

Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public
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American Psychological Association

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Mission

The mission of the Board shall be to encourage the generation and application of psychological knowledge on issues important to human well-being. It shall have general concern for those aspects of psychology that involve solutions to the fundamental problems of human justice and that promote equitable and just treatment of all segments of society. BAPPI shall encourage the utilization and dissemination of psychological knowledge to advance equal opportunity and to foster empowerment of those who do not share equitably in society's resources. The Board shall be concerned with increasing scientific understanding and training regarding those aspects that pertain to, but are not limited to culture, class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability. The Board shall support improving educational and training opportunities for all persons in psychology and continue the promotion of culturally sensitive models for the delivery of psychological services. The Board shall be sensitive to the entire range of APA activities as they pertain to the mission of this Board and make recommendations regarding ethically and socially responsible actions by APA when appropriate. The composition of the Board shall reflect diversity in terms of racial/ethnic minorities, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities and religion, as well as the range of interests characteristic of psychology in all its aspects.

Meeting Dates

All Board meetings convened on the second Thursday of each month for approximately one hour. Executive Committee meetings, consisting of the Board Chair and Chair-Elect, convened twice a month on Thursdays for approximately one hour.

Additional All-Member Board meetings were convened on an as-needed basis while engaging and planning the Public Interest 2026 Priority Setting Workshops.

Membership

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member)

Major Activities

There was a total of 29 activities that BAPPI participated or initiated in 2025.

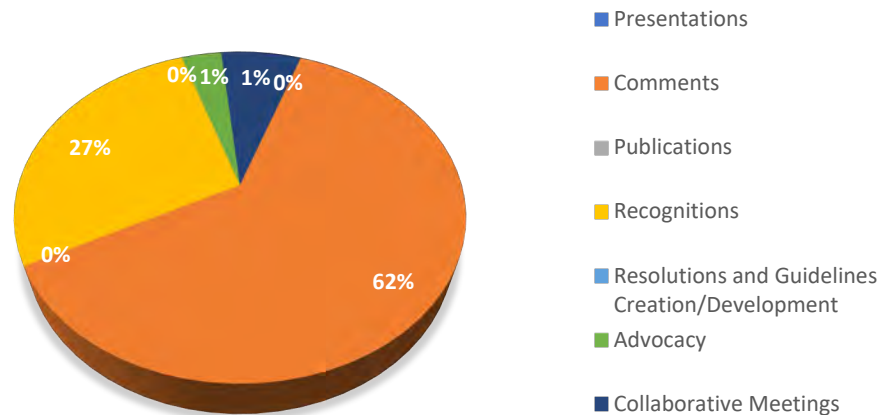
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Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	0
Comments	18
Publications	0
Recognitions	8
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	0
Advocacy	1
Collaborative Meetings	2

Figure 1

29 total Presentations, Comments, Publications, Recognitions, Resolutions & Guidelines Created/Initiated, Advocacy Activities, and Collaborative Meetings.

BAPPI 2025 Activities



Presentations

- None

Comments

1. CYF Resolution on Sexual Health Education
2. CYF Revised Resolution on the Psychological Needs of Children Exposed to Disasters
3. CONA Ageism Resolution
4. CONA: Resolution on Palliative Care and End-of-life Issues
5. NBI 19A: Use of Seclusion and Restraint: Avoiding Institutional Harm and Promoting Evidence-Based Practices in Psychiatric Settings
6. NBI #17D/Feb 2025: Identifying Resources to Support Inclusion and Intra-group Dialogue within Groups and Organizations
7. NBI #17F/Feb 2025: Maternal Mental Health Resolution on Racially Minoritized Women
8. NBI #17C/Feb 2025: Report on Consensual Non-Monogamy
9. 2025 Multi-Cultural Guidelines
10. NBI #15A/Aug 2025: APA Ethnic Psychological Association Affiliation with the Association of Jewish Psychologists
11. NBI #15B/Aug 2025: Collecting Data, Promoting Critical Conversations, and Addressing Intra-Group Conflict related to Racism and the De-Centering of Anti-Black Ideology Within APA Council, Divisions, and SPTAs
12. NBI #15C/Aug 2025: Reaffirming APA's Commitment to Human Rights and Free Speech
13. NBI #15D/Aug 2025: Updating 2007 Resolution on Anti-Semitic and Anti-Jewish Prejudice
14. APA Ageism Policy Statement
15. APA Caregiver Policy Statement
16. SCM Policy Statement: Disability Inclusion
17. SCM Policy Statement: Reconciling Traditional Wisdom
18. SCM Policy Statement: Impact on Knowledge, Mental Health Care, and the Field of Psychology of Removing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Curriculum from Higher Education Settings

Publications

None

Recognitions

1. BAPPI Slates
2. PI Committee Slates
3. Public Interest Awards 2025
4. Approval of new Transgender Guidelines Workgroup members
5. Approval of the new 2026 CRSSPP Member
6. CPTA 2025 Slate Recommendations
7. Approval of the Task Force to Revise the Sexualization of Girls Report Slate
8. BAPPI 2026 appointee to NASCC

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

None

Advocacy

1. Public Interest 2026 Priority Setting Workshops

Collaborative Meetings

1. Spring Consolidated Meetings (hybrid)
2. Fall BAPPI Meeting (virtual)