

A SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ON AGING (CONA) EFFORTS 1996-2018

Mission Statement

There shall be a Committee on Aging that shall concern itself with furthering the major purpose of APA to advance psychology as a science and profession and as a means of promoting health and human welfare by ensuring that older adults, especially the growing numbers of older women and minorities, receive the attention of the Association. Specifically, the Committee will pursue the following goals:

Science: Provide strong and visible advocacy for a scientific agenda on aging to policymakers and private and public funding agencies.

Practice: Promote the practice of psychology by advocating policies that enhance the availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.

Policy: Contribute to the formulation and support of public policies and associated regulations that promote optimal development of older adults, facilitate psychological practice with older persons, and expand scientific understanding of adult development and aging.

Education: Promote inclusion of knowledge about adult development and aging in all levels of education, including continuing education, training programs, and professional development of psychologists.

Public Interest: Promote the application of psychological knowledge to the well-being of older people, with special attention to the influences of gender, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, and family in science, practice and policy relating to older adults.

Public Affairs: Develop and disseminate information concerning the scientific findings and practice issues about older adults to psychologists, other professionals, policymakers, and the public.

APA: Serve as a visible focus for the coordination of information among groups within APA that address aging issues and offer consultation to relevant APA boards, committees, divisions, state associations, and directorates; also ensure that older members of APA receive the appropriate attention of the association.

2018

Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD, ABPP (Chair), Norman Abeles, PhD, Walter Boot, PhD, Vonetta Dotson, PhD, William Haley, PhD, and Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH.

Science:

- Translated key psychological science findings to promote optimal aging by updating the public education brochure, [Life Plan for the Life Span](#).
- CONA members Vonetta Dotson, PhD, chaired, and Walter Boot, PhD, presented at the “Skill-Building Session: Getting Funded w/o Getting Burned Out” in collaboration with Division 40 at the APA Convention.
- Met with and discussed psychological science issues and related APA efforts with Howard Kurtzman, PhD, Acting Executive Director, Science Directorate.
- Met with and discussed national psychological science issues with Vijeth Iyengar, PhD, Presidential Management Fellow (STEM), U.S. Administration for Community Living.
- Responded to NIH’s request for age-related chronic diseases/conditions that should be considered in planning the 3rd Annual Geroscience Summit.
- Promoted the Science Directorate’s Undergraduate Science Research Summer Program and the March for Science.

Practice:

- CONA member Vonetta Dotson, PhD presented an APA Clinician Corner CE Workshop, *Changes in the Aging Brain: The Influence of Positive and Negative Modifiers*.
- CONA member Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH coordinated and chaired a governance collaborative program, *Am I Special? Challenges, Benefits, Resources for Developing a Specialty Area Across the Career Path*.
- Past CONA Chair, Margaret Norris, PhD was an author of the proceedings of the National Academy of Neuropsychology's *Summit on Population Health Solutions for Assessing Cognitive Impairment in Geriatric Patients* at which she represented APA and CONA.
- CONA nominee Paula Hartman Stein, PhD was the recipient of the Board of Professional Affairs' *2018 APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice*.
- Met with Lynn Bufka, PhD, Associate Executive Director, Practice Research and Policy, Practice Directorate to discuss practice issues with relevance for older adults.
- Provided input of the *USPSTF Draft Recommendation Statement and Draft Evidence Review for Public Comment: Screening for Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults*.
- Submitted comments to the Council of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) on five petitions for establishment or renewal of specialty status.
- Provided continued input to the APA Advisory Committee on Colleague Assistance (ACCA) on issues salient to older psychologists for incorporation in their updated Tool kit.

Policy:

- Conducted a CONA In-district Advocacy Campaign, in collaboration with the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO), pairing CONA members with students and early career psychologists to participate in advocacy training and Congressional visits.
- Met with Serena Dávila, JD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to plan the in-district Congressional advocacy campaign.
- Met with Patricia Kobor, MS, Senior Science Policy Analyst Science Government Relations Office (Science-GRO) to identify and discuss priority science policy efforts.
- Met with Karen Studwell, JD, Associate Executive Director, Education Government Relations Office (ED-GRO) on geriatric workforce policy priorities and conducted follow-up meeting with the Health Resources and Services Administration about opportunities for psychologists in the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs.

Education:

- Launched and disseminated [*Exploring Careers in Aging: An Educational Roadmap for Every Step of the Way*](#), an online resource for students from undergraduate through graduate level.
- Collaborated with the Association of Geriatrics in Higher Education to highlight the Exploring Careers in Aging Roadmaps as part of the 2018 Careers in Aging Week.
- CONA members Drs. Emery-Tiburcio, Boot and Dotson presented an APA Convention symposium, *Introducing a New Tool to Help Mentors Guide Students to Critical Careers in Aging*.
- CONA members Drs. Vonetta Dotson and Maggie Syme hosted a psycCareers LIVE presentation, *Why and How to Expand Your Work to Include Older Adults* at the APA Convention.
- CONA member Maggie Syme, PhD led the development effort and provided the voice over for the CONA/ Office on Graduate Student and Early Career Affairs' "Hall of Knowledge" whiteboard video, [*Five Reasons to Work with Older Adults*](#).
- Met and collaborated with Eddy Ameen, PhD, Associate Executive Director, Office on Graduate Student and Early Career Affairs Director, on addressing ECP's perceived lack of competence in work with older adults.

- CONA members Drs. Walter Boot and Maggie Syme wrote an article based on the *Exploring Careers in Aging Roadmaps* for the Education Directorate's *Psychology Students Network* newsletter.
- CONA member Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH and her student began filming a video to capture the career paths of psychologists with established careers in aging for inclusion in the *Careers in Aging Roadmap* website. It will serve as the template for future videos.
- Cosponsored the 2018 pre-convention, full-day, CE workshop, *Psychosocial issues in palliative and end-of-life care: Considerations for psychologists* with the APA Office of Continuing Education.
- Commented on HRSA's proposed revisions to GPE grants including how the program can help address the opioid epidemic.

Public Interest:

- The APA Working Group on End of Life continued its work under the auspices of CONA.
- Completed an in-depth Self Study for the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.
- The 2018 CONA Conversation Hour, "Social Connection + Aging: What Can Psychologists Do?" focused on the role psychologists can play in enhancing the social connectedness of older adults with the aim of improving health and wellbeing.
- Coordinated the 2019 APA governance collaborative symposium, *Taking Care of our Own: Diversity in Caregiving Across the Life Span* with the Committees on Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA), Committee on Aging (CONA), Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP), and Committee on Children, Youth, and Families (CYF).
- Met with BAPPI liaison, Jacqueline Gray, PhD and BAPPI chair, Susan Opatow, PhD, Chair, at the March meeting.
- Met with Kristi E. Gamarel, PhD, EdM, Member, Committee on Psychology and AIDS (COPA) to discuss areas of mutual interest.

Public Affairs:

- CONA members, Walter Boot, PhD wrote "Could Technology Be the Key to Reducing Social Isolation as We Age?", Vonetta Dotson, PhD wrote "Is Losing Interest and Motivation Inevitable as We Age?" and Drs. William Haley and Walter Boot wrote "Making your Voice Heard Beyond the Ballot Box for the Public Interest Directorate's blog, [Psychology Benefits Society](#). In addition, CONA encouraged faculty/student pairs to write additional blogs for the on psychology and aging issues for older adults and the general public, resulting in thirteen blogs on aging in 2018.
- The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging was presented to Neil Charness, PhD, in recognition of his extensive and distinguished commitment to research, training, service, and advocacy in psychology and aging.

APA:

- Successfully nominated Michael (Mick) Smyer, PhD for the Citizen Psychologist Award for his innovative Graying Green project. CONA also nominated a second psychologist.
- Met with members of APA leadership including CEO, Arthur Evans, PhD, President, Rosie Phillips Davis, PhD, President-elect, Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, Board of Directors member Jennifer Kelly, PhD, and senior Directorate staff to promote additional attention to aging issues.
- Met with and provided President-elect Daniel with detailed input and data regarding older adults and deep poverty and expressed CONA's commitment to working with her to dispel the myth that older adults are universally financially secure and to change this perception and address this issue.
- Expanded the psychology and aging network, APAGENET to thirty-four Divisions (1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 52, 55 and 56) and others interested in aging issues. The goal of the network is to share resources and foster collaborations.

- Welcomed Emily Trittschuh, PhD, the CONA liaison from Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (APA Division 40) to the March meeting.
- Provided input to APA Publications on the update of the *APA Publication Manual's* sections on Bias-Free Language specific to age and provided APA Publications feedback on a request from the National American Geriatrics Society/ Reframing Aging Initiative related to this same issue.
- Commented regularly on Cross-Cutting Agenda items to ensure that APA policies are informed by the latest research in aging, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered. This year comments were submitted on twelve agenda items including the National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula, Model Curriculum in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority and Related Policies, and the Clinical Practice Guideline for the Treatment of Depression in Children, Adolescents, and Young, Middle-aged, and Older Adults.
- Nominated ten psychologists with aging expertise to APA boards and committees to infuse aging issues broadly throughout APA and to ensure that older adults receive the attention of the Association. CONA successfully nominated Barry Edelstein, PhD for the BEA Task Force to Develop Education and Training Guidelines for Psychological Assessment in Health Service Psychology Training.
- Provided detailed comments orally and in writing regarding the proposed APA Strategic Plan.
- Provided APA Books and Magination Press with book ideas with positive conceptualizations of aging.
- Provided a detailed response to the request for input on Board of Directors' characteristics.
- Met or corresponded with the following APA boards and committees to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP), Advisory Committee on Colleague Assistance (ACCA), Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (CSOGD), Committee on Psychology and AIDS (COPA), Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE), and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS).
- Wrote articles for the Division 20 and Division 12-Section II newsletters.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of the APA Aging Leadership and Geropsychology Specialty Council Team, convened by the Office on Aging, to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing those priorities.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation

- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity, and attention to the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing initiatives.
- Designated one of its six seats for an ECP member to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- Maintained a diverse committee composition in 2018 consisting of three women and three men; one member is an ethnic minority, and one identifies as a gay man. Two are at the senior career level, three are mid-career, and one is an early career psychologist. In addition, CONA members' clinical, education and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations across settings.

2017

Margaret Norris, PhD (Chair), Walter Boot, PhD, Vonetta Dotson, PhD, Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD, ABPP, Patricia Parmelee, PhD, and Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH.

Science:

- Cosponsored “Advocating for Older Adults: Translating Effectively from Science to Policy” symposium at the APA 2017 Convention.
- Participated in, “Procuring Federal Funding for your Research: An Interactive Mentoring Workshop” at APA 2017 Convention.
- Participated in the Alliance for Aging Research’s Mental Health and Older Adults Roundtable.
- Discussed psychological science issues and related APA efforts with Amber Story, PhD, Associate Executive Director, Science Directorate.
- Recommended experts for the 2018 Science Directorate conference, “Technology, Mind & Society.”
- CONA’s nominee Cameron J. Camp, PhD was the recipient of the Board of Professional Affairs’ 2017 Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research.
- Submitted comments on United States Preventive Services Task Force Draft Research Plan on Screening for Cognitive Impairment in Older Adults for inclusion in APA’s response.
- Promoted the Science Directorate’s Undergraduate Science Research Summer Program and the March for Science.

Practice:

- Initiated a collaboration with the APA Advisory Committee on Colleague Assistance (ACCA) to discuss issues that may be salient to older psychologists as they prepare to update their [Tool kit](#).
- Participated in the National Academy of Neuropsychology’s “Summit on Population Health Solutions for Assessing Cognitive Impairment in Geriatric Patients.”
- Provided input to the Council of Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP)’s draft Foundational Knowledge Competencies in Geropsychology.
- Met with Elena Eisman, EdD, ABPP, Director of the Center for Psychology and Health to discuss the Center’s activities and to inform the Center efforts.
- CONA nominees Donna Rasin-Waters, PhD, Michelle Hilgeman, PhD and Richard Zweig, PhD, ABPP were selected for the Board of Professional Affairs, the Committee on Rural Health, and the CMMI/CMS Support and Alignment Network (SAN) grant to transform clinical practice Advisory Board, respectively.
- Maintained representation on the Aging Leadership and Geropsychology Specialty Council Team.
- Submitted comments to the Council of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) on seven petitions for establishment or renewal of specialty status.
- Provided resources for incorporation in the Practice Organization sponsored webinar, “Geropsychology Practice: A World of Opportunity.”

Policy:

- Met with Serena Davila, JD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to identify and discuss aging policy efforts.
- Met with HRSA representatives at the Education Directorate’s Advocacy Breakfast related to psychologist participation in the Geriatric Workforce Education Enhancement Program.
- Met with Karen Studwell, JD, Associate Executive Director, Education Government Relations Office to discuss geriatric workforce policy priorities.
- Met with Patricia Kobor, MS to discuss efforts of the Science Government Relations Office on aging.

Education:

- Served as reviewers for the 2017 APA Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPSS) competition for High School Psychology Students: An Aging World.
- Began development of [Exploring Careers in Aging: An Educational Roadmap for Every Step of the Way](#), an online resource for students from undergraduate through graduate level.

- Cosponsored the 2017 pre-convention, full-day, CE workshop, *Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults* in collaboration with the APA Office of Continuing Education.
- Encouraged the development and supported the submission of a new CE offering, *Best Clinical Practices for Anxiety Disorders in Older Adults*.
- Recommended psychology and aging experts for APA Clinician Corner CE offerings.
- Provided comments to the APA Board of Educational Affairs on the need for inclusion of aging issues in psychology education efforts.
- Met with Dr. Catherine Grus, Deputy Executive Director, Education Directorate to discuss dissemination of the [Curriculum for an Interprofessional Seminar on Integrated Primary Care](#).

