



Police Psychological Services Section Newsletter

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Points of Interest:

- Conference Agenda
- Social Event 2022
- Diversity Committee: Special Column
- Ethics Committee consultation process



Message from General Chair Gina Gallivan, PhD, ABPP

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the summer. It has been an honor serving the Section. As your Chair this year, I started two working groups. One group created guidelines for Annual Wellness Visits for police employees, which you will all have an opportunity to review and vote on at our next Section meeting in Dallas. The other group updated our IACP PPSS Peer Support Guidelines. I will share more about the work of these groups and formally acknowledge all of the dedicated people who contributed their time and expertise.

This year, I have also been working closely with the IACP Safety and Wellness Policy Council. It has been a pleasure working with the Policy Council Chair, Police Chief James Hicks. Under his leadership, we have forged closer bonds with the members from our Police Physician, Chaplains, and Human Resources Sections and we have worked on some exciting projects that I will also discuss at our meeting.

Please read on in the newsletter for an update from our current education chair, Dr. Oliver Stone. He has been working hard to put together an excellent program for us in October. Cerise Vablais has also been helping our section this year by bringing in new members as our membership chair. I am grateful for the support and guidance of my good friend, and our past Chair, Dr. Lewis Schlosser. He is a dedicated professional who has donated many years of his time and wisdom serving on our board. I appreciate his strong work ethic and leadership skills. I know the section will be in very good hands next year with Dr. Michael Bricker as our Chair. He is a progressive thinker with great ideas!

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage members to become more involved in section leadership. You are an outstanding group of professionals, and your participation would be greatly valued and appreciated! If you are interested, please reach out to any of our section colleagues who are serving, or have served on the board.

Be safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

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Vice Chair Update Michael Bricker, PhD

Greetings Everyone!

We are just a few months away from our first fully in-person IACP in several years, and we are delighted to welcome everyone back for a strong showing at the PPSS annual meeting during the 2022 IACP Annual Conference & Exposition. IACP regularly conveys how much they value and depend on our Section, so we hope you'll be able to make the trip this year to show your support and to attend an outstanding program while earning your CEs – all while getting to network and celebrate with our many colleagues!

As part of my role as Vice-Chair, it is my responsibility to organize our annual IACP PPSS Social Event. We recognize what an important year it is in showing IACP our support by making the trip to Dallas, and I'm happy to report that we have a very elegant and enjoyable evening in store. This year's social event will be held in the Governor's Ballroom at the beautiful Adolphus Hotel. It's an elegant and commanding space that should be a great venue for reconnecting with our colleagues and meeting new members who have joined our Section over the past few years. The Social will include a period of open bar with premium beverages, as well as a delicious dinner. We are even working on some live entertainment to help make the Social one to remember as we gather together to show our support for the Section and the important role it plays in the IACP.

In other happenings, as your Vice Chair, I've been spearheading a collaboration with the IACP Police Physicians Section in creating a seminal work for the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) on Assessing Transgender and Gender Diverse (TGD) Officers. The ACOEM Work Group is comprised of myself, several police physicians – including the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, as well as two transgender Officers. This has been an interesting and rewarding project to be a part of, and I've been very grateful for the assistance of several of our IACP PPSS psychologists who have been hard at work in a sub-workgroup we put together for developing the "Psychological Considerations" portion of the chapter. These include: Drs. Mariya Dvoskina, Deb Ontiveros, and Casey Stewart. Many thanks to them for their hard work in assisting with this important project!

Finally, as we look ahead to the coming year, it's time again to revise the IACP Consulting Psychologist Guidelines, so we are currently in the final stages of forming this important and timely Committee. In considering this project, I am reminded how critical our membership and work for the IACP is in informing standards for sound, ethical, best-practice in the field of police and public safety. As Chair of this revision Committee, I look forward to providing updates as the Committee completes its draft of important updates in this area. While the Committee membership is almost at capacity, if you are a member who is currently involved in operational support and/or consultation with LE agencies and are interested in being involved, I would welcome you to reach out ASAP to me at drbricker@psychologicaldimensions.com.

I look forward to seeing you all at IACP this year!

Sincerely, Michael



Membership Chair Update Cerise M. Vablais, MBA, PhD, ABPP

Greetings PPSS Section Members: It's been another unique and challenging year, and I know that we are all looking forward to FINALLY being back in person in Dallas after not seeing each other since 2019.

This year has continued to be a challenging year for law enforcement officers. Recruiting and retention have been even more challenging than in years past, and issues related to culturally competent policing remain at the forefront of the national conversation about the change in policing.

As members of the PPSS, I believe we are uniquely poised to assist police agencies with such challenges. For example, this year, several of our section members are on a workgroup dedicated to the challenges faced by the transgendered officer community. The Education Committee has selected several great presentations for our conference in October including a Monday morning session dedicated to police psychology in the post-COVID19 pandemic world.

To remain relevant to the IACP leadership as a whole, we must continue to proactively look for issues that need research and discussion. And we need to keep our section growing. Therefore, I would like to ask all of you to think about peers, employees, contractors, or students/trainees with whom they work, and to identify someone that they would consider assisting and mentoring into membership in the Section. We are eager to invite both early career and fully competent police and public safety psychologists to consider section membership.

