

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY CONNECTIONS

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THE CURRENT STATE OF ASD EVALUATIONS IN ALABAMA

Statewide Survey Results

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HOW ONE ALABAMA DISTRICT IS APPROACHING ASD
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

April 1 8:30-3:00 -The Tennessee Assoc of School Psych (TASP) Spring Virtual Conference -Use the code **TASPfriend** to get member pricing.

This Spring we are introducing a new PD series of Virtual Lunch n' Learns called *Connections Café*.

Please join us once a month for lunch, making connections, and free Professional Development:

-March 17 Connections Café - 12-1:15 via Zoom

-April 14 - Connections Café - 12-1:15 via Zoom

-May 12 - Connections Café- 12-1:15 via Zoom-

Special guest Dr Dana Boccio/Ethics

*Be on the lookout for communication from your Regional Rep for Spring Regional professional activities.

ETHICS

New Ethics Support & Grievance System

AASP is fully committed to conducting all activities in strict conformance with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Standards.

While AASP goes to great lengths to assure fair treatment for all participants and attempts to anticipate problems, there will be occasional issues which come to the attention of the Association which require intervention and/or action on the part of the AASP Ethics Committee & AASP Executive Board. We are introducing AASP's new *Ethics Support & Grievance System*. Click [here](#) to seek support or consultation from the AASP Ethics Committee, or if you are needing to file an Ethics Grievance.

WE NEED YOU!

THE **GPR COMMITTEE** IS LOOKING FOR SOME ADDITIONAL GPR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT AMEET BOSMIA AT ANBOSMIA@GMAIL.COM .

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER- WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT MICHELFELDER AT SMICHELFELDER@GMAIL.COM

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE - WE PLAN TO PUT OUT THIS NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY AND WE NEED HELP. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE CORCORAN AT CORCORAN@UAB.EDU.

ETHICS COMMITTEE - HELP SERVE AS AN ADVISOR AND RESOURCE FOR ETHICAL ISSUES. IF INTERESTED, CONTACT ALISON MITCHEL AT ALISTAFFORD1@GMAIL.COM

RESEARCH COMMITTEE - HELP US TO VET RESEARCH REQUESTS AND DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS FOR PARTICIPATION. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT JODI WILLIAMS AT WILLIAMSJODI@PICKENS.K12.AL.US

AASP BOARD 2022 GOALS:

•**Professional Competency**-

Set up an intern mentoring network, establish an Ethics Committee, and establish an Ethics Support & Grievance System

•**Advocacy**-

Increase awareness of school psychology-educate the decision makers (principals, legislators), NCSP parity, recruit more GPR committee members

•**Diversity**-

Conduct a member survey, Use SAFE-R tool with Board and members,

•**Member Services**-

conduct a member survey, Increase rookie academy efforts, establish scholarships, post minutes & announce meetings on website, Develop a quarterly newsletter

•**Operational Excellence**-

Build awareness of Board activities- Meet your Board Members on Social media, spotlight members

•**External Rel &**

Communication - participate in SPAW week & National Children's Mental Health Day activities, Bring Regional Meetings back & provide more funding for them

AASP BOARD UPDATE

The AASP Board met for the Winter meeting on January 15, 2022. You can find the official minutes from the meeting on the AASP website. Highlights from the meeting included that the Board took the Self-assessment for Associations to Foster Excellence (SAFE-R), which assesses association's operational effectiveness by reviewing common strategies, processes, and structures used in organizational planning. From the results of the SAFE-R, the Board developed goals for 2022 organized around the areas of Professional Competency, Advocacy, Diversity, Member Services, and Operational Excellence, and External Relations and Communications. You have probably noticed some of the efforts toward these goals such as this newsletter, the new ethics system, and efforts to increase awareness of Board activities. We will soon be conducting a Member Survey and would truly appreciate your participation.

Another highlight from the Winter Board meeting was discussion about the long-standing Mid-South agreement that has been held with Tennessee and Mississippi. The Mid-South agreement has dissolved and AASP will be moving forward independently. As we move forward we plan to host a large conference on the odd years, and smaller more frequent training opportunities in the even years.

The AASP Board invites you to join us for our Spring Board meeting on April 9, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