Public Interest:

- Successfully advocated for the continuation the APA Working Group on End of Life under the auspices of CONA.
- Provided input to the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest on aging-related issues to consider for 125th Anniversary Convention programming.
- Collaborated with members the Committee on Women in Psychology on the blog “Accepting Help is Hard: Here’s Why There’s No Shame in Getting a Personal Care Assistant.”
- Suggested consideration of the unique issues related to race, stress and aging in educational efforts related to race-related stress being planned by the Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs.

Public Affairs:

- Supported the submission of "Addressing Issues Facing a Diverse Aging Population: Scientific Perspectives for Practice and Policy" at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics.
- Encouraged faculty/student pairs to write blogs for the Public Interest Directorate’s blog, [Psychology Benefits Society](#), on psychology and aging issues.
- Successfully recommended Dr. Brian Carpenter for a [Speaking of Psychology](#) podcast: “Making talking about death easier” taped at the APA Convention.
- Updated the *Older Adults Health and Age-Related Changes: Reality Versus Myth* brochure.

APA:

- Met with members of APA leadership including CEO, Arthur Evans, PhD, President, Antonio Puente, PhD, President-elect, Jessica Henderson Daniel, PhD, Board of Directors member Jennifer Kelly, PhD, and senior staff of each Directorate to promote additional attention to aging issues.
- Expanded APAGENET to thirty-three Divisions. The goal of the network is to share resources and foster collaborations.
- Provided input to APA Publications on the update of the *APA Publication Manual*’s sections on Bias-Free Language specific to age.
- Commented on thirteen Cross-Cutting Agenda items to ensure that APA policies are informed by the latest research in aging, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- Nominated sixteen psychologists with aging expertise to APA boards, committees, and task forces to infuse aging issues broadly throughout APA.
- Created the guide, “Navigating the APA Elections Process” to support and guide CONA nominees for Boards and Committees.
- Provided a detailed response to the Board of Directors’ request: “Boards and Committees: Tell us What You’re Up To.”
- Met with the following APA boards and committees to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, Committee on Early Career Psychologists, Advisory Committee on Colleague Assistance, Committee on Rural Health,

Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education, Membership Board, and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.

- Met with the APA Membership Board to discuss and provide detailed input to the proposed changes to the APA Bylaws regarding Life Status membership focusing on how older APA members will be affected by the proposed change.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of the APA Geropsychology Leadership and Specialty Council Team, convened by the Office on Aging, to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing those priorities.
- The 2017 CONA Conversation Hour, "Days of Future Past," featured six luminaries in the field of psychology and aging. They shared their perspectives on the field's past achievements and remaining challenges.
- The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging was presented to Barry Edelstein, PhD, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to education, practice, scholarship, public interest, and public policy in geropsychology.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation

- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity, and attention to the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing initiatives.
- Designated one of its six seats for an ECP member to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- Maintained a diverse committee composition in 2017 consisting of five women and one man; one member has a disability, one member is an ethnic minority, and one identifies as a gay man. Two are at the senior career level, three are mid-career, and one is an early-career psychologist. In addition, CONA members' clinical and research foci include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2016

Brian Carpenter, PhD (chair), Lisa Brown, PhD, ABPP, Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD, ABPP, Margaret Norris, PhD, Patricia Parmelee, PhD, and Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH.

Science:

- "Aging in America: Perspectives from Psychological Science" was the May/June special [issue](#) of the *American Psychologist*. Past CONA member, Karen Roberto, PhD and CONA staff liaison, Deborah DiGilio, MPH were the scholarly leads.
- Conceptualized and co-sponsored the APA 2016 Convention Collaborative symposium: "Brain Training for Older Adults: Is there consensus in the Scientific Community?"
- Co-sponsored *Money for You and Your Research: An Interactive Mentoring Workshop* at the APA 2016 Convention.
- CONA member, Margaret Norris, participated in a meeting with the Social Security Administration to discuss how psychology can assist in their efforts to identify and protect beneficiaries who are at risk for financial exploitation and abuse, including those with cognitive decline.
- Nominated Arthur Kramer for the 2016 Distinguished Scientist Lecture Program. He was selected and presented his lecture to the New England Psychological Association.
- Discussed psychological science issues and related APA efforts with Howard Kurtzman, PhD, Acting Executive Director, and Amber Story, PhD, Associate Executive Director, Science Directorate.
- Assisted the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) in the dissemination of the call for papers and reviewers for the 2017 *Translational Issues in Psychological Science* issue that will focus on Geropsychology.

Practice:

- Met with Elena Eisman, EdD, ABPP, Director, Center for Psychology and Health, and Doug Tynan, PhD, the Director of Director, Integrated Health Care to discuss future areas of collaboration.
- Met with Diane Pedulla, JD, Director of Regulatory Affairs of the Practice Directorate, to discuss Medicare Issues.
- Provided detailed comments regarding problems related to Medicare Advantage plans to the Practice Directorate and Center for Psychology and Health.
- Reviewed the Health Resources Services Administration's Dementia Curriculum for Health Care Professionals. Provided extensive comments on the need for psychology to be incorporated into the curriculum to expand its usefulness for professionals.
- Nominated two geropsychologists for the APA Advisory Steering Committee for Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines.
- Provided input to the Council of Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP)'s draft on Foundational Knowledge Competencies in Geropsychology effort.
- Maintained representation on the Professional Geropsychology Specialty Council, a member of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology.

Policy:

- Conducted a pilot In-district Advocacy Day, in collaboration with the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO), pairing CONA members with students and early career psychologists to gain support for the Elder Justice Act and increased NIH funding.
- Met with Serena Davila, JD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, PI-GRO to discuss priority aging policy efforts and provided suggestions for Congressional Briefings on aging topics of import.
- Worked closely with Patricia Kobor, MS on efforts of the Science Government Relations Office to promote federal funding for research in the basic and applied clinical science of psychology and aging.
- Provided input to Karen Studwell, JD, Associate Executive Director of Policy of the Education Government Relations Office related to supporting existing and expand training opportunities for psychologists via the Health Research and Services Administration (HRSA) and encouraging additional specific focus on geropsychology funding within the Graduate Psychology Education Program.

Education:

- CONA chair, Brian Carpenter, PhD served on the APA Presidential Working Group convened by APA President Susan McDaniel, PhD to develop a curriculum for an Interprofessional Seminar on Integrated Primary Care.
- Offered two 2016 pre-convention, half-day, CE workshops, *Behavioral Strategies for Dementia Prevention* and *Expanding Your Practice to Include Work with Older Adults* in collaboration with the APA Office of Continuing Education.
- Encouraged the development and supported two new CE offerings to be offered at the 2017 Convention: the all-day, preconvention workshop, *Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults* and half-day workshop, *Best Clinical Practices for Anxiety Disorders in Older Adults*.
- Conducted a "Continuing Education on Aging and Psychology" survey of State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association members and leadership to learn about their needs and preferences for continuing education related to aging and psychological issues.
- Developed a poster, *What is Psychology and Aging?* to raise awareness of career opportunities in aging at the recommendation of Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPPS).

- Provided guidance on the focus and criteria for the 2017 TOPPS High School Student Essay on the topic of aging.
- Hosted a Geropsychology Internship Networking Event in collaboration with CoPGTP.
- Provided input to the Geropsychology Specialty Council's petition for the renewal of Professional Geropsychology as a specialty recognized by the Council for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP).
- Submitted comments on three additional petitions being considered by CRSPPP.

Public Interest:

- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Forrest Scogin, PhD of the University of Alabama, in recognition of his multiple outstanding contributions to the science and practice of clinical geropsychology.
- CONA chair, Brian Carpenter, PhD served as a member of the APA Working Group on End-of-Life Issues and Care convened by Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI).
- CONA members served on BAPPI's End of Life Working Group Selection Panel.
- CONA member, Maggie Syme, PhD, MPH participated in the British Psychological Society's Psychology of Sexualities Section twitter chat on Ageing & Sexualities, along with colleagues from the Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity and the Public Interest Communications Office.
- Met with BAPPI liaison April Harris-Britt, PhD and representatives from the Committees on Children, Youth and Families, Women in Psychology, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity to discuss collaborative efforts.
- Initiated discussions with other Public Interest Committees to develop blogs at intersections of age and other diversity issues.
- The 2016 CONA Conversation Hour, "Faster, Higher, Farther...Older: The Masters Sports Movement," featured an award winning photographer, Rob Jerome, and a discussion of the importance of sports for older adults.

Public Affairs:

- Wrote and encouraged faculty/student pairs to write blogs for the Public Interest Directorate's blog, *Psychology Benefits Society*, on psychology and [aging issues](#) for consumers. More than thirty blogs on aging have been posted.
- Recommended student and early career psychologist tweeters for the APA convention to support the transfer of scientific findings to the public.

APA:

- Met with members of APA leadership including President, Susan McDaniel, PhD, President-elect Antonio Puente, PhD, Board of Directors members Jennifer Kelly, PhD, Richard McGraw, PhD, and senior staff of each of Directorate to promote additional attention to aging issues.
- Expanded APAGENET, currently a network of twenty-two divisions to foster Association-wide collaboration and interest in aging.
- Commented on eighteen Cross-Cutting Agenda items to ensure that APA policies are informed by the latest research in aging, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- Provided input to the update of the *APA Publication Manual's* sections on Bias-Free Language specific to age.
- Nominated psychologists with aging expertise to APA boards, committees, and task forces in order to infuse aging issues broadly throughout APA. This year, Michelle Hilgeman, PhD, was selected for the Committee on Rural Health.

- Nominated psychologists with aging expertise for APA-wide awards. CONA nominee, Cameron J. Camp, PhD was selected as the recipient of the Board of Professional Affairs' Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research.
- Submitted an item to the Board of Convention Affairs for reduced convention fees for Life Members, in collaboration with President-elect Puente, to facilitate mentoring, collaboration, and conversation across generations.
- Met with the following APA boards and committees and staff from other Directorates to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, Committee on Early Career Psychologists, Committees on Legal Issues, Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessments, Committee on Rural Health, Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education, and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.
- Developed an article for the Society for Clinical Geropsychology's newsletter encouraging early career psychologists to consider taking on leadership positions in APA.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of the APA Aging Leadership Team, convened by the Office on Aging, to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing those priorities.
- Prepared a memo thanking the *Monitor on Psychology* for its increased coverage of aging issues over the last two years.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation

- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity and attention to the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing initiatives.
- Designated one of its six seats for an ECP member in order to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- Maintained a diverse committee composition including five women and one man; one member with a disability and one member who identifies as a gay man. Four are at the senior level, one is mid-level, and one is an early-career psychologist.

2015

Glenn Smith, PhD (chair), Lisa Brown, PhD, ABPP, Brian Carpenter, PhD, Kimberly Hiroto, PhD, Margaret Norris, PhD, and Patricia Parmelee, PhD.

Science:

- Commissioned experts to prepare white papers that highlighted psychological science's contributions to the four 2015 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) themes: long-term services/supports; retirement security; healthy aging; and, abuse and neglect.
- The white papers developed for the 2015 WHCoA were expanded and accepted for publication as a special issue in the *American Psychologist* in 2016. 2012-14 CONA member Karen Roberto PhD and staff liaison Deborah DiGilio coordinated these two WHCoA efforts.
- Cosponsored the APA Convention symposium: "2015 White House Conference on Aging: Recommendations from the Psychological Sciences" with Division 20.
- CONA chair, Glenn Smith, PhD presented an APA Plenary Session, "Can We Prevent Dementia? Progress and Challenges" at the APA 2015 Convention.
- Provided continued input to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) *Systematic Review of Non-pharmacologic Interventions for Agitation and Aggression in Dementia*, a variation of the study that CONA proposed to the agency last year.
- Collaborated with the Center for Workforce Studies to develop the geropsychology module of the *2015 Health Service Providers Survey*.

- Nominated psychologists to serve on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM)'s panel on *Preventive Strategies/Interventions to Delay or Prevent Alzheimer's and Like Dementias* and the *IOM Committee on the Evaluation of the Social Security Administration (SSA) Capability Determination Program for Adult Beneficiaries*.
- Discussed key NIA issues facing psychologists with Howard Kurtzman, PhD, Acting Executive Director for Science Directorate.

Practice:

- Immediate past chair, Jennifer Moye, PhD, ABPP completed work with Division 38 to create a geropsychology training module for psychologists working in primary care.
- Early career member, Kimberly Hiroto, PhD completed her service as the co-chair of the *Presidential Task Force on Psychologist Involvement in Patient Centered Medical Homes*.
- Met with Katherine Nordal, PhD, Executive Director for Professional Practice and Randy Phelps, PhD, Senior Advisor, Office of Healthcare Financing to advocate for Medicare and Medicaid policies that enhance the availability of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.
- Met with Doug Tynan, PhD, the Director of the Center for Psychology and Health to discuss future areas of collaboration and to share geriatric integrated care resources and experts to inform the efforts of the Center.
- Met with Lynn Bufka, PhD, Associate Executive Director for Research & Policy, Practice Directorate to discuss the Clinical Practice Treatment Guideline Development Panels.
- Successfully nominated presenters and participants for President Barry Anton's International Summit on Integrated Care.
- Provided input to APA President-elect Susan McDaniel, PhD on geriatric organizations to invite to the planned Primary Care Alliance meeting.
- Provided detailed comments to CMS on two proposed rules: *Revisions to Medicare Payment Policies* and the *Reform of Requirements for Long-term Care Facilities*.
- Represented CONA on the Geropsychology Specialty Council, a member of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology.

Policy:

- Secured APA adoption of the *Resolution on the 2015 White Conference on Aging* to highlight psychology's contributions to each of the four WHCoA priority issues.
- Successfully nominated psychologists who were invited to the five WHCoA regional forums.
- Developed a template for APA members to submit individual comments to inform the WHCoA.
- Met with staff of the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to discuss priority aging policy efforts.
- Worked closely with the Science Government Relations Office to promote federal funding for research in the basic and applied clinical science of psychology and aging.
- Worked closely with the Education Government Relations Office to support existing and expand training opportunities for psychologists via the Health Research and Services Administration and the Graduate Psychology Education Program.