Last year, Dr. Bricker proposed the formation of a "Meet a Member" hour at the conference scheduled for New Orleans. As we all know, the conference was cancelled; thus, I am hoping that we can hold the hour this year in Dallas. It will give non-section psychologists a chance to get to know us. This would involve recruiting a number of current members who are willing to attend an hour-long gathering at the conference where new section members, as well as prospective members attending the conference can meet and greet experienced PPSS members in the field. Currently, the structure of this would be similar to that of a speed-meeting format, where new/prospective members would sign-up and then be paired with several section members for 5-10 minute increments. It is hoped that this will allow for new and prospective members to more formally make introductions with several current members to help facilitate comfort and interest in building future connections and familiarity within our Section. If you would be interested in being a part of the upcoming "Meet a Member" hour at this year's conference, please email me at cvablais@psspc.net

In addition, if you'd be willing to mentor a prospective student or psychologist in preparing for application for Section membership, please e-mail me and I'd be happy to work with you (and them) to answer any questions about Membership and serve as a resource in any way I can.

Stay well, and hope to see you all in Dallas in October.



Education Chair Update Oliver R. Stone Ph.D.

Greetings Section members!

The Education Committee has been working hard to prepare for the IACP 2022 Annual Conference and Exposition. It's hard to believe it's almost been three years since we last convened in-person.

In all, the Education Committee received 64 workshop proposals and it was difficult to select those that ultimately will be presented at this year's conference. Thank you so much to those who submitted proposals!

The conference programming for our track includes workshops that address matters in each of our primary domains of practice and we anticipate that up to 13 continuing education credits will be available. The schedule of events will be released soon.

Many thanks to the members of the Education Committee for their contributions:

Stephanie B. McKenny, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair
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Shakera B. Ingram, Psy.D.
Jon H. Moss, Ph.D., ABPP
Mariya Dvoskina, Psy.D.
Medina Baumgart, Psy.D.

While time still remains to register for IACP 2022, I would encourage you to book your hotel accommodation now.

With respect to COVID-19, IACP Meeting and Event Safety Protocols will be in effect, which represent any state and local mandates that are in place. The IACP is continuing to monitor the situation with COVID-19 and the protocols seen via the link below are subject to change.

www.theiacpconference.org/health-and-safety-protocols/#site-navigation

More information about IACP 2022 may be found at www.theiacpconference.org

If you have any questions about the Education Committee or our efforts, please feel free to contact me (orstone@gmail.com) or Dr. Stephanie McKenny (smckenny@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you in Dallas in October!



**Immediate Past Chair
Lewis Schlosser, Ph.D., ABPP**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe, healthy, and enjoying the summer. I am looking forward to IACP in Dallas this fall, and I hope to see many of you in person for the first time in years.

Remember that they have both kinds of music in Dallas – country and western. □

As your Immediate Past Chair, I have been working with IACP to finalize two resources that were started during my year as Chair – these are (1) helping agencies deal with the death of an officer and (2) helping officers identify culturally competent mental health professionals. Hopefully these documents will be ready for distribution by the time of the IACP annual conference. It has also been my pleasure to provide support and advice to the Board as they pursue important work on behalf of our section.

This will be my last newsletter on the Board, so it is only fitting to look back on the last five years. It has been my honor to serve IACP and our section by being a member of the Executive Board. As the saying goes, the days are long, but the years are short. While the time has surely flown by, the experience and the memories will stay with me during my career. I am grateful to those section members whose service on the board overlapped with mine, but especially my colleague and friend, Dr. Gina Gallivan. She has been an amazing partner and colleague during my time on the board, and her leadership this year as our Chair has been outstanding.

I look forward to continuing to support our section and our profession. Let us all continue to serve our law enforcement leaders to the best of our abilities. See you in Dallas. Stay safe and healthy!

IACP PPSS Ethics Consultation Committee

Medina Baumgart, PsyD, ABPP
Chair, Ethics Consultation Committee

Thank you to those who have reached out to the Ethics Committee for consults this year. Our diverse group of committee members is available and ready to assist you with navigating an ethical dilemma, or tricky situation that you might be encountering in your practice or agency. You can submit your inquiries to drbaumgart@att.net. Your request will be de-identified and shared with committee members for their feedback. You will then receive an email response from the committee summarizing our thoughts and suggestions to help you navigate the issue(s). Response time is generally 2-3 days.

IACP PPSS Liaison

We are fortunate to have Andrea Watson as our IACP Staff Liaison for the Police Psychological Services Section. Please reach out to Andrea at watson@theiacp.org if you're having trouble accessing the section's Engage/IACP online community or have a question regarding IACP.

In addition to the Safety & Wellness Policy Council, Andrea also coordinates efforts for committees and sections in the National Security/Transnational Crime Policy Council.

IACP PPSS Diversity Committee

Maria Galmarini, Psy.D., ABPP
Chair, Diversity Committee

Established in 2017, the Diversity Committee strives to address matters that bridge policing and multiculturalism through engagement, education and resource development. The Committee specifically aims to assist the Section and the IACP in general when matters involving diversity, equity, and inclusion are encountered in the support of policing. Members of the Diversity Committee are selected by the Executive Board and generally serve a three-year term.

The current members of the committee are: Mariya Dvoskina, Psy.D.; Stephanie McKenny, Ph.D.; Carla Moore, Ph.D., LPC; Maria Galmarini, Psy.D., ABPP (Chair).

The Diversity Committee is preparing for the upcoming IACP 2022 Annual Conference and has also been busy putting together some upcoming diversity focused Watercooler Meetings that will be offered to all IACP members in the upcoming months. Information regarding the first Watercooler Meeting entitled Too Blue to be Black, too Black to be Blue: Supporting Officers of Color in your Agency, will be made available to all members soon.

The Diversity Committee welcomes all thoughts or feedback from any section members. Please feel free to contact us and consider joining our efforts in the future.

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