



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring! The 2018 election results are in and we want to congratulate the 2018-2019 Board of Directors ([click here](#) to view the new leadership) who will take office on May 9, 2018. Mansoor Malik, MD, FAPA, current President-Elect, will assume the position of WPS President on that date. In addition, the revised bylaws were approved by the members. [Click here](#) to see the bylaws.

This year, we are trying something new! Stay tuned to learn more about a special CME Series that we will offer for the first time. This is an opportunity to take advantage of educational workshops at a significant savings! [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

I was pleased to attend and talk with members at the DC Chapter Spring Happy Hour on March 29, 2018. We plan to have many more of these networking events.

The final WPS Board Meeting of the 2017-2018 term is scheduled on April 23, 2018. A huge thank you to Dr. Eindra Khin Khin for her outstanding leadership this past year.

Enjoy April - whatever the weather!

WPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The WPS CLM Program received **Honorable Mention** for the **APA 2018 Assembly District Branch Best Practice Award**. The WPS Career, Leadership and Mentorship Program was established 10 years ago in 2008 under the leadership of Eliot Sorel, MD, DFAPA. The mission of the program is to identify and provide role models for various career pathways, including academic research, clinical, policy and others. CLM also facilitates and nurtures organizational leadership opportunities and mentors with clarity, consistency, continuity and care.



The March for Our Lives, a multigenerational, hope inspiring civic event, was held in Washington, DC on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Eliot Sorel, MD and former WPS President and his wife, Christiane, participated.



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ADVOCACY UPDATES

DC Chapter

Departmental budget hearings are currently underway in the District. The Department of Behavioral Health will testify during the budget oversight hearing by the Committee on Health which is scheduled for April 23, 2018. WPS is working in collaboration with other organizations, including the Behavioral Health Association of DC, to monitor the discussions.

Northern Virginia Chapter

Virginia lawmakers returned to Richmond on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 for a special session which will focus on the state budget and the Medicaid program for the poor. The legislature is required by law to pass a budget, but they failed to pass a spending plan earlier this year during the regular legislative session because of disagreements over Medicaid expansion. Several GOP lawmakers now support expanding the state's healthcare program for the poor to about 400,000 adults after years of opposition. However, most Republicans still oppose Medicaid expansion and its chances of passage are unclear. The budget session is expected to last weeks, but the Wednesday session will deal with procedural moves for the most part.

SMPS

The 2018 legislative session officially ended on April 9th and we look forward to sharing a final report with members later this month. In the meantime, there are several updates on bills that SMPS has prioritized in recent weeks. This includes legislation to ensure that individuals who have been certified for involuntary admission are not prematurely released from an emergency facility before an inpatient bed becomes available; and legislation establishing a behavioral health crisis services fund with an annual appropriation of \$8 million by 2023.

In addition, legislation affecting the PDMP has been a top priority. SMPS is collaborating with other providers in negotiating amendments on a bill that would send certain PDMP cases for further investigation. SMPS is focused on ensuring that there is due process for prescribers.

Finally, SMPS has been working with stakeholders on a bill that permits a petitioner to seek an "Extreme Risk Prevention Order" to prevent an individual determined to pose an immediate and present danger to self or others from possessing firearms. SMPS is focused on ensuring that during these proceedings, psychiatrists would not be required to produce medical records or other health information without a court order.

[Click here](#) to see a report from **Roger Peele, MD, DLFAPA, APA Board of Trustees, Area 3 Member Representative** on the **March 2018 APA Board of Trustee meeting**.