Education:

- The CONA immediate past chair, Jennifer Moye, PhD, ABPP and members of the IOM Geriatric Mental Health and Substance Use Workforce panel co-authored an article, "Strengthening Psychology's Workforce for Older Adults: Implications of the IOM's Report to Congress" published in the April *American Psychologist*.
- In collaboration with the Office of Continuing Education, sponsored two new pre-convention half-day CE workshops, *Behavioral Strategies for Dementia Prevention* and *Expanding Your Practice to Include Work with Older Adults*.

- Served as a resource to APA President-elect Susan McDaniel, PhD providing syllabi for graduate students on interprofessional care in geriatrics and input on the challenges universities face in launching interprofessional training.
- Co-sponsored *Getting Funded: From Dissertation to Independent Investigator, How to Succeed with Your First Grant* in collaboration with Divisions 20 and 40, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists at the APA 2015 Convention.
- Successfully nominated Jennifer Moye, PhD to the Board of Educational Affairs Task Force on the Integration of Science and Practice in Health Service Psychology Training.
- Hosted a Geropsychology Internship Networking Event in collaboration with the Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP) at the APA 2015 Convention.
- Maintained a liaison with CoPGTP to encourage geropsychology training opportunities.

Public Interest:

- Met with members of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and the Committees on Ethnic Minority Affairs, Psychology and AIDS, Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, and Women in Psychology to discuss collaborative efforts.
- Glenn Smith, PhD, CONA chair, chaired the collaborative program. *Aging and Diversity: Multiple Intersections and Opportunities*, with other Public Interest Committees.
- Successfully nominated David Chiriboga, PhD for Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest *Task Force on Re-envisioning the Multicultural Guidelines of the 21st Century*.
- Initiated collaborations with other Public Interest Committees to develop blogs at the intersection of age and other diversity issues.
- Collaborated with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to offer workshops to educate and train aging service workers nationwide in mental and behavioral health issues.
- CONA members served on the panel to select members of the APA Working Group on End-of-Life Issues and Care.
- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP in recognition of his extraordinary leadership across the domains of education, practice, organizational development, and research in geropsychology.

Public Affairs:

- Expanded the aging blog series for the Public Interest Directorate's blog, [Psychology Benefits Society](#) including: *Invisibility Squared: The Challenges of Living as a Transgender Older Adult; Is Your Birthday Card a Microaggression?; How Integrated Health Care Benefits You as You Get Older; Get Into the Act: The Benefits of Volunteering As We Age; Surprise! Caregiving Helps the Caregiver, Too*; and, *Creating New Holiday Traditions: 10 Questions to Ask Your Older Relatives*
- Recommended student and early career psychologist tweeters for the APA convention to support the transfer of scientific findings to the public.

APA:

- Launched a new initiative targeting APA Divisions to develop a stronger coordinated presence within APA on aging issues. Twenty-two divisions responded and are now part of the APA Psychology and Aging Network.
- Met with members of the APA leadership including the APA President Elect, CEO, Deputy CEO, and the Executive Directors of each APA Directorate.
- Commented regularly on the Cross-Cutting Agenda items to ensure that APA policies are informed by the latest research in aging, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- Nominated psychologists with aging expertise to APA boards, committees and task forces in order to infuse aging issues broadly throughout APA.

- Met with the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, Committee on Early Career Psychologists, Committees on Legal Issues, Psychological Tests and Assessments, Rural Health, Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges, and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of the APA Aging Leadership Team to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing psychology and aging priorities.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation

- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity, and greater attention to the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of CONA's ongoing initiatives.
- Designated one of CONA's six seats for an ECP member in order to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- Convened the CONA Conversation Hour "Aging Across Boundaries" to discuss similarities and differences between U.S. and Canadian approaches to training to work with and serve older adults.
- Maintained a diverse 2015 committee composition including four women and two men, one Asian American woman, one member who identifies as a gay man, one member who has a disability, and one early career psychologist. In addition, CONA members' clinical and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2014

Jennifer Moye, PhD, (Chair), Lisa Brown, PhD, Brian Carpenter, PhD, Kimberly Hiroto, PhD, Karen Roberto, PhD, Glenn Smith, PhD

Science:

- Upon CONA's recommendation, a podcast, [Speaking of Psychology: Protecting your aging brain](#) featuring CONA chair-elect, Glenn Smith, PhD, was developed as part of the APA President's Translating Psychological Science for the Public Initiative.
- Conceptualized and worked closely with the APA Government Relations Office to offer the APA Congressional briefing, *"Can dementia be prevented? Cutting edge research and interventions."*
- Provided continued input to the planning of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) *Systematic Review of Non pharmacologic Interventions for Agitation and Aggression in Dementia*.
- Collaborated with the Center for Workforce Studies on the geropsychology module of the *2014 Health Service Providers Survey* for which CONA successfully advocated.
- Provided comments that were incorporated into the APA response to the draft of the FY 2013–2018 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Strategic Plan. Comments decried the lack of consideration of the mental health needs of older Americans.
- Provided comments that were incorporated into the APA response to the draft of the on the National Institute on Aging's "Living Long and Well in the 21st Century – Strategic Directions for Research on Aging."
- Nominated a psychologist to serve on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Committee on the Study of Family Caregiving and Support Services for Older Adults*.
- Nominated Daniel Marson, PhD, JD who was selected to serve on the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Committee on the Evaluation of the Social Security Administration Capability Determination Program for Adult Beneficiaries*.
- Provided guidance and resources to a psychologist member of the IOM *Committee on The Public Health Dimensions of Cognitive Health and Aging*.

- Updated [*Prolonging Vitality Society's Grand Challenges: Insights from Psychological Science*](#), that provides examples of how the science of psychology contributes to the deeper understanding of the challenges associated with an aging society.

Practice:

- Early career CONA member, Kimberly Hiroto, PhD served as co-chair of the *Presidential Task Force on Psychologist Involvement Patient Centered Medical Homes*.
- Met with Katherine Nordal, PhD, and Randy Phelps, PhD, to advocate to Medicare and Medicaid policies that enhance the availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.
- Secured APA endorsement of the Partnership for Health in Aging's *Multidisciplinary Competencies in the Care of Older Adults at the Completion of the Entry-level Health Professional Degree*.
- Met with the Director of the Center for Psychology and Health to discuss future areas of collaboration and to share geriatric integrated care resources and experts to inform the efforts of the Center and provided input to the development of its briefing sheet on [*Alzheimer's disease*](#).
- Provided input to the APA President Elect's International Summit on Integrated Care.
- Revised [*What Practitioners Should Know about Working with Older Adults*](#).
- Submitted nominees for two Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities' International Standards Advisory Committees - to revise standards for dementia care specialty programs and to develop mental health standards for older adults. CONA nominee, Margaret Norris, PhD was selected for the second committee.
- Participated in efforts to increase collaboration of psychologists with CMS in the implementation of the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes.
- Was represented on the Professional Geropsychology Synarchy, a member of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology.
- Continued its support of efforts to secure an ABPP specialization in Professional Geropsychology.

Policy:

- Developed the *Resolution on the 2015 White Conference on Aging* to highlight psychology's contributions to the Conference themes. It will serve as the basis for additional CONA and Office on Aging efforts related to the WHCoA.
- Conceptualized and worked closely with the APA Government Relation Office to offer the APA Congressional briefing, "*Can dementia be prevented? Cutting edge research and interventions.*"
- Secured inclusion of geropsychology in the Neuropsychology Inter Organizational Practice Committee.
- Provide input on the 2014 Public Interest GRO Advocacy Goals.
- Met with Roberta Downing, PhD, of the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to discuss priority aging policy efforts.
- Worked closely with Patricia Kobor, MS, of the Science Government Relations Office on efforts to promote federal funding for research in the basic and applied clinical science of psychology and aging and on Alzheimer's disease issues.
- Worked closely with Karen Studwell, JD, of the Education Government Relations Office to support existing and expand training opportunities for psychologists to become competent to address the needs of older adults including those via the Health Research and Services Administration and the Graduate Psychology Education Program (GPE).

Education:

- CONA chair, Jennifer Moye, PhD, received a Board of Educational Affairs funds for *Advancing Sharon Brehm's Vision of Integrated Care for an Aging Population: Training Conference on Integrated Care in Aging and Primary Care*.

- Co-sponsored “Speed Mentoring for Budding Geropsychology and Neuropsychology Careers” in collaboration with Division 20, Division 40, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists at the APA Convention.
- With the Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs, hosted a Geropsychology Internship Networking Event for students applying to and faculty who supervise Geropsychology internships.
- Met with the APA Office of Continuing Education to discuss expansion of CE offerings on aging-related topics.
- Recommended two presenters who were selected to offer APA Office of Continuing Education Clinician Corners. Manfred Diehl, PhD for [*Promoting Healthy and Successful Adult Development and Aging*](#) and Sara Honn Qualls, PhD for [*Caregiver Family Therapy*](#).
- Sponsored an updated all-day pre-convention CE workshop offering, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* that was re-recorded to update the successful 2008 offering that is available online.
- Developed and submitted two new pre-convention half-day CE workshops, *Behavioral Strategies for Dementia Prevention* and *Expanding Your Practice to Include Work with Older Adults* for the 2015 APA Convention.
- Participated in a Division 12-Section II Convention symposium, *Those who can do, teach: Competence in clinical geropsychology and geropsychology supervision*.
- The CONA chair began work with other geropsychologists and Division 38 to create a geropsychology training module for psychologists working in primary care.
- The CONA chair and members of the IOM Geriatric Mental Health and Substance Use Workforce panel co-authored an article, “Strengthening Psychology’s Workforce for Older Adults: Implications of the IOM’s Report to Congress” that was accepted for publication in the *American Psychologist*.
- Provided input on the *Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation (G&P)* requesting a clear requirement that all psychologists require basic competencies in the work with older adults.
- Maintained a liaison with Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP) to encourage geropsychology training opportunities for post-licensure psychologists.

Public Interest:

- Met with BAPPI liaison Toni Antonucci, PhD, and the Committees on Ethnic Minority Affairs, Psychology and AIDS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, and Women in Psychology to discuss collaborative efforts.
- Co-sponsored, with other Public Interest Committees, the symposium *Risk and Resilience: Overcoming the Odds of Community Violence*. CONA member Karen Roberto, PhD, presented *Development of a Community Capacity Framework to Address Late Life Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Areas*.
- Developed a blog series on aging issues for the Public Interest Directorate’s *Psychology Benefits Society* blog.
- Initiated collaborations with other Public Interest Committees to develop blogs at intersections of age and other diversity issues.
- Co-sponsored the symposium, *The Coming of Age of APA’s Committee on Aging: Influencing Aging Research, Practice, and Policy*, with Division 20 that highlighted CONA accomplishments and plans for the future.
- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Sara Qualls, PhD in recognition of her contributions to education, practice, scholarship, public interest, and public policy in geropsychology.
- The 2014 CONA Conversation Hour topic was *Engaging Aging through Art*. The discussion focused on how engagement in art and creative activities might be used to enhance cognition, promote adaptation, and provide an outlet for lifespan developmental processes.

- Established a relationship with the CEO of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and began discussions on mechanisms for ongoing collaborations to educate and train aging service workers in local AAAs nationwide in mental and behavioral health issues.

Public Affairs:

- Conceptualized and participated in the APA Congressional briefing, *"Can dementia be prevented? Cutting edge research and interventions"*
- The new and updated publications, podcast, blogs, Congressional briefing, and the linkage with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging described above, were all developed as mechanisms to disseminate information regarding the contributions of psychology to multiple audiences.
- Recommended student and early career tweeters for the APA convention to support the transfer of scientific findings to the public.

APA:

- Met with members of the APA senior leadership including the APA President and President Elect, CEO, Deputy CEO, and the Executive Directors of each of the APA Directorates.
- Commented regularly on the majority of cross-cutting agenda items to assure that APA policies are informed by the principles of and the latest research in aging, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- Provided input to the APA leadership, committees, and staff on issues related to CONA's priority of infusing aging-related issues throughout APA.
- Successfully nominated Norman Abeles, PhD who received the Raymond D. Fowler Award for Outstanding Contributions to APA.
- Submitted nominations of those with aging expertise for two 2014 Presidential Task Forces: CONA nominee and Early Career Member, Kimberly Hiroto, PhD was named co-chair of the Medical Homes Task Force.
- Submitted nominations for other APA Boards and Committees. The CONA nominee for the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology, early career psychologist, Elizabeth Mulligan, PhD, was selected for service.
- Met with APA boards and committees and staff from other Directorates to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of representatives of the APA Aging Leadership Team, convened by the Office on Aging, to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing those priorities.
- Updated the CONA Strategic Plan to align with the APA Strategic Plan.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation:

- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity and attention to the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing initiatives (e.g. develop and maintain the workforce to serve older adults, promote the health and well-being of the diverse aging population).
- Designated one of its six seats for an ECP member in order to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- Maintained a diverse 2014 committee composition including four women and two men, one Asian American woman, one member who identifies as a gay man, and one early career psychologist. In addition CONA members' clinical and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2013

Kelly O'Shea Carney, PhD, CMC (Co-Chair), Manfred Diehl, PhD (Co-Chair), Kimberly Hiroto, PhD, Jennifer Moye, PhD, Karen Roberto, PhD, Glenn Smith, PhD

Science:

- Successfully submitted a proposal to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program recommending a comparative research review on the effectiveness of psychological treatment vs. medication for individuals with dementia.
- Provide comments on the FY 2013–2018 Strategic Plan for the Office on Disease Prevention, National Institute on Health regarding prevention of aging-related negative outcomes due to negative self-perceptions of aging.
- Nominated individuals with aging expertise for the Institute of Medicine's *Committee on The Public Health Dimensions of Cognitive Health and Aging*.
- Nominated individuals for the Institute of Medicine's expert panel on advanced dementia.
- Nominated individuals with aging expertise for the Board for Scientific Affairs (BSA) and its Master Lecture Program and Distinguished Scientist Lecture Program.
- Began updating the Science Directorate's publication, *Prolonging Vitality*, which displays how the science of psychology contributes to the deeper understanding of the individual and societal challenges associated with an aging society.
- Discussed key issues facing psychologists in their interactions with NIA with Norman Anderson, PhD who is a member of the NIA National Advisory Council.

