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Issues Statement
2008 for Inclusion with Ballot

The APA President has three broad roles and responsibilities.

First, the president must **be a competent leader with a vision for psychology** that brings us together to build on our strengths in order to create a strong future for all psychologists.

Second, the president must be **someone who has helped advance** Psychology and can represent, and speak knowledgably with the various “communities of interest” within psychology.

Third, the president must be **an advocate for psychology** --- our spokesperson on broad national issues impacting the future of all psychologists and someone who understands psychology’s importance internationally.

My accomplishments, presented in my Biographical Statement, highlight my leadership strengths and successes in these three areas and point to my vision for our future.

I have the experience to advocate on behalf of psychology’s role in universal healthcare, seeking adequate reimbursement, funding for science, support for quality, competency-based education & training, and serve as your spokesperson on the national and international stage.

Presidential Initiative

As APA President my theme will be ***Celebrating our Past, Enjoying our Present, and Building our Future: Educating Psychologists for Science, Practice and Serving the Public.***

My goal is to bring together the many communities of interest within the *Family of Psychology* to collaboratively build the best future we can build for Psychology and the world. The President has a unique opportunity to be a true catalyst to help make that happen.

How will I do that? By linking our collective pasts and caring for ourselves today, we can better work together to develop our shared vision for a strong future.

To Celebrate our Past, we will work together to build an **online family tree** illustrating how all Psychologists are interrelated. This will bring us together to celebrate our collective past and rediscover our common roots. This will be a shared, entertaining activity launched at our annual convention.

To Enjoy our Present, I will appoint a Task Force on “Ensuring Healthy Psychologists: **Balancing Work and Personal Life.**” We will gather data on the lives of psychologists and then disseminate information and recommendations to help each of us review our own day-to-day stressors, including the impact of healthcare financing, the pressures of promotion & tenure, and balancing personal life & family with work demands. Our goal

will be to provide helpful information focused on how to make our lives, as psychologists, as enjoyable and healthy as we can.

To Build Psychology's Future, we must reinforce APA's commitment to ***strong psychological science as the foundation of professional practice and service to our nation and the world***. I will appoint a Task Force on "**Public Health and Health Policy: Opportunities for Psychologists in Research, Practice, Advocacy, and Public Service.**" We will highlight Psychology's contributions to basic & applied science underlying future professional practice and public-service opportunities within public health including the workplace. Broad in scope, this theme unites our future and addresses educating the next generation of psychologists about public health including research and funding opportunities as scientists, practice expansion opportunities, and the importance of service to public to assure we are contributing to the health of our broader community. www.rozenskyforapapresident.com/presiniatives.htm

Issues Impacting All Psychologists

As APA President I will assure that important issues shaping our future are front-and-center in the work of our Association:

- **Psychology and Education**
 - APA must continue advocating for quality education in Psychology from high school through life-long, professional development in practice and basic & applied science.
 - We must assure:
 - Better understanding of current "workforce" issues in psychology throughout the education, training, and career "pipeline;"
 - Increased funding for education and training;
 - Commitment to competency-based education;
 - Use of technology to enhance learning;
 - Relevant continuing education for license renewal and lifelong learning;
 - Limiting government regulations threatening academic freedom;
 - Diversity and global competency are understood, valued, and encouraged throughout all Psychology.
- **Psychology and Practice**
 - Psychology's inclusion in "universal healthcare" depends upon successfully educating the public and government & industry's decision-makers about how psychological services *across the lifespan* are key to a healthy population and decreased healthcare costs.
 - Health Service Psychologists must be prepared to:
 - Use assessment skills within an "evidence-based healthcare system" that is moving towards "pay for performance;"
 - Expand our scope of practice and services in both institutional and independent practice;

- Work to enhance reimbursement rates,
- Be “culturally competent” providers within an increasingly diverse population;
- Be public health leaders: improving health, preventing illness, managing chronic conditions.
- Applied Scientific Psychologists must be prepared to:
 - Collaborate across psychology in order to maximize our value to organizations;
 - Develop “international practice” in applied scientific psychology & consultation.
- **Psychology and Science**
 - My Presidential year will highlight the interrelatedness of our individual scientific heritages while focusing on the science underlying psychologists’ expanding roles in research and practice in public health.
 - We will
 - Recognize programs representing “best practices” in scientific psychology;
 - Celebrate our colleagues in the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, etc;
 - Work toward needed, national IRB reform;
 - Protect peer review for research grant funding.
 - Current times demand research that translates into evidence-based practice *and* is useful in formulating public policy.
 - My Presidential initiatives will weave these themes together highlighting the scientific strengths of Psychology and reinforcing APA’s scientific agenda.
- **Psychology and The Public**
 - APA must expand its Public Education Campaigns, Congressional Fellowship Programs, and overall "media footprint" as a science and profession.
 - We must:
 - Educate the public about the breadth of Psychology;
 - Go beyond "pop-press" images of Psychology to communicate that psychological principles underlie all domains of the human condition;
 - Demonstrate how Psychologists should advise leaders on crucial issues like foreign policy, economics, global warming, education, workplace performance, and public health including quality-of-life, longevity, safety (see *Healthy People 2010*);
 - Assure policy-makers understand:
 - effect-sizes for psychological treatments equal those in Medicine;
 - current scientific findings inform our practices;
 - investment in research *and* service yields high returns.

I would be honored to serve as APA President.

I look forward to working with all of you to build the strongest future we can build for *all* Psychology.

I ask for your support and your #1 vote. (www.RozenskyforAPAPresident.com)

Thank you!

