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Dear Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN) Colleague,

Enclosed, please find our annual mailing to members. This is a means for us to communicate important information to you, particularly those of you who do not receive our Neuroblast emails.

1. **APA CONVENTION – START PLANNING NOW:** The 124th Annual APA Convention will be August 4th – 7th, 2016, in Denver! SCN hopes to see you there.
2. In this mailing, you will find important information about the Apportionment Ballot, Officer nominations, Fellows nominations, and our Early Career Award. Also included is a call for nominations for a Commission on Ethics Processes, issued by APA.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about SCN activities. I would love to hear from you and welcome your input.

Sincerely,

Amy Jak, PhD
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October 1, 2015

Dear Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN) Members:

In a few weeks you will receive an *apportionment ballot* from APA. This is the method that determines division and state representation on APA's Council of Representatives. You will be provided with 10 votes for allocation, and ***I strongly encourage you to allocate ALL of your votes for SCN/Division 40 (or at least 6/10) so that clinical neuropsychology can maintain its strong representation in the APA Council.***

Although various issues confront our field as a whole, we know that reimbursement for assessment and treatment services is one area that we can all agree demands more attention from APA, along with other issues related to specialty practice. Apportionment of ballots is the way that we get neuropsychology's voice at the table. Representation by APA on national healthcare issues is one of the biggest ways we have of influencing the process, and the number of representatives to council we have is essential to effective influence. Our council members have been doing an excellent job representing our interests, but there is indeed strength in numbers, and SCN is well-positioned to gain a better foothold within APA. I strongly urge you to allocate your votes for SCN/Division 40 to maintain and hopefully increase our representation within APA. Remember, *every vote counts!*

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer J. Vasterling". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Jennifer J. Vasterling, PhD

President, Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40), American Psychological Association

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN) Elections Committee requests your input on the nomination of candidates for election to the SCN offices of President-Elect and Member-at-Large. The nomination of candidates is one of the most important rights of citizenship in SCN and you are urged to participate in this process.

According to the 1997 Division 40 Bylaws Revision, “All persons receiving nominations for an office from 1% or more of the membership... will be included on the ballot if qualified in accordance with these Bylaws and Division Policies and Procedures.” As of October 2015, there were 3,555 voting members of our division. Therefore, an individual must be nominated by at least 35 voting members to be placed on the 2015 ballot. Self-nominations are permitted.

In accordance with Division policy (2014 Bylaws Revision), all nominations must be made on this form to be counted. No fax transmissions will be considered valid, Nominations can now be received by hard copy mail or electronic mail.

President-Elect: _____

Member-at-Large: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Council Representative: _____

Please return your completed nomination ballot, **postmarked or emailed by January 15, 2016.** Remember to print and sign your name on the envelope if sending via hard copy mail.

Nominations should be emailed to:

Amy Jak, Ph.D. at ajak@ucsd.edu

or mailed to:

Amy Jak, Ph.D.
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You do not need to return this form if you are not nominating any candidates.

Nominations for Fellows Society for Neuropsychology (SCN)/Division 40

Nomination to become an APA Fellow is an honor that recognizes evidence of unusual and outstanding contribution to or performance in the field of psychology that has had impact beyond a local, state, or regional level (i.e., national or international impact). Election as a Fellow as an honor not only for the individual but for the Division as well, and we welcome the nomination of outstanding division members for this distinction who have made substantial contributions to the field of neuropsychology.

Criteria: Evidence of unusual and outstanding contributions in the field of neuropsychology may be demonstrated in diverse ways reflecting the diversity of career and practice roles performed by neuropsychologists. Supporting letters and the candidate's self-statement should clearly and specifically identify the candidates' unusual and outstanding qualifications that have advanced the field, and should not be summary statements about the candidate's general competency. Examples of contributions in Clinical Neuropsychology of interest to the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Supporting specialty recognition through board certification in Neuropsychology (e.g., ABPP/ABCN)
- A record of scientific and/or clinical accomplishments published in respected peer reviewed journals
- Authorship or editorship of a major psychology textbook(s)
- Federal grant support
- Senior level lectureships/invited presentations
- Journal editorial or reviewer responsibilities
- Elected and volunteer positions in professional or academic organizations
- Evidence of outstanding teaching and/or innovation in clinical neuropsychology
- History of mentorship of students and early career colleagues
- Development of innovative therapeutic applications
- Other evidence of outstanding contributions that have a national or international impact

Nominations of Initial Fellows: The nomination procedure for an SCN member applying for Fellowship is outlined on the division website listed at the end of this notice. Application requires the completion of a "Uniform Fellow Blank," which is available on the SCN website. A minimum of three endorsement letters are required, preferably from current APA Fellows who can address the nominee's accomplishments in the area of neuropsychology. Other requisite supporting materials include a current vita, a listing of the nominee's publications with "R" for refereed indicated, and the nominee's self-statement setting forth the accomplishments that warrant Fellow status in SCN. SCN strongly encourages women and minority members to apply for Fellowship.

Nominations of Current Fellows: APA Members who are already Fellows in other Divisions may also become Fellows in SCN/Division 40. The same nomination materials as are required for initial fellow appointments must be submitted, Nominees should demonstrate their specific accomplishments in the area of neuropsychology.