Practice:

- Secured APA funding for and provided input to the Working Group to revise *The Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults* (2003) in collaboration with Division 20 and Aging) and Division 12-II.
- Began the process to secure APA endorsement of the Partnership for Health in Aging's "Multidisciplinary Competencies in the Care of Older Adults at the Completion of the Entry-level Health Professional Degree."
- Met with Norman Anderson, PhD, APA CEO, and Director of the Center for Psychology and Health and Ellen Garrison, PhD, APA Senior Policy Advisor and Coordinator of the Center for Psychology and Health. Developed a list of resources, including key psychologists and sites with expertise in interdisciplinary work.
- Shared resources with APA President elect Dr. Nadine Kaslow to inform her Presidential Initiative on Medical Homes.
- Provided comments on the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) proposed revision of the 2004 recommendation on screening for suicide risk in adolescents, adults, and older adults in primary care settings.
- Provided comments on the USPSTF proposed statement on screening for cognitive impairment.
- CONA led efforts to increase collaboration of psychologists with CMS in the implementation of the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes.
- Updated the *APA Psychological Services in Long-term Care Resource Guide* to inform this effort on psychological practice and research related to behavioral and environmental interventions for dementia.
- Nominated individuals with aging expertise for the Commission on Long-Term Care, created by the *American Taxpayer Relief Act*.
- Participated in the development of a geropsychology resource website, *GeroCentral*, a CODAPAR-funded initiative.

- Met with Katherine Nordal, PhD, to discuss and encourage increased advocacy for Medicare and Medicaid policies that enhance the availability and reimbursement of health and mental health services to older adults and their families.
- Participated in quarterly meetings of representatives of the APA Aging Leadership Team in an effort to enhance collaboration on shared priorities and insure efficient use of resources in addressing those priorities.

Policy:

- Met with Judith Glassgold, PhD, Associate Executive Director of the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to discuss priority aging policy effort.
- Worked closely with Patricia Kobor, MS, of the Science Directorate Government Relations Office on her ongoing efforts related to the *National Plan on Alzheimer's Disease*.
- Provided input to the efforts of the Science Government Relations Office to promote federal funding for research in the basic and applied clinical science of psychology and aging.
- Provided input to the efforts of the Education Government Relations Office and PI-GRO to support existing and expand training opportunities for psychologists at all career levels to become competent to address the needs of older adults.

Education:

- Provided input on the *Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation* (G & P), requesting the infusion of aging-related content into doctoral level training in clinical psychology.
- Co-sponsored a very well attended "Speed Mentoring for Budding Geropsychology and Neuropsychology Careers" in collaboration with Division 20, Division 40, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists.
- Co-sponsored [Training for integrated care with older adults: Real world implementation and the path forward](#).
- Submitted a proposal for an updated version of CONA's all-day pre-convention CE workshop offering, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults*.
- CONA met with and provided a matrix of potential aging-related CE Programs for consideration by Greg Neimeyer, PhD, the Associate Executive Director for Continuing Education.
- Maintained a liaison with Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP) to encourage training opportunities for post-licensure psychologists.
- Participated in the Working Group charged with developing "The Survey of Professional Geropsychology Training and Experiences."
- Continued participation in HRSA's Resources Review project to provide guidance for professions related to implementation of the National Alzheimer's Plan.

Public Interest:

- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Michael Smyer, PhD, in recognition of his significant contributions.
- The *CONA Conversation Hour – A Conversation with Antonette Zeiss*, the recipient of APA's The 2013 Outstanding Lifetime Contribution to Psychology Award.
- Co-sponsored, with other Public Interest Committees, a number of symposia "Older Women and Health Disparities," "Emerging Biopsychosocial Challenges of Older Adults Living with HIV," and "Culture and Health Disparities among Asian Americans and native Hawaiians."
- Met with BAPPI liaison Toni Antonucci, PhD, and the following Public Interest committees to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: Committees on Disabilities Issues in Psychology, Committee on Psychology and AIDS, Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, Committee on Rural Health, and the Committee on Women in Psychology.

- Provided input to CLGBTC on the development of a webpage of resources on caregiving and aging issues.

Public Affairs:

- A Public Interest Directorate's *Psychology Benefits Society* blog entry titled, [10 Tips for Positive Aging: It's Not Your Same Old Business](#) for Older Americans Month.
- Infused information about the positive role that older adults can play in society in response to developing national efforts (e.g. National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease).
- Updated the CONA publication, *Life Plan for the Life Span*.

APA:

- Submitted nominations of those with aging expertise for two 2014 Presidential Task Forces, CONA's Early Career Member was named co-chair of the Medical Homes Task Force.
- CONA nominees for the Board of Educational Affairs and Board of Professional Affairs were selected for service.
- Met with members of the APA leadership at its meetings, including APA CEO Norman Anderson, PhD; Deputy CEO, Michael Honaker, and the Executive Directors of each of the APA Directorates.
- Provided input to APA officers and committees on issues related to its theme of infusing aging-related issues throughout APA.
- Met APA boards and committees from other Directorates to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.
- Provided 16 comments on the cross-cutting agenda items to assure that APA policies are informed by the principles of and the latest research in geropsychology, and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults.
- Submitted responses to the *APA Good Governance Project* and nominated individuals for its Implementation Working Group.
- Updated the CONA Strategic Plan to align it with the APA Strategic Plan.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation:

- Provided input to the development of the Office on Aging's [Multicultural Aging and Mental Health Resource Guide](#).
- Provided input to the APA Public Interest Directorate strategic initiative on health disparities.
- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity and the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing priority initiatives.
- Strived to attract members representing diversity according to gender, age, sexual orientation, and race/ethnicity as well as scientific expertise and level of professional experience.
- CONA designated one of its six seats for an ECP member in order to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance.
- CONA maintained a diverse 2013 committee composition with three men and three women including one early career and ethnic minority psychologist. CONA members' clinical and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2012

Neil Charness, PhD (Chair), Adam Brickman, PhD, Kelly O'Shea Carney, PhD, CMC, Manfred Diehl, PhD, Jennifer Moye, PhD, Karen Roberto, PhD

Science:

- Provided two sets of detailed comments for inclusion in the formal APA response to the Draft National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease. The comments focused on: the importance of both biological and behavioral markers; the effectiveness of behavioral and environmental interventions to address the needs of individuals with dementia and their caregivers; and countering the misconception that older adults have or will develop Alzheimer's disease.
- Recommend individuals for APA nomination to the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Advisory Council.
- Nominated individuals for the Board for Scientific Affairs (BSA) and its Master Lecture Program.
- Met with Steven Breckler, PhD, Executive Director of the Science Directorate to discuss the planned expansion of the APA Center for Workforce Studies and Wave 2 of the Survey of Professional Geropsychology Training and Experiences.
- Updated the CONA publication, *Life Plan for Life Span* that translates the wealth of empirical evidence in the research literature into practical steps to assist adults, of all ages, effectively plan to maximize individuals' security and satisfaction in later life.
- Discussed key issues facing psychologists in their interactions with NIA with CEO, Norman Anderson, PhD who is a member of the NIA National Advisory Council.

Practice:

- Continued work on the long-standing goal of priming the geropsychology pipeline to develop and maintain an effective work force to serve our aging population. In particular, CONA has strategically increased efforts to address and support mid to late career training in aging.
- Responsible for securing Council of Representatives funding to convene a Working Group to revise *The Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults* (2003) in collaboration with Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging) and Division 12-II (Society for Clinical Geropsychology), and provided input to drafts of the revised document.
- Successfully advocated for the inclusion of psychology in the recent IOM Report: *The Geriatric Mental Health and Substance Use Workforce: In Whose Hands?* and continued to utilize the report as a stimulus to address integrated health care issues.
- Participated in the structuring of a geropsychology resource website, *GeroCentral*, a CODAPAR-funded initiative.
- Established a liaison with Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs (CoPGTP).
- Supported an application to the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) for professional geropsychology to become an ABPP specialty.
- Appointed a CONA representative to the Professional Geropsychology Synarchy, a member of the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology.
- Met with Katherine Nordal, PhD and Randy Phelps, PhD to discuss and encourage increased advocacy for Medicare and Medicaid policies. Developed *Clinical Vignettes Related to Psychological Practice with Older Adults* to assist in their Medicare reimbursement advocacy efforts.
- Met with Luana Bossolo to discuss expansion of APA Help Center offerings to include additional aging topics and potential resource persons for those topics.
- Provided response points with respect to the draft of APA Guidelines for Practice of Telepsychology.
- Shared information within and beyond APA on integrated care models, including the role of psychologists in these models and the need for the inclusion of behavioral and psychological interventions in state and national integrated health care initiatives.
- Nominated Joan Cook, PhD for the Clinical Treatment Guideline Development Panel for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Across the Lifespan. Dr. Cook was appointed to the panel as was CONA's 2011 nominee for the Depression Panel, Dr. Forrest Scogin, PhD.

Policy:

- Met with Diane Elmore, PhD, MPH and Nida Corry, PhD of the Public Interest Government Relations Office (PI-GRO) to discuss priority aging policy efforts, including the IOM Report: *The Geriatric Mental Health and Substance Use Workforce: In Whose Hands?*, the Positive Aging Act and protecting the language in the Older Americans Act related to mental health.
- Worked closely with Patricia Kobor, MS, of the Science Directorate Government Relations Office on efforts related to the *National Plan on Alzheimer's Disease* and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Summit.
- Provided input to the efforts of the Science Government Relations Office to promote federal funding for research in the basic and applied clinical science of psychology and aging.
- Provided input to the efforts of the Education Government Relations Office to support existing and expand training opportunities for psychologists in geropsychology.
- Developed a vignette for use by the Practice Directorate in their advocacy to include psychologists in Transitional Care Management reimbursement.

Education:

- Co-sponsored a very well attended "Speed Mentoring for Budding Geropsychology and Neuropsychology Careers" in collaboration with Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging), Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology), and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists at the APA Convention.
- Co-sponsored, for the fifth consecutive year, an all-day, preconvention, geropsychology continuing education workshop, "What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults" with the Office of Continuing Education at the APA Annual Convention.
- Co-sponsored *The Geriatric Mental Health Workforce: Current Initiatives and Critical Issues* with BAPPI and the Board of Education Affairs at the APA Convention.
- Participated in the Working Group charged with launching *the Survey of Professional Geropsychology Training and Experiences Wave II* with the APA Center for Workforce Studies/Office on Aging, and Education Directorate.
- Developed a listing of APA and APA sponsored CE offering links for the GeroCentral webpage.
- Met with Catherine Grus, PhD, Associate Executive Director of the Education Directorate, to discuss education and training issues.
- Provided input on the *Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation (G & P)*, requesting the infusion of aging-related content into doctoral level training in clinical psychology.
- Developed an article, *Preparing Students for Working with Older Adults* for Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.
- Regularly provided input to petitions for recognition of specialties and proficiencies in professional psychology to assure that needs of older adults are understood and addressed.

Public Interest:

- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Peter Lichtenberg, PhD in recognition of his outstanding contributions to clinical geropsychology that integrate science, practice, education, public interest, and public policy.
- Updated the CONA publication, *Elder Abuse: In Search of Solutions*, a brochure for consumers.
- Co-sponsored two convention symposia with Public Interest Committees: Assisting Members of Vulnerable/Underserved Populations Affected by Natural Disasters and Expanding Telehealth Service Models to Underserved Populations with Chronic Illness and Disability.
- Met with BAPPI liaison Toni Antonucci, PhD and other Public Interest committees at the Consolidated Meetings to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.
- Provided comments (from a lifespan perspective) on and support for Public Interest's initiative on Health Disparities.

- Provided input to CLGBTC on the development of a webpage of resources on caregiving and aging issues.
- Requested that older workers be a focus of a future *Work, Stress and Health Conference*.

Public Affairs:

- Infuse information about the positive role that older adults can play in society through acquired skills over their lifetimes in comments made in response to developing national efforts (e.g. National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease).
- Provided evidence supporting psychotherapy as a front line intervention for community-dwelling older adults, older adults with medical illnesses, who are low-income, ethnic minority and have co-occurring mild cognitive impairments for inclusion in the *APA Resolution on Psychotherapy Effectiveness*.
- Updated the CONA publication, *Life Plan for Life Span* that translates the wealth of empirical evidence in the research literature into practical steps to assist adults, of all ages, effectively plan to maximize individuals' security and satisfaction in later life.

APA:

- Provided input to APA officers and committees on issues related to its theme of infusing aging-related issues throughout APA.
- Encouraged President elect Bersoff to consider the needs of older veterans and family context/issues in his Presidential Initiative on Veterans.
- Met with members of the APA leadership at its meetings, including APA CEO Norman Anderson, PhD; Deputy CEO, Michael Honaker, and the Executive Directors of each of the APA Directorates.
- Met with following APA boards and committees from other Directorates to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.
- Regularly commented on the majority of cross-cutting agenda items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered. This year comments were submitted on 19 items.
- Participated and submitted responses to the questions posed by the *APA Good Governance Project* related to ensuring representation of the full APA membership in governance.
- Updated the CONA Strategic Plan to align it with the APA Strategic Plan.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation:

- The CONA Conversation Hour: *The Many Faces of Aging* focused on the increasing diversity of the older adult population. Its goal was to provide CONA with input regarding new directions for its age and diversity strategic priority.
- Promoted use of CONA's *Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology* report.
- Provided input to the APA Public Interest Directorate strategic initiative on health disparities.
- Worked to ensure the inclusion of age as an essential component of diversity and the increasing diversity of the aging population in all APA efforts.
- Continued to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing priority initiatives (e.g. integrated health care, priming the geropsychology pipeline).
- Met with the APA Main NGO representative to the United Nations to discuss international aging issues and provide recommendations for resource persons.
- Strived to attract members representing diversity according to gender, age, and race/ethnicity as well as scientific expertise and level of professional experience.
- In order to encourage participation of early career psychologists in APA Governance, CONA has designated one of its six seats for an ECP member.

