

## **AzPA Committee Volunteer Opportunities – Where do you fit in?**

Please check the committee of interest and return with your dues renewal or let us know via email.

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

This committee seeks ways to promote academic involvement in AzPA by providing means of communication, education and networking a mechanism for communication between the state university departments and AzPA, working to promote an understanding of the purposes and objectives of the association, fostering cooperative efforts toward attainment of common goals.

### **Student Affairs Committee**

The student committee seeks ways to promote student involvement in AzPA by providing means of communication, education and networking for all levels of students pursuing a degree in psychology. It also provides a mechanism for communication between the state university departments and AzPA, working to promote an understanding of the purposes and objectives of the association, fostering cooperative efforts toward attainment of common goals.

### **Business of Practice Network Committee**

This committee solicits, evaluates, and recognizes organizations for their efforts to foster employee health and well being while enhancing organizational performance and productivity. They are also responsible for presenting the award at AzPA's Annual Convention and distributing press releases, etc., to recognize the winning organization.

### **Communication & Information Committee**

This committee is responsible for the dissemination of information relative to psychology to the AzPA community and for providing information and services to members that are designed to enhance the practice of psychology.

### **Continuing Education Committee**

Responsible for the continuing education activities for the Association. These activities include the development of intermediate or advanced level professional workshops, securing speakers and reviewing evaluations. The committee also reviews applications submitted to AzPA for co-sponsored programs as well as articles and quizzes submitted for continuing education credit.

### **Convention Committee**

The selection of the program speakers, organization of the convention format, scheduling of activities and accompanying events, and publicity fall within the area of responsibility for this committee as does the solicitation of sponsors and exhibitors for the convention.

### **Disaster Response Committee**

A network of psychologists with training in disaster response who offer volunteer assistance to relief workers, victims, and victim's families after manmade or natural disasters make up this committee. The members of this committee coordinate their efforts with the American Red Cross on local, state and national levels and many are certified by the American Red Cross.

### **Early Career Psychologists Committee**

The goal of the committee is to provide access to speakers on the topics of professional identity, leadership, practice and career building, as well as opportunities for networking and information sharing.

### **Ethnic & Minority Affairs Committee**

Develops an ethnic minority student mentoring program and strengthen the existing psychologist referral base by making it possible for clients or self-referral to ethnic minority psychologists in their geographic areas.

### **Ethics Committee**

Responds in an educational, supportive, and consultative manner to inquiries (defined as questions concerning clarification and edification of ethical issues) by AzPA members. The committee commits to assisting AzPA members in making ethically informed decisions and to clarify any ethical consequences of their decisions.

### **GLBT Committee**

Keeps abreast of legal, ethical, cultural, and clinical information relevant to civil rights issues in general and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues in particular. Offering education and training to psychologists and other mental health providers, and promote public education and awareness regarding gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender concerns and issues.

### **Interprofessional Relations Committee**

Maintains contact with like committees of the state organizations of psychiatrists, social workers, and/or other related disciplines when such committees exist. They coordinate and facilitate the contacts of local interdisciplinary committees with their counterparts from the various disciplines throughout the state.

### **Legislative Committee**

Keeps abreast of current trends in legislative action that affect psychologists. Responsible for reviewing and monitoring legislation introduced before the legislature, directly interacts with legislators to explain the role of psychology, to appear before committee hearings, and to intercede with other professional organizations as necessary to explain the relationships of psychology and allied professions.

### **Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee identifies persons qualified for membership in the Arizona Psychological Association and develops methods and procedures to encourage such identified persons to join and remain members of the Association. They are also responsible for developing letters, brochures, and other membership tools that can be used in membership recruitment and retention efforts.

### **Political Action Committee**

Provides the opportunity for members and staff of the Arizona Psychological Association interested in the future of the profession of psychology to contribute to the support of worthy candidates for Arizona statewide and local public offices who believe, and have demonstrated their beliefs, in the principles to which the profession is dedicated. To further this purpose, the Committee is empowered, within the legal parameters of Arizona law, to solicit and accept voluntary personal contributions and to make expenditures in connection with the attempt to influence the selection, nomination, or election of any qualified individual to any Arizona statewide or local office.

### **Public Education**

Seeks opportunities to increase the visibility of psychology in the community and to provide accurate information concerning psychology and psychologists to the public. They encourage appropriate contacts with the public news media for the purpose of dispensing accurate information concerning the Arizona Psychological Association. They also write and release appropriate statements concerning psychology and psychologists to the Arizona news media.

### **Rural Psychology Committee**

This committee provides a dedicated listserv and other opportunities for those practicing in rural areas throughout the state to enhance communication, networking, problem solving practice issues, referrals, etc., specific to the rural practice setting. They also explore and identify ways to develop and establish psychological services as a mental health services focal point for the general area through a central agency, (hospital, school, rural fire services), and ways to forge relationships with state and other agencies to gain underwriting resources where now there are none.

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