



WPS e-NEWS

February 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe February has already begun and we're in the second month of 2018. This is an important month for WPS members. The 2018 Election will open February 15th and members will have an opportunity to vote on new revised bylaws. Watch for an e-blast mid-month! Then later in February, it's time to **Get Involved in WPS!** The Call for Volunteers will open. Don't miss this chance to volunteer for a committee. You'll receive an email with all the details. You can sign up right online.

On February 24th, **CLM is celebrating its 10th Anniversary!** Be sure and join us. **Dr. Anita Everett, APA President**, will speak on Leadership, Ethics and Healthcare Systems.

And don't forget to renew your 2018 APA/WPS membership. APA gives a grace period until the end of March and then your membership will be suspended.

WPS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Board of Directors Election and Vote on Revised Bylaws - **February 15-March 15, 2018**

Call For Volunteers - **February 23-March 23, 2018**

Presidential Symposium - **April 14, 2018 (registration open soon!)**

Stay informed about all upcoming events through the [Calendar of Events](#) link. Note that you **MUST be logged in** as a member to see the full list.

New President-Elect for WPS

Before Christmas, Dr. Nancy Black, who was serving as President-Elect, resigned due to personal reasons. Following the procedures outlined in the WPS bylaws, Dr. Eindra Khin Khin, the WPS President, contacted Dr. Marilou Tablang-Jimenez, Chair of the Nominating Committee to identify candidates for President-Elect. The Nominating Committee over the following weeks approached a number of people about serving in the role. On January 12, 2018, Dr. Khin Khin called a special meeting of the Board to elect a new President-Elect. Mansoor Malik, MD, FAPA, was elected to serve the remainder of the 2017-2018 term and will become President on May 9, 2018. Dr. Malik had been serving as the Secretary of the WPS Board.

Board of Directors Holds First 2018 Meeting

The WPS Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2018 on Saturday, January 27th. The first order of business was the election of a new Secretary to replace Dr. Mansoor Malik who was recently elected President-Elect. The new Secretary is Dr. Uche Okoli, MD who will serve through May 2019.

Some of the meeting highlights include:

- Approval of the 2018 budget
- Approval of the slate of candidates for the 2018 election [Watch your email for ballot and voting information in mid-February]
- Review and approval of draft bylaw revisions to go before the membership later in February
- Review of the results of the 2017 Member Survey
- Decision to form the WPS Educational Foundation

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and transfer WPS members.

Margaret Hilder, MD
Alyson Kepple, MD
Brandon Kohrt, MD
Neda Kovacevic, MD
Solomon Meltzer, MD
Michael Moore, MD
Peter Nguyen, DO

Results of WPS 2017 Member Survey

Each year WPS conducts a Member Survey to gain feedback from the membership to help us guide the association over the next year.

111 members responded to the survey. CME programs, advocacy, ethics support and the WPS list serves were ranked the highest among the WPS programs or services offered to members. Click [here](#) to see more results from this survey.

The 2018 survey will be released in the fall of 2018. We look forward to your participation!

2017 DFAPA & FAPA Recipients Announced

Please join us in congratulating the following members:

DFAPA
Wilson Compton, MD
Ryan Shugarman, MDFAPA

FAPA
Todd Augustus, MD
Chandrika Balgobin, MD
Louis Beckman, MD
Hind Benjelloun, MD
Paul Bossie, MD
Tzvetelina Dimitrova, MD
Linda Fuller, MD
Elizabeth Greene, MD
Julie Klepper, MD
Eva Theodosiadis, MD
Lise Van Susteren, MD

ADVOCACY UPDATES

SMPS

A new firm, Public Policy Partners, is now serving as the SMPS lobbying firm.

The Maryland General Assembly is just four weeks into the legislative session, but it already has proven to be an intense legislation. There are reports that there will be a record number of bills introduced this session. This rush of bills is the result of it being an election year, as legislators want to demonstrate their commitment to constituents. For more details, click [here](#).

Northern Virginia Chapter

WPS and the Psychiatric Society of Virginia work together to make the voices of our members heard in the Virginia Assembly. James Pickral, our lobbyist, is actively monitoring a long list of legislation that could impact WPS members in Virginia. Click [here](#) to see the bill list and the status of current legislation.

DC Chapter

Joanne Dunne, WPS Executive Director, is now serving as the registered lobbyist for WPS and the DC Chapter.

APA NEWS

- APA released a new practice guideline on the Pharmacological Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder. This practice guideline provides evidence-based recommendations for the pharmacological treatment of alcohol use disorder. You can read the full guidelines and related materials [here](#).
- APA, along with America's Frontline Physicians, released a statement strongly urging the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to put patients first and reconsider its willingness to approve state waiver requests that would require patients to work in order to be eligible for Medicaid. You can read the joint statement by APA and America's Frontline Physicians on work requirements for Medicaid [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

- Heart Month (February)
- National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (Feb. 23 - Mar. 1)
- National Donor Day (Feb. 14)
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February Course of the Month | Managing Physician Burnout
Burnout is a syndrome characterized by depersonalization, emotional exhaustion and a sense of low personal accomplishment that leads to decreased effectiveness at work. This presentation addresses burnout among physicians, focusing on psychiatrists at different levels of training, and discusses strategies, methods, and programs to reduce burnout and promote resilience and wellness. Presented by Eva M. Szigethy, M.D., Ph.D. of the University of Pittsburgh. [Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#)

Learn about New MOC Part III Pilot Project

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) has released details about the optional Maintenance of Certification ("MOC") Part III Pilot Project, which is scheduled to begin in 2019. This pilot program is a journal article-based assessment activity designed as an optional alternative to the current secure, proctored 10-year MOC examination. Diplomates who do not wish to participate in the pilot program may continue to take the current 10-year MOC exam. You can find more details on ABPN's MOC Part III Pilot Project [here](#).

Get ready for MINDGAMES!

MINDGAMES, the APA's national residency team competition, is a fun way for residents to test their knowledge on patient care, medical knowledge, and psychiatric history while earning bragging rights for their program. Registration opens Jan. 28th for the preliminary qualification exam, which residents can complete Feb. 12-26. The top three teams will advance to the national MINDGAMES final competition at the APA Annual Meeting. Visit [MindGames](#) for more information.

Register for the 2018 APA Annual Meeting

Join us at this year's Annual Meeting in New York May 5-9, 2018. APA's Annual Meeting is the premier psychiatry event of the year. With over 450 educational sessions and courses, there is no better event to help you expand your knowledge, network, and meet certification and licensure requirements. Members receive a steep discount on registration. [Register here](#).

Renew your Commitment to APA for 2018 - Today!

As we enter 2018, we ask you to **renew your commitment** to your professional home for psychiatry - at the national level with APA and through your local District Branch. You may [renew online](#) or by calling 888-357-7924 to pay by phone or to schedule an installment payment plan. If you would prefer to receive a direct payment (no login required) via email, please send a request to membership@psych.org.

OTHER NEWS

- **Grand Rounds**
 - [GW School of Medicine & Health Sciences](#)
- Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis [calendar](#)
- 1st International Perinatal TOTAL Health Congress, in Sinaia, ROMANIA, **June 27-30 2018**. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Community Psychiatrist

Community Connections? Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program, is hiring progressive community psychiatrists who enjoy working with exceptionally vulnerable adults, especially Transition Aged Youth (18-30) and forensically involved adults within a program highly well-resourced in its staffing model.

Please [click here](#) to see the full listings.