- The diversity composition of the 2012 Committee on Aging was three men and three women including one early career psychologist. In addition, CONA members' clinical and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2011

Sara Honn Qualls, PhD (Chair), Patricia A. Areán, PhD, Adam Brickman, PhD, Neil Charness, PhD, Manfred Diehl, PhD, Kelly O'Shea Carney, PhD, CMC

Science:

- CONA provided questions for consideration of the panel of the Public Interest and Science Directorates webinar, "New Alzheimer's Guidelines: How Will Research and Practice Be Affected?" [mms://mms1.apa.org/pi/video/new-alzheimers-guidelines1.wmv](https://mms1.apa.org/pi/video/new-alzheimers-guidelines1.wmv)
- CONA nominated individuals for the Board for Scientific Affairs and its Master Lecture and the Distinguished Scientist Lecture Programs.
- CONA met with Steven Breckler, PhD, Executive Director of the Science Directorate and Patricia Kobor, Senior Science Policy Analyst of the Science Government Relations Office to discuss the APA Center for Workforce Studies and the potential to do an expanded study of the geropsychology workforce.
- CONA developed a human interest case example of late life depression that highlights the links between basic science-applied science-clinical trials-translational trials-field dissemination.
- CONA met with the Joint Committee for the Revision for the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing to discuss older adults, the need to consider guardianship as a legal issue, and the increase in computerized neuropsychological batteries for syndromes including Alzheimer's disease.
- CONA members, Adam Brickman PhD and Sara Qualls, PhD were panelists in a Division 20 APA Convention symposium, "New Diagnostic Categories for Dementia – A Panel Discussion."
- CONA discussed key issues facing psychologists in their interactions with NIA with CEO, Norman Anderson, PhD, a member of the National Institute on Aging National Advisory Council.

Practice:

- *The Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Change* <http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/resources/dementia-guidelines.pdf> were adopted by the Council of Representatives. The Task Force charged with updating the 1998 Guidelines was convened in 2008 under CONA's auspices.
- CONA member, Patricia Areán, PhD is a member of the APA Clinical Treatment Guidelines Advisory Steering Committee.
- CONA member, Kelly O'Shea Carney represents CONA at meetings of the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging and is working to enhance the collaboration of psychology with state and local mental health and aging coalitions.
- CONA submitted nominations for the Clinical Treatment Guideline Development Panel for Depressive Disorders across the Lifespan.
- CONA met with Katherine Nordal, PhD, Executive Director of Professional Practice to discuss issues of import to geropsychology.
- CONA conducted an informal survey via the geropsychology list serves of barriers psychologists face in providing necessary clinical services to older adults and provided a report to the Practice Directorate.

- CONA developed vignettes that portray examples of clinical work that are not reimbursed by Medicare for use in advocacy efforts to include psychologists in the Medicare definition of “physician.”
- CONA provided input to the *2011 Survey of Professional Geropsychology Training and Experiences* that was launched by the Education Directorate and the Office on Aging in collaboration with the geropsychology community.

Policy:

- CONA crafted a list of the unique contributions that psychologists make for use by APA in materials prepared for consideration by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) for its study on the *Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations*. <http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/resources/psychologist-role-geriatrics.pdf>
- CONA members, Sara Qualls PhD and Patricia Areán, PhD were featured on the Eldercare Workforce Alliance’s new *Voices of Team Care* video, developed for policy makers.
- CONA met with Diane Elmore, PhD of the Public Interest Government Relations Office to discuss priority aging policy efforts.
- CONA met with Nina Levitt, EdD, Associate Executive Director, APA Education Government Relations Office to discuss the Graduate Psychology Education Program.

Education:

- CONA cosponsored an “Interactive Mentoring Event: Building a Research Career in Neuropsychology and Geropsychology---Practical Advice from Those Who Have Been There” in collaboration with Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology) and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists, at the APA 2011 Convention.
- An all-day, preconference, geropsychology continuing education workshop, “What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults” was once again sponsored by CONA and the Office of Continuing Education at the APA 2011 Annual Convention. Presenters were: Merla Arnold, RN, PhD, Leon Hyer, PhD, ABPP, Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, and Margaret Norris, PhD.
- CONA wrote an article, *Careers in Aging* for inclusion in the *APAGS Campus Bulletin*. <http://www.apa.org/apags/programs/bulletin/2011/08/careers-aging.aspx>
- CONA met with Catherine Grus, PhD, Associate Executive Director of the Education Directorate to discuss the education and training issues including the 2011 Survey of Professional Geropsychology Training and Experiences.
- The topic of the well-attended, annual CONA Conversation Hour was “Psychology & Aging: Priming the Pipeline.”
- CONA developed and submitted aging-related questions for incorporation in the *Profiles of Undergraduate Programs in Psychology Survey* to ascertain the coverage of aging issues in undergraduate programs.

Public Interest:

- CONA crafted a *Resolution on Family Caregivers* that was adopted as APA policy in August (<http://www.apa.org/pi/about/publications/caregivers/advocacy/resolution-family.pdf>). The Resolution is inclusive of all family caregivers providing care to individuals across the lifespan.
- CONA co-sponsored an APA Convention symposium, “Successful Models of Integrated Care: Psychological Programs that Address Health Care Disparities.” <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2011/10/integrated-care.aspx>
- CONA co-sponsored an APA Convention symposium, *The New American Portrait – Census 2010, the Life Course and Future of Psychology*.
- CONA encouraged President Melba Vasquez, PhD to include consideration of older immigrants by her Presidential Task Force on Immigration.

- CONA requested the inclusion of age and ageism more prominently in President Vasquez's Presidential Task Force report on Reducing and Preventing Discrimination.
- CONA members met with BAPPI liaison Antonette Zeiss, PhD and the following Public Interest committees at both its 2011 Consolidated Meetings to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology, Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, Committee on Socioeconomic Status and Committee on Women in Psychology.

Public Affairs:

- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Anderson Dodd Smith, PhD in recognition of his extraordinary leadership across the domains of research, education, and institutional development in the psychology of aging. Dr. Smith's research on memory and aging established foundational structures in that field, that stimulated a great deal of subsequent research and benefit scientists to date.
- The Office on Aging and CONA advocated for and/or contributed to the following Monitor on Psychology and GradPsych articles: "Psychology job forecast: Partly sunny," "Keys to making integrated care work," "Antipsychotics overprescribed in nursing homes, and Memory keepers."

APA:

- CONA members met with members of the APA leadership at its meetings, including APA CEO Norman Anderson, PhD; and the Executive Directors of each of the APA Directorates.
- CONA members met with following APA boards and committees to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: The American Psychological Association of Graduate Students, Committee on Early Career Psychologists, Committee on Psychological Tests and Assessment, Committee on Rural Health, Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.
- CONA commented on 25 cross-cutting agenda items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered. This year comments were submitted for 25 items including: Petition for Renewal of Recognition for Clinical Health Psychology as a Specialty, the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, Interdisciplinary Teams for Persons with Acquired Brain Injury, the APA Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in the Care and Use of Nonhuman Animals in Research, and the Resolution on Advocacy for Psychology as a STEM Discipline.
- CONA prepared and submitted substantive responses to the questions posed by the APA Good Governance Project related to ensuring representation of the full APA membership in governance.
- CONA aligned its strategic plan to that of the APA Strategic Plan initiatives.

Diversity Issues, Training and Representation:

- CONA continues to include attention to diversity in each of its ongoing priority initiatives - integrated health care, priming the geropsychology pipeline, Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology.
- At the congressional briefing, *Addressing Health Disparities among Diverse Older Americans* cosponsored by APA and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, CONA member, Patricia A. Areán, PhD presented results of her research demonstrating the benefits of integrating mental health in primary care to reduce health disparities among older adults.
- Outreach efforts on the IOM's *Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations* study included a focus on psychology being at the forefront of research and the development of interventions and assessment tools to address the special needs of culturally diverse growing ethnic populations.
- CONA strives to attract members representing diversity according to gender, age, and race/ethnicity as well as scientific expertise and level of professional experience. The diversity composition of the 2011 Committee on Aging was three men and three women including one early career and one ethnic

minority psychologists. In addition, CONA members' clinical and research foci related to diversity include expertise in working with diverse older adult and caregiver populations.

2010

Chandra Mehrotra, PhD (Chair), Patricia A. Areán, PhD, Adam Brickman, PhD, Neil Charness, PhD, Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP, and Sara Honn Qualls, PhD

Science:

- CONA and Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging) cosponsored the symposium, *Cognitive Decline Among Older Adults---Can Something Be Done?*
- CONA nominated individuals for the Board for Scientific Affairs (BSA) and its Master Lecture and the Distinguished Scientist Lecture Programs.
- CONA met with Science Directorate staff including Steven Breckler, PhD, Executive Director and Patricia Kobor and Karen Studwell of its Government Relations Office to discuss science issues including the establishment of behaviorally oriented research programs, National Institute of Mental Health interventions research and proposed Research Domain Criteria, and the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association working groups on the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.
- The CONA Conversation Hour topic was *Alzheimer's Disease and Cognitive Decline: What Scientists and Practitioners Want to Hear from Each Other*. Participants discussed the NIH Consensus Statement on the Prevention of Alzheimer's disease and Cognitive Decline.
- CONA submitted comments for inclusion in the Division 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology) response to the American Medical Association Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Work Group on "Dementia: Performance Measurement Set."

Practice:

- The Task Force to Update the Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Decline, convened under the auspices of CONA, completed its charge to update the 1998 Guidelines. The Board of Directors recommended at its December meeting that *The Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-Related Cognitive Change* be adopted as APA policy.
- CONA submitted comments on proposed changes to the DSM-V in the following areas: Major and Minor Neurocognitive Disorders and Delirium, Mood Disorders, and Substance Use Disorders.
- CONA's Integrated Health Care for An Aging Population Initiative continues with the development of two reports summarizing integrated care efforts: *Integrated Care Models: Primary Care Medicine* and *Integrated Care Models: Home-Based Models*.
- CONA coordinated the submission of a BAPPI sponsored symposium, *Successful Models of Integrated Care: Psychological Programs that Address Health Care Disparities* for the 2011 APA Convention.
- CONA met with Practice Directorate staff including Katherine Nordal, PhD, Executive Director and Diane Pedulla, JD, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs to discuss Medicare policies that impede the provision of services to older adults, telehealth, and treatment guidelines.
- CONA encouraged APA President-elect Melba Vasquez, PhD to consider the needs of older adults in her efforts to develop guidelines for the practice of telehealth and recommended individuals with expertise in telehealth and aging.
- CONA supported the continuing education proposal, *Psychological Assessment of Decision-Making Capacity of Older Adults*.

Policy:

- CONA maintained ongoing communication throughout the year with Diane Elmore, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Interest Government Relations Office on a variety of aging policy issues including integrated health care and the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act and SAMHSA.
- CONA provided input to the development of the 2010 Public Interest Advocacy Goals related to aging and cross-cutting issues.

Education:

- An all-day, preconvention, continuing education workshop, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* sponsored by CONA and the Office of Continuing Education was once again offered at the APA 2010 Annual Convention. It was developed to increase the competencies of psychologists interested in work with older adults. It was well attended and positively evaluated by its 44 participants.
- As part of its *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project*, CONA distributed resources on aging topics and career opportunities in collaboration with the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students and Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools.
- CONA met with Education Directorate staff including Catherine Grus, PhD, Associate Executive Director and Nina Levitt, PhD, of its Governance Relations Office to discuss the newly established specialty in Professional Geropsychology, replication of the survey *Psychologists in practice with older adults: Current patterns, sources of training, and need for continuing education* (Qualls, et al., 2002), and the Graduate Psychology Education Program.
- CONA provided input to the public description of Professional Geropsychology that is posted on the Committee for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology web page.

Public Interest:

- CONA encouraged President-elect, Melba Vasquez, PhD to include consideration of older immigrants by her Presidential Task Force on Immigration and suggested a special populations section that would include immigration and older adults in the Task Force report.
- CONA asked APA President-elect Melba Vasquez, PhD to consider issues of bias, discrimination and prejudice against older adults, whose identities are indeed marginalized in U.S. society, as part of her Presidential Initiative on Reducing bias, discrimination and prejudice against people whose social identities are marginalized in U.S. Society.
- Norman Abeles, PhD was selected for the 2010 Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Award at the Senior Career level. CONA nominated Dr. Abeles for the award.
- CONA coordinated the submission of a 2011 Convention symposium proposal, *Successful Models of Integrated Care: Psychological Programs that Address Health Care Disparities* to the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest in collaboration with four other Public Interest Directorate committees.
- CONA chair, Chandra Mehrotra presented a poster session, *Strengthening Multicultural Competencies in Geropsychology* drawing upon CONA's *Multicultural Competencies in Geropsychology* report.
- CONA members met with BAPPI and the following Public Interest committees at the Consolidated Meetings to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: CDIP, CEMA, CLGBTC, CSES and CWP.

Public Affairs:

- *The APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Jennifer Moye, PhD in recognition of her outstanding contributions aimed at improving the quality of life of older adults including leadership in training of clinical geropsychologists, advocacy for expanded mental health care for veterans, and in translating research to the advancement of science, practice, and public policy, particularly regarding assessment of competency and diminished capacity.

- The Office on Aging and CONA advocated for and/or contributed to the following Monitor on Psychology articles: *What works to protect cognition – Lifestyle interventions show promise, but the research remains inconclusive*; *Surviving the media onslaught – Psychologists’ research is pointing to ways Americans can find balance between online and offline worlds*; and, *Placing the Patient Front and Center – The patient-centered ‘health home’ promises to revitalize primary care and provide integrated, cost-effective treatment*.

