Represent AP-LS on APA Boards and Committees!

One great way for AP-LS members to make sure AP-LS’ voice is heard within APA (and gain valuable leadership experience!) is to serve on APA boards and committees. To be eligible, you must be an APA member and apply through the APA Online Portal by March 6, 2020. The 2020 APA Board and Committee Call for Nominations form can be accessed at the following link: http://apps.apa.org/nominations/Default.aspx.

Which boards and committees have open nominations right now?

The groups for which this process applies are: the Finance Committee, Ethics Committee, Membership Board, Policy and Planning Board, Publications and Communications Board, Committee on International Relations in Psychology, Board of Educational Affairs, Board of Professional Affairs, Board of Scientific Affairs, Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Board of Convention Affairs, Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology, and the Committee on Rural Health. (** This does not apply to other committees such as the Committee on Legal Issues (COLI).**) 

Who can apply?

You must be an APA member (or APAGS member for student positions). We especially encourage early career professionals (ECPs) to apply! The 2020 APA Board and Committee Call for Nominations form can be accessed at the following link: http://apps.apa.org/nominations/Default.aspx. Self-nominations are welcome. You will need to login using your MyAPA account ID and password. If you haven’t yet registered for your MyAPA account or have forgotten your login ID or password, simply follow the instructions provided once you click on the link.

These elections run on slates. (Slating is taking a list of potential nominees and winnowing it down to about 2-4 individuals.) Members of the APA Council of Representatives then vote in the Fall. (Your voting representatives for 2020 will be Jason Cantone and Margaret Bull Kovera).

Please keep in mind that some of the positions (slates) have very specific requirements, so read before applying. For example, the Board of Scientific Affairs has three open slates, and you must fit within one to be considered:

Slate 1: Cognition/perception/memory/learning-psychological & neuroscientific approaches

Slate 2: Industrial-Organizational psychology/occupational health psychology/vocational psychology

Slate 3: Psychopharmacology/addictions

How can I learn more about a specific board or committee?

You are encouraged to reach out to the staff liaison(s) listed online for the specific board or committee you have questions about. Many of the boards and committees also list their members online, and you can reach out them about what it is like to serve. The list is available here: https://www.apa.org/about/governance/bdcmte/index.

If you have any questions about the election and nomination process, contact the Election Office at elections@apa.org or by phone at (202) 336-6087. You can also contact APA Council Representative for AP-LS Jason Cantone at jasoncantone@gmail.com with higher-level questions. (A special thank you for the APA Office of Early Career and Graduate Student Affairs for the above information.)