Submission of Materials: All nomination materials should be completed and submitted to the Division's Fellowship Committee Chair listed below (not APA Central Office) by December 1st, preferably as electronic pdf or Word files. Those nominees supported by the SCN Fellows Committee will be forwarded to the APA Fellows Committee for consideration. Successful nominations are announced in August the

following year after the APA annual meeting. Nomination materials can be obtained from the APA website listed below.

D40 Fellows url: http://www.div40.org/Committee_Activities_Pages/fellows.htm

APA Fellow Forms url: <http://www.apa.org/membership/fellows/index.aspx>

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Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (APA Division 40) Early Career Award

The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN/DIV 40) is accepting applications for the ***Robert A. and Phyllis Levitt Early Career Award in Neuropsychology***. Eligible candidates are APA member psychologists who have received their doctoral degree within the past ten years. The winner of this award will have made a distinguished contribution to neuropsychology in research, scholarship, and/or clinical work.

Application requirements: The applicant must submit: (1) a nomination letter authored by a member of SCN/DIV 40 and (2) a supporting letter from a nationally-known neuropsychologist (both letters should comment upon the candidate's work and its impact on the field); (3) a CV; (4) three supporting documents that provide evidence of national/international recognition (e.g., major publications, research grants, documentation of clinical or teaching techniques, a treatment protocol); and (5) a personal statement no longer than 500-words which describes professional accomplishments, long-term goals, and future challenges and directions in the field of neuropsychology.

Application procedure: The applicant should submit all materials in a single pdf file via e-mail to Michael Basso, Chair, SCN/Div 40 Awards Committee, at michael-basso@utulsa.edu.

Application deadline: November 15th, 2015

Award: The awardee will receive \$1,000 and will be offered the opportunity to give an address at the 2016 APA Convention in Denver.



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APA COMMISSION ON ETHICS PROCESSES: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As one critical response to the Independent Review, APA is forming a Commission on Ethics Processes. We are inviting nominations of psychologists and non-psychologists to serve on this Commission.

The APA Council approved the establishment of a Commission to evaluate and recommend changes to APA's ethics processes (e.g., educative and adjudicative functions; potential conflicts in human rights considerations; assessment of current policies, practices and procedures of the Ethics Office). Further, the Commission will also be charged with benchmarking APA's Ethics Office processes with the ethics processes of other professional associations.

The Commission will be comprised of 12 members, including two co-chairs. Six of the members will be psychologists, including both members and non-members of APA. The remaining six members will come from related disciplines such as medicine, law, science, human rights, and bioethics.

The Commission is expected to begin its work in January, 2016 and conclude its work by May 31, 2016 in time for the APA Board and Council Leadership Team to review the findings and recommendations before the August 2016 Council meeting, during which time the report and recommendations will be presented to the Council. Commission members will be expected to participate in monthly conference calls and two face-to-face meetings in Washington DC. Travel expenses will be covered by APA.

Please nominate (or self-nominate) psychologists and non-psychologists who have substantial subject matter expertise in one or more of the following areas:

1. Ethics experience (e.g., experience on a state licensing board, state or national ethics committee)
2. Related professional ethics experience (e.g., teaching, publications)
3. Ethics philosophy and pedagogy
4. International ethics
5. Science, bioethics, healthcare
6. Legal issues and implications of ethical standards

Nominations of individuals who will enhance the diversity of the Commission are encouraged. Particular attention will be given to diversity in the areas of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and career stage (students, early career, mid-career, late career). Additionally, attention will be given to applicants with expertise in the areas of advocacy specific to Independent Review concerns such as human rights, investigation and/or adjudication, institutional review, group

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dynamics, expert testimony, and impaired professionals. Finally, attention will be given to the diversity of Commission members' work settings (e.g., institutional practice, consulting, forensic practice, military experience, independent practice, Industrial/Organizational).

Individuals who self-nominate should provide the following materials:

- Letter indicating willingness to serve if appointed
- Brief statement of expertise and qualifications related to the criteria described above
- Current curriculum vitae.

If you are nominating another individual, please send full contact information for that individual to Katherine Nordal, Ph.D. (knordal@apa.org) so that the individual can be contacted regarding information that needs to be submitted for the nominations process. Additional endorsements of nominees from other individuals or groups are not expected or encouraged.

Nominees' materials will be reviewed initially by a group composed of 3 members of the Ethics Subcommittee of the APA Board of Directors, 3 members of the Council Leadership Team, and the chair and vice-chair of the APA Ethics Committee. The group will be chaired by the Board Ethics Subcommittee chair. A final list of candidates will be submitted to the Board of Directors and the Council Leadership Team for selection and appointment to the Commission. The co-chairs of the Panel will be appointed by the 2015 APA President.

The deadline for applications is October 23, 2015. Application materials should be submitted to Katherine Nordal, PhD, the interim Executive Director for Ethics. Materials should be submitted electronically at knordal@apa.org. Please call (202) 336-5913 in the event of questions regarding the Panel or difficulties regarding email transmissions.

Please feel free to forward this call to those whom you believe might be interested in serving.