APA

- CONA developed and submitted four priority initiatives for consideration in the APA Strategic Plan: Technology-based Programs for Underserved Populations; Enhance Psychology’s Role in Labor-Force Development; Public Campaign Highlighting the Distinct Role of Psychologists; and, Make Psychology the Leading Profession in Researching and Structuring Clinical Trials on Tailored Interventions.
- CONA members met with members of the APA leadership at its meetings to discuss issues of import including: APA President Carol Goodheart, EdD; APA President-Elect Melba Vasquez, PhD; APA Board of Directors members, Barry Anton, PhD and Nadine J. Kaslow, PhD, APA CEO Norman Anderson, PhD; and the Executive Directors of each of the APA Directorates.
- CONA members met with following APA committees at the Consolidated Meetings to discuss opportunities for potential collaboration: APAGS, BPA, BSA, CECF, and PTCC.
- CONA submitted nominations of psychologists with aging expertise for other APA Boards and Committees and Presidential Initiatives.
- CONA regularly comments on proposed APA new business items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.

2009

Merla Arnold, RN, PhD (Chair), Patricia A. Areán, PhD, Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, Leon Hyer, PhD, ABPP, Chandra Mehrotra, PhD, and Sara Honn Qualls, PhD

Science:

- CONA provided comments to the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on Comparative Effectiveness Research related to priorities in psychology and aging.
- CONA nominated individuals for the Committee on Human Research.
- CONA met with Patricia Kobor, Senior Science Policy Analyst, Science Government Relations Office, at its 2009 meeting to discuss current aging science policy issues.
- CONA alerted president-elect Carol Goodheart to emerging literatures from the basic sciences related to caregiving.

Practice:

- CONA member, Sara Honn Qualls, PhD is a member of the APA Presidential Task Force on Caregivers. Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, PhD, ABPP is the CONA liaison to the Task Force.
- The Integrated Health Care for An Aging Population Initiative continues to disseminate the report, *Blueprint for Change: Integrated Health Care for an Aging Population* and the three fact sheets developed by CONA for Policymakers, Graduate Psychology Faculty and Training Directors, and Consumers.
- CONA met with Katherine Nordal, PhD, Executive Director of Professional Practice at its 2009 meeting to discuss issues of import to geropsychology.

- CONA chair, Merla Arnold, PhD, RN chaired the Phase II Psychology Expert Work Group developing psychology specific quality measures and is the APA representative to the AQA (formerly the Ambulatory Quality Alliance) and serves on the AQA Steering Group.

Policy:

- CONA maintained ongoing communication with and provided input throughout the year to Diane Elmore, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Interest Government Relations Office.
- The CONA Conversation Hour at the APA Convention was titled, *Health Care Reform in an Aging America*.
- CONA worked with Dr. Elmore to identify integrated health care programs for older adults in which psychologists are team members to support policy efforts in this area.

Education:

- *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults*, an all day, 7-credit CE Workshop, was once again offered by CONA and the Office of Continuing Education at the APA 2009 Annual Convention. It was developed to increase the competencies of psychologists interested in working with older adults. It was well attended and positively evaluated by its 35 participants.
- A 6-credit, online version of *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* CE workshop was launched. It is a blended multimedia presentation with audiotape and downloadable PowerPoint slides offered as part of the APA Online Academy.
- As part of its *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project*, CONA developed and distributed resources on geropsychology topics and career opportunities at all levels of psychology training.

Public Interest:

- *Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology*, a report of CONA and its Working Group on Multicultural Competency in Geropsychology, was received by the APA Council of Representatives at its August meeting.
- Immediate past CONA Chair, Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP and Staff liaison, Deborah DiGilio, MPH, coauthored an article focusing older adults for the March 2009 *Special Issue: Psychological & Behavioral Perspectives on Health Disparities* for the Communiqué.
- Dr. Norman Abeles, the CONA nominee for the Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Award at the Senior Career Level and was selected for this prestigious award.
- CONA nominated individuals to serve on the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and the Committees on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns and Socioeconomic Status.

Public Affairs:

- The 2009 *APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Bob Knight, PhD in recognition of his extraordinary leadership across the domains of education, practice, organizational development, and research in clinical geropsychology.
- The Office on Aging and CONA advocated for and/or contributed to five 2009 *Monitor on Psychology* articles
- CONA assisted the Office on Aging in the development of two consumer factsheets. *Memory and Aging* and *Coping with Stress and Anxiety*.

APA

- CONA successfully advocated for diversity training on age and ageism for members of the Council of Representatives and Boards and Committees. Presenters for the training were Greg Hinrichsen, PhD, Becca Levy, PhD and Jennifer Manly, PhD.
- CONA submitted nominations of psychologists with aging expertise for other APA Boards and Committees and Presidential Initiatives.
- CONA regularly comments on proposed APA new business items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- CONA members met with APA leaders and governance groups at its meetings including: APA President James Bray, PhD; APA President-Elect Carol Goodheart, EdD; APA CEO Norman Anderson, and members of the Board of Directors to discuss issues of import and potential collaborative efforts.

2008

Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP (Chair), Merla Arnold, RN, PhD, Leon Hyer, PhD, Chandra Mehrotra, PhD, Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP, Michael Smyer, PhD, Dolores Gallagher Thompson, PhD, ABPP

Science:

- CONA cosponsored a 2008 Convention symposium, *Responding to the Challenges of Aging: Lessons from Medicine, Psychology, and Law*, for President Alan Kazdin's Psychology's Contribution to the Grand Challenges of Society Presidential Initiative.
- CONA provided guidance to the Science Directorate in the development of a booklet on vitality and aging, a component of President Kazdin's Grand Challenges initiative.
- CONA chair, Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, is a member of the APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project Working Group.

Practice:

- CONA agreed to continue the work of the Presidential Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population (IHAP) convened by Past President Sharon Stephens Brehm, PhD. Board of Directors Discretionary Funds were received for the printing and dissemination of fact sheets on integrated health care for older adults targeting three audiences: older adult consumers and their families, policy makers, and graduate psychology faculty and training directors.
- CONA coordinated a Convention symposium with the Committee on Disability Issues in Psychology, Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, and Ad Hoc Committee on Psychology and AIDS titled, *Best Practices of Integrated Care: Opportunities and Challenges*.
- CONA successfully nominated Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP to serve on the Task Force on Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance.
- CONA nominated a geropsychologist to serve on the 2009 Presidential Task Force on the Future of Psychology Practice.

Policy:

- CONA maintained ongoing communication with and provided input throughout the year to Diane Elmore, PhD, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Interest Government Relations Office.
- Past CONA member and Presidential Task Force on Integrated Health Care for An Aging Population Co-chair, Toni Antonucci, PhD, was a presenter at a Congressional briefing for Older Americans' Mental Health Week. Cosponsored by APA, the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Older Women's League.

Education:

- CONA and the Office of Continuing Education cosponsored an all-day continuing education program, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* at Convention.
- CONA continued it's *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project* to expose more students to the psychological dimensions of aging through working with Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPPS) and Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges (PT@CC) to provide new resource materials and modify existing curricula on geropsychology topics and career opportunities.
- CONA met with Nina Levitt, EdD, Associate Executive Director, Education Government Relations Office, to discuss the need for the reinstatement of funding for the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program.

Public Affairs:

- The 2008 APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging was presented to Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD, in recognition of his substantive contributions to psychological theory, knowledge, and practice with older adults that have shaped and strengthened the field of professional geropsychology.
- The Office on Aging and CONA have successfully advocated for increased coverage of aging issues in the *Monitor on Psychology*

Public Interest:

- A symposium, "Best Practices of Integrated Care: Opportunities and Challenges" cosponsored by CONA and the Committees on Disability Issues in Psychology, Ethnic Minority Affairs, Psychology and AIDS, and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest was held at the APA Convention.
- CONA met with the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns to discuss ways to encourage NIA to foster investigator-initiated proposals focused on LGBT issues and populations.
- CONA nominated individuals to serve on the following Public Interest Directorate Committees: Ethnic Minority Affairs; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns; Socioeconomic Status; and the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

APA:

- CONA sponsored special programming and events to celebrate its 10th anniversary at the 2008 APA Convention including a 10th Anniversary Symposium, *Moving Psychology Forward in an Aging Society: Progress and Possibilities* presented by CONA member, Michael Smyer, PhD; an all-day, geropsychology continuing education workshop, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults*; the Presidential Symposium, *Responding to the Challenges of Aging: Lessons from Medicine, Psychology, and Law*; the symposium, *Best Practices of Integrated Care: Opportunities and Challenges*, and an Anniversary Celebration.
- CONA commented on proposed APA new business items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered.
- CONA submitted nominations of psychologists with aging expertise for the 2008 Call for Nominations for APA Boards and Committees.
- CONA submitted a nomination for the Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest Award.
- CONA members met with APA leaders and governance groups at its meetings including: APA President Alan E. Kazdin, PhD, APA President-elect, James Bray, PhD and members of the Board of Directors to discuss issues of import to geropsychology.

Rosemary Blieszner, PhD (Chair), Merla Arnold, RN, PhD, Florence Denmark, PhD, Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP, Michael Smyer, PhD

Science:

- CONA provided comments that were incorporated into the APA formal response to the National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) Strategic Plan.
- CONA provided comments that were incorporated into the APA formal response to the National Institute on Aging on *Living Long and Well in the 21st Century – Strategic Directions for Research on Aging*.
- CONA met with Patricia Kobor, Senior Science Policy Analyst, Science Government Relations Office, at both of its 2007 meetings to discuss current aging science policy issues.
- Dr. George Rebok represented CONA and geropsychology at the NIH Center for Scientific Review Behavioral and Social Science Workshop.
- CONA chair, Rosemary Blieszner, PhD, was one of the 100 scientists selected to participate in “Adventures in Advocacy,” the third annual APA Science Leadership Conference.
- Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, is a member of the APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project Working Group. The Working Group is currently developing *Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Psychologists*.

Practice:

- Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, is a member of Dr. Sharon Stephens Brehm’s Presidential Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population (IHAP). The remaining members of CONA serve on its Advisory Panel.
- CONA met with Dr. Robert Roca, Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Aging in order to establish a collaborative relationship between the two organizations’ “aging” entities
- CONA met with Diane Pedulla, JD, Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs in the Practice Directorate on key Medicare and other regulatory issues.
- The theme of the 6th Annual CONA Conversation Hour held at the APA Convention was *Integrated Health Care for an Aging Population: Moving from Report to Real World*.
- CONA nominated geropsychologists to serve on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Stakeholder Group that develops evidence on the effectiveness of health care interventions.
- CONA met with Jessica Kohout, PhD, Director, APA Center for Psychology Workforce Analysis and Research to discuss the importance of capturing geropsychology data as surveys of workforce data needs are generated.

Policy:

- CONA maintained ongoing communication with and provided input throughout the year to Diane Elmore, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Interest Government Relations Office.
- Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, was a presenter at the Public Interest Government Relations Office Congressional briefing for Older Americans’ Mental Health Week. Cosponsored by APA, the Older Women’s League and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, it was entitled, *Promoting the Mental Health of Older Adults: An Action Agenda for an Aging America*.
- CONA and the geropsychology community have worked for the past four years to support the efforts of the Public Interest Government Relations Office to advocate for enacting the Positive Aging Act. CONA is currently supporting efforts to enact Title II of the Positive Aging Act as part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reauthorization. This would support

integration of mental health services into primary care and community settings where older adults reside and receive services.

Education:

- CONA continued its *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project* to expose more students to the psychological dimensions of aging through working with Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPPS) and Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges (PT@CC). CONA provided resource materials and modified existing curricula on geropsychology topics and career opportunities.
- CONA submitted a letter to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on the Future Health Care Workforce for Older Americans to urge the Committee to specifically address professional workforce needs related to mental health and to consider the inclusion of a geropsychologist on the Committee.
- CONA met with James W. Lichtenberg, PhD, Chair, Committee on Accreditation, and Susan Zlotlow, PhD, Director, Office on Accreditation, to express its long-standing interest in increasing the attention given to geropsychology in the accreditation process as one mechanism to ensure more exposure to this subfield.
- CONA met with Nina Levitt, EdD, Director of the APA Education Policy Office, to discuss the need for the reinstatement of funding for the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program.
- CONA successfully nominated two geropsychologists to serve on the Expert Reviewer Advisory Panel for the National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula.
- An all-day continuing education program, *What Psychologists Should Know about Working with Older Adults* is being planned for generalist psychologists at the 2008 Convention.

Public Interest:

- CONA received 2007 Council of Representatives Discretionary Funds to establish a Working Group on Cultural Competency in Geropsychology. The working group is currently developing a paper that will identify core principles of infusing cultural competency into geropsychology; set an agenda for achieving cultural competency in education and training, practice, research, and policy; and provide resources for practitioners and researchers interested in this issue.
- CONA and BAPPI cosponsored a standing-room-only 2007 convention symposium, *Aging and Health Disparities: Cumulative Effects of Race, Gender, and SES*. CONA Chair, Rosemary Blieszner, PhD, chaired the symposium of luminaries including David Chiriboga, PhD; Barbara Yee, PhD; and James Jackson, PhD. Toni Antonucci, PhD, served as discussant.
- CONA nominated individuals to serve on the following Public Interest Directorate Committees: Ethnic Minority Affairs; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns; Socioeconomic Status; and on the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

Public Affairs:

- CONA and the Office on Aging have increased their efforts to advocate for additional coverage of aging issues in the *Monitor on Psychology*. This year CONA contributed to or was featured in eight articles.
- CONA is currently revising its *Life Plan for the Life Span*, a web-based brochure originally developed for psychologists (http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/Life_Plan.pdf) for health and human service and aging network professionals.
- The 2007 APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging was presented to Martha Storandt, PhD, in recognition of her significant research accomplishments including early demonstration that dementia is a disease condition outside of normal aging as well as her ongoing efforts to differentiate across types of dementia.

