

# **Advocacy Coordinating Committee**

Call for Nominations

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Nominations are sought for the **Advocacy Coordinating Committee (ACC)**. It consists of no less than 12 members serving 3-year terms. Four new ACC member appointments will begin on January 1, 2026 and end December 31, 2028. Nominations may originate from individuals (including self-nominations), APA boards and committees, APA divisions, and state, provincial and territorial psychological associations (SPTAs).

#### Committee Mission

The ACC is responsible for evaluating and recommending to the Board of Directors annual <u>advocacy priorities</u> with respect to impact on both the discipline of psychology and the professions of psychologists in scientific, educational, public interest, health service practice and applied practice settings. Within APA/APA Services' integrated c3/c6 advocacy model, the ACC is responsible for developing a highly inclusive and transparent input process that recognizes the importance of both long-term advocacy goals, and the need for agility in carrying out advocacy priorities in a fast-paced political environment.

# Committee's Charge per the APA Services Bylaws

"...There shall be an Advocacy Coordinating Committee (ACC) whose responsibility shall be to evaluate and prioritize advocacy goals with respect to impact on both the discipline of psychology and the professions of psychologists in scientific, educational, public interest, health service practice and applied practice settings. ACC shall consist of no fewer than 12 members who shall broadly represent all aspects of the Corporation's diverse membership including disciplinary focus, demographic diversity, student membership, and members at all career stages, and in various employment settings. The members of the ACC shall be chosen by the Board of Directors based on a nominating process set forth in rules adopted by the Board of Directors that are designed to achieve the representational goals set forth in this paragraph..."



### **Nominee Qualifications**

- The Board of Directors is seeking a balanced ACC that broadly represents all aspects of APA's membership including disciplinary focus, geographic diversity, diversity of career stage (including student membership) and various employment settings.
- Policy or advocacy experience, as well as experience in APA/APA Services governance, divisions and/or SPTAs, are desired.
- Members of the APA Council of Representatives are eligible to serve concurrently on the ACC, but members of other APA and APA Services boards and committees may not serve concurrently on the ACC.
- The Board of Directors is seeking individuals with creative problem-solving expertise in different advocacy settings to advance the association's priorities, including Congress, Federal agencies, state government, local government, community organizations, private industry and more.
- Members should be constituents of the U.S. Congress (reside in a district or state represented by a member or delegate of the United States Congress).

# Responsibilities

- Members of the ACC are expected to attend all called meetings of the whole committee and actively participate in at least one of the ACC's subcommittees as well as review proposed APA Council of Representatives New Business Items (NBI).
- It is anticipated that the committee will have at least one in-person meeting in Washington, DC, and bi-monthly virtual meetings (on the Second Wednesday of the Month).
- ACC members will be invited to actively participate and travel to at least one APA Advocacy event annually (which may include Advocacy Summits, trainings, or Psychology PAC events).
- ACC members are expected to keep abreast of significant advocacy developments and initiatives through the review and sharing of periodic updates. Members are encouraged to share advocacy goals across platforms and social media and respond to action alerts.
- ACC members may be asked to serve as a liaison to various APA governance groups.



#### How to Apply

Nominees must be members, graduate student affiliates of APA, or non-psychologists with relevant state advocacy or leadership experience. Each nomination must be thoroughly completed and accompanied by the required supporting documents as outlined below.

- Curriculum vitae
- Brief statement of interest (max 200 words)

Application portal [under APA Services Inc. tab]: https://nomination.apa.org

APA is engaged in a process of transformation, placing a greater emphasis on making an impact that clearly benefits society and improves lives. In February 2024, the Council of Representatives adopted a revised strategic plan that sets APA's organizational priorities for the next three to five years. Boards and committees are working in an integrated, collaborative, and multi-disciplinary manner since no single board or committee can achieve any of the plan's objectives on their own. Given the importance of this approach to the Association's strategic priorities, APA encourages nominees to review the strategic plan to become familiar with the larger context in which their expertise and interests will contribute to APA's success.

Further information regarding the Advocacy Coordinating Committee may be found at https://www.apaservices.org/advocacy/governance.

Questions may be directed to Andrew Ferreira, Director of Governance and Operations, at aferreira@apa.org.

Please read all questions carefully and answer as completely as possible. Required information is marked with an asterisk and must be completed in order for your nomination to be considered. Your application must be "Submitted as Final" by 11:59pm (EDT) on September 2, 2025.