APA NEWS

- APA celebrated the opening of its new Washington, D.C., headquarters at a grand opening ceremony March 16 attended by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, APA leadership and other friends of the organization. The new APA offices include a rare books room, a member lounge and art installations highlighting the history of psychiatry in the United States. You can read more about APA's Grand Opening event [here](#).
- APA released a statement in support of the March for Our Lives event, which took place on Saturday, March 24 in Washington, D.C. The event was created and led by students from all over the country to protest mass shootings in our nation's schools and call for common sense gun regulation. You can read APA's statement [here](#).
- APA issued a statement reiterating its strong opposition to a ban on transgender personnel in the U.S. Military after a White House memo stated that transgender Americans are prohibited from serving except in special circumstances. The statement is based on an extant APA policy passed in 2012, which holds that transgender people do not by definition have a mental disorder, and therefore suffer no impairment in their judgement or ability to work. You can read APA's statement [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

- Autism Awareness Month (April)
- Autism Awareness Day (Apr. 2)
- Alcohol Awareness Month (April)
- National Minority Health Month (April)
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (April)
- National Child Abuse Awareness Month (April)
- World Health Day (Apr. 7)

Course of the Month - Cannabinoids and Psychosis
Cannabis has been used as a therapeutic agent for millennia and was part of the U.S. pharmacopeia until the 20th century. Recent progress in understanding neurobiology of the endocannabinoid signaling system has provided an improved scientific basis for examining the mechanisms of therapeutic action of the cannabinoids. This presentation reviews the endocannabinoid system and discusses the potential benefits of cannabidiol. Presented by Mohini Ranganathan, M.D. of the Yale School of Medicine. <http://apapsy.ch/member-apr18>.

50 Percent Off to Members - Study Guide for the Psychiatry Board Examination Q-Bank
Psychiatrists and residents preparing for the psychiatry board examination are faced with the important-but perhaps overwhelming-task of refreshing their knowledge of the whole of psychiatric practice, typically while remaining engaged in full-time clinical activity. This online exam tool will allow the participant to identify areas of strength and weakness, initiate further study, and test and retest knowledge, ultimately preparing for the examination. <http://apapsy.ch/board-review-study-guide>.

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 more than 450 educational sessions and courses, there is no better event to help you expand your knowledge, network and meet certification and licensure requirements. Online-only Late-Advance Registration rates continue until May 3. Members receive a steep discount on registration. [Register here](#).

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MEMBERSHIP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and transfer WPS member(s):

Shahbaz Khan

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OTHER NEWS

- 25th International Symposium on Current Issues and Controversies in Psychiatry** that will be held in **Barcelona, Spain, in April 19-21, 2018**, focus on "Complexity in Psychiatry". **Note: There is a 10% discount on registration to all active WPS members; use code XTVDYJQP.** [Click here](#) for more information.
- Grand Rounds**
 - [GW School of Medicine & Health Sciences](#)
 - Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis [calendar](#).
- The Renfrew Center - Professional Seminar in Washington, DC. The seminar will be held from 7:30AM - 1:15PM on May 16, 2018 at the Churchill Hotel near Embassy Row and is titled "**Feasting, Fasting and Eating Disorders in the Jewish Community**". In the workshop is a continental breakfast, as well as **5 CE credits**. For more information, [click here](#).
- 1st International Perinatal TOTAL Health Congress, in Sinaia, ROMANIA, **June 27-30 2018.** [Click here](#) for more information.
- International Conference on Psychiatry and Psychological Disorders, June 28-29, 2018, Dublin, Ireland.** To submit your abstract, [click here](#).
- The Food Research & Action Center and AARP Foundation have released a free online course, "[Screen & Intervene: Addressing Food Insecurity Among Older Adults.](#)"

CLASSIFIEDS

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Office space that will be coming available this summer. It is a large, pleasant office suite, with excellent soundproofing, and a private waiting room. Also a reserved parking space for the therapist. Heat and air-conditioning are available to use 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is located on upper northwest Connecticut Ave, on the first floor of a mixed use residential condominium building. It has a 24 hour, seven day a week receptionist at the entrance to the building. The building is in residential area with 2 hour, free street parking readily available for patients to use. Public transportation is accessible. Restaurants and shopping within a few blocks from the office. The office is available for use on evenings and weekends, as well as during the regular workdays. Please call Barry Landau at (202) 362-8625 or via email at barrylandau@verizon.net.

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