APA:

- CONA regularly comments on proposed APA new business items to assure that APA policies are informed by geropsychology principles and that the impact of proposed policies upon older adults is considered. This year comments were submitted for every item on the 2007 Cross Cutting Agendas.
- CONA submitted nominations of psychologists with aging expertise for the 2007 Call for Nominations for APA Boards and Committees.
- CONA began preparations for special programming and events to celebrate its 10th anniversary at the 2008 APA Convention.
- CONA members met with APA leaders and governance groups at its meetings including: APA President Sharon Stephens Brehm, PhD, APA President-elect Alan E. Kazdin, PhD, members of the Board of Directors, and Norman Anderson, PhD, CEO, to discuss issues of import to geropsychology.

2006

Toni Antonucci, PhD (Chair), Rosemary Blieszner, PhD, Florence Denmark, PhD, Barry Edelstein, PhD, Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP, and Victor Molinari, PhD, ABPP

Science:

- CONA met with Dr. George Nederehe, Branch Chief of the Geriatrics Research Branch of the National Institute on Mental Health to discuss aging research issues.
- CONA met with Sidney Stahl, PhD, Branch Chief of the Individual Behavioral Processes (IBP) Branch of the Behavioral and Social Research Program (BSR) of the National Institute on Aging to discuss expanded funding of geropsychology research and to solidify an ongoing relationship.
- CONA members, Barry Edelstein, PhD and Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, ABPP are members of the APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project Working Group.
- CONA submitted nominations to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for its technical expert group on Age-related Dementia and Non-pharmacological Interventions for Depression.
- CONA provided comments that were incorporated in the APA formal response to the National Advisory Mental Health Council's Work Group on Services and Clinical Epidemiology of NIMH.

Practice:

- Drs. Antonucci and Lichtenberg were appointed as co-chair and member, respectively, of Dr. Sharon Stephens Brehm's Presidential Task Force on Integrative Healthcare for an Aging Population (IHAP). The remaining members of CONA serve on its Advisory Panel. IHAP will work to inform psychologists about how to enter and function within an integrated team for the care of older persons.
- CONA met with Randy Phelps PhD, and Diane Pedulla, JD, of the Practice Directorate to discuss ways the Committee could strengthen its relationship with the Directorate and how it might help advance geropsychology interests within the Practice community.
- CONA reviewed and provided comments to the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities draft Dementia Care Standards.
- CONA updated the web-based *Psychological Services for Long Term Care Resource Guide* (http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/long_term_care_resource_guide_2006.pdf).

Policy:

- CONA participated in the Public Interest Directorate Public Policy Office Federal Advocacy Training Day and Congressional visits. The Older Americans Act (OAA) was amended to include Title I of the Positive Aging Act and reauthorized after CONA's Congressional visits.
- *No Older Adult Left Behind: Public Policy and Aging* was the focus of the 2006 CONA Conversation Hour.

- CONA and Division 20 collaborated with other Public Interest committees and divisions to present the APA Convention symposium, *Intersecting Dimensions of Multicultural Issues in Disaster Response: Aging, Disability, Ethnicity and SES*.

Education:

- CONA obtained Council of Representatives 2006 Discretionary Funding for the National Conference on Training in Professional Geropsychology that was held in June 2006.
- CONA initiated its *Priming the Geropsychology Pipeline Project* and is working with Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools (TOPPS) and Psychology Teachers in Community Colleges (PT@CC) to provide new resource materials and modify existing curricula on geropsychology topics and career opportunities.

Public Interest:

- A workshop, *Self-Care for Aging Services Providers in the Aftermath of Katrina and Rita* was offered in both New Orleans and Baton Rouge.
- CONA established an Early Career Professionals slate for its 2007 nominees as one strategy to mentor early and mid-career geropsychologists for increased participation in APA Governance as well as a way to reach out to a younger cohort of geropsychologists who are more ethnically diverse than previous cohorts.
- CONA submitted a request for 2007 Council of Representatives Discretionary Funds to establish a Working Group on Cultural Competency in Geropsychology.
- CONA successfully nominated Chair-elect Rosemary Blieszner to serve on President Koocher's Presidential Task Force on Diversity Education Resources.
- CONA developed and updated its Diversity Plan.

Public Affairs:

- CONA, with the support of Board of Directors discretionary funding, developed *Life Plan for the Life Span*, a web-based brochure for young, middle-aged and older psychologists (http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/Life_Plan.pdf).
- CONA provided input to *Monitor on Psychology* staff on articles related to aging issues. In 2006 the following stories were printed: "Bracing for the Baby Boom: The White House Conference on Aging," "Geropsychology grants in peril," "Help wanted: Geropsychologists," "Retired and inspired" and "Teaching self-care to Katrina healers." The November cover story, *Aging Wisely: Keys to Longevity and Well Being* consisted of the following articles, "A healthy mind, a longer life," "Caring for caregivers," "A little help from your home," "The forgotten population" and "Better testing for impairment."
- The *APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Dr. Antonette Zeiss in recognition of her significant contributions to geropsychology throughout her career, and for furthering the multiple missions of CONA.

APA:

- CONA proposed establishment of a reduced fee for full registration and/or a one day registration fee for APA members with Life Member status for the APA Annual Convention to the Board of Convention Affairs.
- CONA submitted comments on the following APA new business items: Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Girls and Women, National Standards for High School Psychology Curricula, Report of the Working Group on Internationalizing the Undergraduate Curriculum, the Task Force on Multicultural Training's Report on Psychological Aspects of the Hurricane Katrina, the proposed Center for Psychology Workforce Analysis and Research, and Task Force on Socio-economic Status' Draft Report.

- CONA members met with other APA Boards and Committees to discuss areas of mutual concern and potential collaborative efforts.
- CONA submitted nominations of individuals with aging expertise for APA Boards and Committees.
- CONA participated in President Gerald Koocher's Centering on Mentoring Presidential Initiative.

2005

Gregory A. Hinrichsen, PhD (Chair), Toni C. Antonucci, PhD, Rosemary Blieszner, PhD, John C. Cavanaugh, PhD, Florence L. Denmark, PhD, Barry Edelstein, PhD

Science:

- *The Science of Successful Aging: The Road Best Traveled* was the focus of the 2005 CONA Conversation Hour.
- CONA met with Steven Breckler, PhD, Executive Director of the Science Directorate to discuss ways the Committee could strengthen its relationship with the Directorate and how it might help advance the APA science agenda.
- CONA member Rosemary Blieszner, PhD, attended the first Science Leadership Conference held in December.

Practice:

- CONA members Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD and Barry Edelstein, PhD worked with the APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project Working Group. The Project's first product, a document for practicing attorneys, *Assessment of Older Adults with Diminished Capacity: A Handbook for Lawyers* was published in March.

Policy:

- CONA's APA Resolution on the 2005 White House Conference on Aging was adopted as APA Policy.
- A Division 20/CONA symposium, *Psychology and Public Policy: Contributions to the 2005 WHCoA* received designation as a WHCoA Independent Aging Event. The post-event summary and APA Resolution were received by the WHCoA Policy Committee.

Education:

- Toni Antonucci, PhD, and John Cavanaugh PhD presented a symposium, *Choosing the older person you would like to be* as part of the Teachers of Psychology in Secondary Schools' APA convention programming.
- CONA met with Christopher McLaughlin of Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Health Professions to discuss the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program.
- CONA developed and submitted a request to the Council of Representatives for 2006 Discretionary Funding for the National Conference on Training in Professional Geropsychology.

Public Interest:

- CONA cosponsored with the Board for Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest an APA Convention symposium titled, *Older Adult Mental Health: Multicultural Infusion into Education, Training, Research, Practice and Policy*.
- Dr. Gregory Hinrichsen's presentation at a 2004 BAPPI-sponsored APA Convention symposium, *Implementation of Multicultural Guidelines* was published in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Public Affairs:

- CONA was a frequent contributor and resource to the *Monitor on Psychology*. In November, *Instilling skills for treating minority elders* was published.
- The *APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to Margaret Gatz, PhD in recognition of her longstanding dedication to research, training, professional service, and advocacy in geropsychology.

APA:

- CONA member Florence Denmark, PhD, and Merla Arnold, RN, PhD, Division 12-Section 2 liaison to CONA, advocated for the infusion of aging into all relevant APA divisions. As a result of their efforts, aging interest groups were established in Divisions 17, 35, 42, 52.

2004

John C. Cavanaugh, PhD (Chair), Toni C. Antonucci, PhD, Barry Edelstein, PhD, Gregory A. Hinrichsen, PhD, Beth Hudnall Stamm, PhD, Leonard W. Poon, PhD

Science:

- Former CONA chair Steve Zarit, PhD, CONA staff liaison, Deborah DiGilio, and Karen Studwell of the APA Science Policy Office, met with the Chief of the newly created Geriatric Treatment and Preventive Intervention Branch at NIMH.

Practice:

- Former CONA chair Forrest Scogin, PhD represented CONA at the Stakeholder Planning Conference on a National Evidence Based Practice Initiative for Older Adults sponsored by CMHS, SAMSHA, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, and the NRI Center for Mental Health Quality and Accountability.
- CONA held two events highlighting the APA/ABA Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults Project at the APA Convention. *Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults: Psychological and Legal Perspectives* was the topic of the CONA Conversation Hour. A symposium, *Assessment of Capacity in Older Adults: An APA-ABA Collaboration* described the state-of-affairs of capacity in older adults from the legal and psychological perspective, and reviewed the recommendations for action steps that emerged from two APA/ABA meetings held in 2003.

Policy:

- CONA developed an action plan to assure the consideration of mental health issues by The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) including development of an APA Resolution, nominating geropsychologists to serve as WHCoA delegates and advisors, and planning a WHCoA Independent Aging Event with Division 20 at the APA convention, *Psychology and Public Policy: Contributions to the 2005 WHCoA*. Recommendations from the symposium were forwarded for consideration to the WHCoA Policy Committee.
- CONA continued its efforts to promote enactment of the Positive Aging Act of 2004 in conjunction with the APA Public Policy Office. CONA members met with their legislators to garner their support for the Positive Aging Act and the Geropsychology Education Program funding.
- CONA successfully advocated for the creation of a new APA Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer position, whose portfolio includes aging policy.

Education:

- A student fact sheet, *Geropsychology it's YOUR Future!* and a poster that highlights the range of potential career opportunities in geropsychology practice and research were developed. The materials were sent to all undergraduate departments of psychology, human development, and family studies, and to American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) campus representatives for distribution on their campuses.
- CONA continued to be active in APA Education Policy Office efforts related to funding of the Graduate Geropsychology Education Program.

Public Interest:

- CONA representative Forrest Scogin, PhD presented a paper at the APA 2004 Convention titled, *The Impact of Socioeconomic Status on the Mental Health of Older Adults*. The presentation was part of a BAPPI symposium.

Public Affairs:

- CONA provided input to a new brochure, *Psychologists Make a Significant Contribution: Psychology and Aging* developed with funding from the Research Retirement Foundation and disseminated to policymakers.
- A news release, *Psychology and Aging* was developed and distributed nationwide by the North American Precis Syndicate. The release described the mental and behavioral health issues that many older persons face, and how psychologists can help address these issues. Ordering information for a free copy of the brochure, *Psychologists Make a Significant Difference: Psychology and Aging* was also provided. In the first two months of its six-month release period, 140 newspaper articles were generated in 20 states with a total readership of 7,249,808.
- CONA and the Office on Aging were frequent contributors and a resource to the *Monitor on Psychology*. Articles were published on Expanding Geropsychology Training, the APA/ABA Capacity Assessment Project, CONA's Roadmap to Aging Project, and the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.
- The APA *Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was presented to George Niederehe, PhD in recognition of his pivotal role in the development of the field of geropsychology resulting from his broad perspective on scientific, clinical, and educational issues.

APA:

- CONA members John Cavanaugh, PhD and Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD were members of the *Retiring Psychologist Presidential Initiative* Workgroup chaired by APA President Diane Halpern. The group's focus was on determining what resources older psychologists need and want as they move toward and into retirement.
- The APA Board of Directors allocated a portion of its 2005 Discretionary Funds for CONA's Roadmap to Aging Project. The funds supported a spring meeting at which experts from each of the above domains translated the wealth of empirical evidence in the research literature into practical steps to guide psychologists and others along the road to aging.

2003

Forrest Scogin, PhD (Chair), John C. Cavanaugh, PhD, Gregory A. Hinrichsen, PhD, Beth Hudnall Stamm, PhD, Leonard W. Poon, PhD, Antonette Zeiss, PhD

Science:

- Former CONA chair and representative, Steve Zarit, PhD, represented APA at the NIMH Advisory Council Meeting in September 2003. He presented comments on the Council's report,

Mental Health for a Lifetime: Research for the Mental Health Needs of Older Americans. Dr. Zarit recommended that NIMH consider reinstating the Aging Branch and increasing funding for aging research and training.

Practice:

- CONA chair Forrest Scogin, PhD, presented a paper, *The Underuse of Evidence-based Psychological Interventions with Older Adults* at the APA Convention.
- CONA and the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging commenced a project on competency assessment and older adults. Two meetings were convened (May and December) at which attorneys, judges and psychologists discussed the contours of competence and capacity assessment of elders. It was determined that the first collaborative product of the project would be a handbook for lawyers
- CONA's *Medicare Local Medical Review Policies (LMRPs) Tool Kit* was completed. The purpose of the tool kit is to assist psychologists in understanding Medicare provisions for psychological services and in providing input into their development. It can be accessed at: <http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/lmrp/>.
- CONA members provided input to the *Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults* developed by the Division 12-Section II and Division 20 Interdivisional Task Force on Practice in Clinical Geropsychology.

