Panel on Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act

Advocacy #13

Letter to APA Chief Scientific Officer, Russell Shilling, PhD advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #14

Letter to APA Chief of Professional Practice, Jared Skillings, PhD advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #15

Response to TOPPS Call for Resources on Diversity for High School Psychology Courses

Advocacy #16

Memo to Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA) advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #17

Memo to Committee on Socioeconomic Status (CSES) advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #18

Memo to Committee of Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #19

Memo to Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (CSOGD) advocating for increased attention to aging issues

Advocacy #20

CONA Input and nomination on BAPPI & SIOP Collaboration and importance of older workers

Advocacy #21 – 25

CONA nominations for recognition of aging experts for BSA Master Lecturer Awards in:

- Developmental psychology
- Learning, behavior, and action
- Methodology
- Psychopathology and treatment
- Social and cultural psychology

Advocacy #26

CONA nomination for recognition of aging experts for BSA Distinguished Scientist Lecturer Award

Advocacy #27

Commented on APA Equity Diversity and Inclusion Framework

Advocacy #28

Speaking of Psychology Podcast Recommendations

Advocacy #29

Submitted extensive comments on APA Strategic Plan objectives for Spring 2019 Consolidated Meeting Exercise

Advocacy #30

APA Advocacy Priorities Response on key older adult priority policy issues

Advocacy #31

Memo supporting the continuation of APA Stand for Science Campaign

Collaborative Meetings

CM #1

CONA met with Jennifer Kelley, PhD and Antonio Puente, PhD, Co-Chairs, APA Advocacy Coordinating Committee to discuss key aging-specific advocacy priorities at the March Consolidated Meeting

CM #2

Met with Katherine McGuire, Chief Advocacy Officer at the March Consolidated Meeting

CM #3

Met with Serena Davila, JD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer; APA Services to discuss key aging-specific advocacy priorities at the March Consolidated Meeting

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CM #4

Convened a COR August Breakfast Meeting to Establish an Aging Interest Group in collaboration with Division 20 representative and CONA past member, Patricia Parmelee, PhD

CM #5

Drs. Boot and Haley met with the APA Research and Analytics Office to review data from the 2019 APA Member Trends Survey and recommend additional analyses to better understand the needs of older members

CM #6

Drs. Haley and Trevino participated in the November 1, 2019 APA Governance Leadership Development Training

CM #7

Dr. Boot participated in two meetings of the APA Aging Leadership & Geropsychology Specialty Council Team