2020 COPPS Call for Nominations

The Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS) is a continuing committee that reports to APA’s Council of Representatives through the Board of Professional Affairs. Its mission includes the development, review, and revision of guidelines for providers of psychological services; consultation to guidelines developers; and the monitoring and development of guidance and insights related to the scientific and professional aspects of psychological services.

COPPS is currently seeking to fill three (3) positions on the Committee. While all applicants will be given serious consideration, individuals with the following qualifications are particularly encouraged to apply:

Health Care

- Expertise in emerging practices related to (a) telehealth and (b) interface between psychology and technology.
- Background in business of practice, including: (a) health care-related billing and reimbursement and (b) record keeping/records information management.
- Familiarity with practice and professional affairs issues, including licensure and ethics.
- Background in child/adolescent/family practice, including developmental disorders, academic achievement, medical issues, trauma, and parenting concerns.
- Background, interest, or expertise in trauma psychology, including childhood trauma and adult trauma.
- Experience in the following practice settings: (a) integrated health care and (b) primary care.
- Background and expertise in the global burden of disease, health equity, and health promotion.
- Experiences in the advancement of health, wellness, and prevention topics, interventions, and population health strategies. Familiarity with community
- health settings and topics.

Forensic

- Background and experience in forensic practice.
- Familiarity with forensic topics, including psychology and the law, evaluation, consultation, expert testimony, risk assessment, justice involvement, courts, and court systems.
- Familiarity with issues related to child protection, parenting coordination, custody evaluations, and juvenile justice.

Due to the number of guidelines, projects, and consultancies under development at any given time, excellent leadership, facilitation, and/or project management knowledge, skills, and expertise are important. Well-developed research, presentation, writing, and editorial skills, as well as experience in guidelines development, are important assets to the Committee.

Self-nominations are welcome. Because COPPS seeks to develop guidelines that apply to a wide range of practice settings, populations, and professional roles, the Committee especially values the perspectives and insights of individuals from diverse backgrounds, including early career candidates,
those new to APA governance, psychologists practicing in rural areas, and individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds. COPPS seeks candidates who will enhance the diversity of the Committee broadly defined, including through their: racial/ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, economic background, areas of clinical expertise, experience with special populations, geographic location, and practice settings, including independent practice.

**Participation in COPPS requires a significant time commitment** including virtual meetings and conference calls, and virtual work that may require up to five (5) hours per month. In person meetings (typically one per year in Washington, DC) have been put on hold. *Committee members may not serve simultaneously on another APA standing or continuing board or committee. This does not include service on working groups or task forces.*

**The deadline for COPPS nominations is Thursday, October 1, 2020.** Please send nominations materials, including (1) Brief Statement of Interest (up to 150 word description of personal/professional qualifications) and (2) CV, along with an email confirming interest/willingness to serve, if selected, and current contact information to: Bethel Yeshiwas (byeshiwas@apa.org), Program Coordinator in the APA Practice Directorate. *(Note, nominators of other individuals are responsible for ensuring that candidates have confirmed interest and submitted materials by the deadline above.)*

**There are currently three (3) appointments available on COPPS for 3-year terms, beginning in January 2021.** COPPS will review nomination materials and forward its recommendations to BPA, which will select the new members on or after its Fall 2020 Meeting. All appointments are subject to review and approval by APA Board of Directors.

*APA is engaged in a process of transformation in accordance with the goals and objectives of APA’s Strategic Plan that sets APA’s organizational priorities for the next 3-5 years. To achieve significant impacts in priority areas, contributions across APA are needed - including those of APA boards and committees. Going forward, the expectation is that these will work in a cooperative and multi-disciplinary manner since no single group can achieve any goal in the strategic plan working individually. Given the importance of this approach to the Association’s strategic goals, APA encourages nominees to review the Strategic Plan [https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/impact-apa-strategic-plan.pdf](https://www.apa.org/about/apa/strategic-plan/impact-apa-strategic-plan.pdf) to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA’s success.***