Policy:

- CONA was successful in working with the APA Public Policy Office and the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry to modify the Positive Aging Act introduced by Senator John Breaux and Representative Patrick Kennedy to reflect an interdisciplinary model of mental health care for older adults that is inclusive of psychology.
- CONA provided input to The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health.
- CONA provided input to APA in identifying priority areas for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to assist in their development of an Action Agenda to implement the Commission's recommendations.
- The Office on Aging and CONA received a grant from the Retirement Research Foundation to develop materials to promote *The Contribution of Geropsychology to an Aging World*. The materials, targeting policymakers, document the contribution of geropsychology to the health and well being of older adults, their families, and caregivers.

Education:

- CONA advocated for funding of the Graduate Training in Geropsychology program.
- The *Psychotherapy and Older Adults Resource Guide* joined four existing web-based resource guides, developed by CONA members, on the Office on Aging website.

Public Interest:

- CONA member, Beth Hudnall Stamm, PhD, presented *The Biopsychosocial Effects of Rural Poverty on Aging* at the APA Convention. Her expertise related to practice issues specific to rural populations was highlighted in the June *Monitor on Psychology*.
- *Fighting and researching ageism* was featured in the May *Monitor on Psychology*. The role of geropsychologists in addressing this issue and the need for increased training opportunities in the field were highlighted.

Public Affairs:

- The *APA Committee on Aging Award for the Advancement of Psychology and Aging* was established to recognize professional leadership and distinguished achievements in research,

practice and education in the field of geropsychology, and to promote an awareness and understanding among psychologists of this growing area of psychology. The award was presented to its first recipient, Norman Abeles, PhD, for his pivotal role in institutionalizing a presence and voice for geropsychology by championing the establishment of a continuing APA Committee on Aging and the APA Office on Aging.

APA:

- CONA formed an Aging Leadership Team as a result of discussions at the CONA Conversation Hour at the APA Convention. Members include the CONA Chair and Presidents of APA Divisions 20 and 12-Section II. Its objectives are to create a mechanism for increased and ongoing communication between these three groups and ensure a coordinated, timely and effective response to issues of import to geropsychology.

2002

Antonette Zeiss, PhD (Chair), Bob G. Knight, PhD, Martita Lopez, PhD, Leonard W. Poon, PhD, Forrest Scogin, PhD, Beth Hudnall Stamm, PhD

Science:

- CONA chair-elect Forrest Scogin, PhD, was an attendee and presenter at the NIMH workshop, *Career Development and Training in Geriatric Mental Health* focused on the growing need for more mental health researchers specializing in aging.
- CONA staff liaison Deborah DiGilio was invited to present at a meeting of the NIMH Coordinating Group on Aging Issues.
- CONA Chair Antonette Zeiss, PhD and staff liaison, Deborah DiGilio were invited participants to *Suicide Prevention in Later Life: an NIH Scientific Consensus Process*.

Practice:

- CONA's Medicare Local Medical Review Policies (LMRPs) Project began work to develop a LMRP Tool Kit. The purpose of the tool kit is to equip psychologists with the information necessary to advocate for increased availability of psychological services for older adults under Medicare.
- CONA reviewed and worked, unsuccessfully, to secure APA endorsement of a consensus statement, *Improving the Quality of Mental Health Care in America's Long-term Care Facilities: Management of Treatment of Depression and Behavioral Disorders Associated with Dementia*.
- CONA convened an interdivisional Conversation Hour at Convention to discuss a background paper developed by the Office on Aging that described and quantified the amount of clinical service and care that psychologists are providing to address the mental, behavioral and physical health needs of older adults and their families.

Policy:

- An APA Congressional Briefing, *Contributions of Geropsychologists to an Aging America: Promoting Health and Quality of Life...Preventing Elder Abuse, Depression and Suicide*, was held in collaboration with the Education Policy Office. This March briefing launched the Graduate Training in Geropsychology (GTG) Appropriations Initiative.
- CONA and The Office on Aging assisted the Public Policy Office (PPO) in preparing APA's statement in response to the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health recommending the inclusion of the mental health needs of older adults.
- CONA members developed and modified existing Congressional briefing sheets in conjunction with the Education Policy Office.

Education:

- A conference, *The Aging of America: Implications for the Health Workforce*, was attended by the Chair of CONA, Antonette Zeiss, PhD, Cynthia Belar, PhD, Executive Director of the APA Education Directorate, and Deborah DiGilio. Additional written commentary and data was provided for inclusion in the final report.
- CONA sponsored an APA Convention continuing education workshop, *Psychosocial Treatment of Sleep Problems in Older Adults* presented by Ken Lichstein, PhD.

Public Interest:

- CONA members participated at two BAPPI symposia at the APA Convention, Antonette Zeiss, PhD was a presenter for *The Disproportional Impact of September 11 – How Has the World Changed since September 11 and How These Changes Affected Public Interest Constituencies* and Bob Knight, PhD presented during *Diversity and Psychological Services – Preparing Psychology for the Demands of a Changing World*.

APA:

- CONA's Resolution on Ageism was adopted by the Council of Representatives.
- CONA members Antonette Zeiss, PhD and Beth Hudnall Stamm, PhD were contributors to the APA Board of Directors Task Force on Promoting Resilience in response to Terrorism. Dr. Zeiss worked with the subcommittee on older adults and Dr. Stamm with the subcommittee on rural issues to author fact sheets on these topics.

2001

Bob G. Knight, PhD (Chair), Jacqueline D. Goodchilds, PhD, Martita Lopez, PhD, Forrest Scogin, PhD, Anderson Dodd Smith, PhD, Antonette Zeiss, PhD

Science:

- CONA representative Stephen Daniels, PhD, attended SAMHSA's Strategic Plan for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues Facing Older Adults stakeholders meeting.
- CONA member Bob Knight was selected as a member of the expert panel for the Rosalyn Carter Institute's Science to Practice Advisory Panel on Caregiving.

Practice:

- CONA's Medicare Local Medical Review Policies (LMRPs) Project's was initiated with a nationwide review and analysis of LMRPs for Psychiatric and Psychological Services.

Education:

- CONA identified undergraduate education in psychology and aging as a key element of its goal to increase the number of researchers and applied psychologists in the field of geropsychology. To address this issue, CONA initiated its *Preparing Psychology for an Aging World Initiative* with an APA Convention symposium, "Training Psychologists to Work with Older Adults in the 21st Century."
- CONA planned a survey of undergraduate programs to ascertain the current level of educational effort in the teaching of psychology and aging.
- CONA member, Anderson Smith, PhD and CONA representative, Susan Krauss Whitbourne, PhD were selected as members of the APA Textbook Guidelines Initiative of the Committee on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention and Training in Psychology (CEMMRAT2) Task Force. The Task Force's mandate to infuse diversity into the development and production of introductory psychology textbooks was expanded to include aging and disability issues.

- CONA collaborated with the APA Education Policy Office and the Public Interest Policy Office to launch an appropriations initiative related to the Graduate Training in Gerontology provisions of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

APA:

- In February, Deborah DiGilio, MPH, was hired as APA's second Aging Issues Officer.
- CONA hosted a luncheon at the APA Convention of representatives of key geropsychology groups including Divisions 12-II, 20, Psychologists in Long-Term Care, and the Interdivisional Geropsychology Practice Coalition.
- Deborah DiGilio, the Aging Issues Officer represented CONA at the Committee on Legal Issues' Subcommittee on Facilitating APA/ABA Relations in October. An outcome of the meeting is that the Psychology/Law Topical Index distributed at the meeting was modified to incorporate an Elder Law category.
- CONA provided input and support to the Ad Hoc Committee on End-of-Life Issues. The LMRP Project's report, *An Overview of the Role of Psychologists in Hospice Care under Medicare*, was presented to the Ad Hoc Committee at its fall meeting.
- CONA and the Ad Hoc Committee collaborated on the development of an item for the Committee on the Advancement of Professional Practice's agenda entitled, Improving Medicare Coverage for Psychological Services.

2000

Anderson Smith, PhD (Chair), Michael Duffy, PhD, Jacqueline D. Goodchilds, PhD, Bob G. Knight, PhD, Martita Lopez, PhD, Steven Zarit, PhD

Practice:

- CONA met with Diane Pedulla from APA's Government Relations Office to discuss activities of the Practice Directorate related to reimbursement for practitioners working with older adults.
- A planning meeting was held to discuss progress and needs in the field of geropsychology, and to discuss the need for a national conference on training psychologists to work in aging at future APA Conventions.

Policy:

- CONA received advocacy training from the Public Policy Office on how to advocate for improved mental health services for older adults under the Older Americans Act.

Education:

- CONA and Division 20 co-sponsored an APA Convention symposium, *The Aging Dimension in Undergraduate Psychology Courses: Suggestions for Integration*.
- CONA met with Cynthia Belar, PhD Executive Director of the Education Directorate to discuss education and training issues in geropsychology.
- CONA began development of web-based resource guides on aging topics.
- CONA discussed the problem of lack of representation of aging and older people in undergraduate psychology textbooks. The initial plan of action to address this problem was to examine undergraduate abnormal psychology textbooks, and funds were requested from the Board of Directors to fund this research. CONA instead decided to work with the newly formed CEMMRAT2 Textbook Guidelines Initiative Task Force to address this issue.

APA:

- CONA worked on strengthening its liaisons with other APA committees to improve the flow of information and to identify topics where its input may be useful.

1999

Steven Zarit, PhD (Chair), Michael Duffy, PhD, Margaret Gatz, PhD, Jacqueline D. Goodchilds, PhD, Manuel Miranda, PhD, Anderson Smith, PhD

Policy:

- CONA developed an APA resolution in support of the United Nations International Year of Older Persons, which was adopted by APA's Council of Representatives.

Science:

- CONA met with Richard Suzman, PhD, new Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Research of the National Institute on Aging to discuss the research priorities and initiatives of this division and the opportunities for psychologists to obtain research funding.
- CONA organized a special presentation on successful aging at the APA Convention by Robert L. Kahn of the University of Michigan.

Practice:

- CONA met with Russell Newman, PhD, Executive Director of the Practice Directorate to discuss ways to support initiatives for expanding mental health services to older adults.
- CONA members attended the Board of Directors meeting on the Impact of the Changing Health Care Scene on Psychology.

Education:

- CONA discussed the problem of lack of representation of aging in psychology textbooks. An initial action to address this problem was to cosponsor an APA Convention symposium with Division 20 on incorporating aging into the teaching of psychology.

Public Interest:

- CONA proposed nominees for the 2000 APA Public Interest Award and the BAPPI public member slate.
- CONA provided suggestions for the *Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Clients* on inclusion of issues regarding older clients and their special needs.

Policy:

- CONA provided input on geropsychological issues to Ellen Garrison, PhD of the APA Public Policy Office for the White House Conference on Mental Health.

APA:

- CONA presented BAPPI a proposal related to ageism noting that it represents a hidden and pervasive bias within the psychological community and that it should be included as part of BAPPI's ongoing focus on diversity.
- CONA worked on strengthening its liaisons with other committees to improve the flow of information and to identify topics where its input might be useful.
- CONA members provided support to APA staff in developing an implementation plan for the National Arthritis Action Plan.
- CONA met with John Anderson, PhD, staff liaison to the APA Working Group on Assisted Suicide and End-of-Life Decisions.

1998

Steven Zarit, PhD (Chair), Michael Duffy, PhD, Margaret Gatz, PhD, Jacqueline D. Goodchilds, PhD, Manuel Miranda, PhD, Anderson Smith, PhD

Science:

- CONA met with staff from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research to explore opportunities for psychologists to receive funding for research on older adult issues.

Practice:

- CONA met with Paul Wohlford, PhD, Center for Mental Health Services, to explore funding opportunities for research and service programs for psychologists.
- CONA met with David Nickelson, PhD of the Practice Directorate to discuss issues related to reimbursement of psychologists by Medicare, such as “incident to” services and the need to include geropsychology expertise in Medicare managed care programs. In addition, establishing an effective liaison with the Practice Directorate was discussed.

Policy:

- CONA discussed APA public policy activities with The APA Public Policy Office.

Education:

- CONA met with Nina Levitt, EdD, of the Education Directorate to explore possible initiatives for increasing content on aging issues in psychology at every level of education.
- CONA disseminated two recent publications, *What Practitioners Should Know About Working with Older Adults*, and *Older Adults' Health and Age-Related Changes: Reality Versus Myth*.
- CONA assisted in the development of an Office on Aging public education brochure, *Elder Abuse and Neglect: In Search of Solutions*.

Public Interest:

- CONA provided input on age-appropriate language for Cross-Cutting agenda items.

Public Affairs:

- CONA reviewed the plans for developing a Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health to assure that psychology generally and geropsychology in particular will be represented in the report.

APA:

- The first meeting of the APA continuing Committee on Aging (CONA) was held on March 20 - 22.
- Weldon Bagwell was appointed the first APA Aging Issues Officer.
- CONA met with Peter Walker, PhD, the United Nations APA NGO Representative to explore how CONA could provide support of activities related to the UN International Year of Older Persons.

1997

Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Older Adults

M. Powell Lawton, PhD (Chair), Michael Duffy, PhD, Margaret Gatz, PhD, Manuel Miranda, PhD, Denise Park, PhD, Michael Smyer, PhD, Barbara Yee, PhD, Steven Zarit, PhD

Science:

- APA President, Norman Abeles, PhD convened the APA Presidential Task Force on the Assessment of Age-Consistent Memory Decline and Dementia. Task Force members, Thomas H. Crook, III, PhD (Chair), Glenn J. Larrabee, PhD, Asenath LaRue, PhD, Barry D. Lebowitz, PhD, Martha Storandt, PhD, and James Youngjohn, PhD, crafted the *Guidelines for the Evaluation of Dementia and Age-related Cognitive Decline*, which were adopted by the Council of Representatives.

Practice:

- Dr. Abeles convened the APA Working Group on the Older Adult Brochure. Working Group members, Susan Cooley, PhD, Irene Deitch, PhD, Mary S. Harper, RN, PhD, Gregory Hinrichsen, PhD, Martita A. Lopez, PhD, and Victor A. Molinari, PhD developed, *What Practitioners Should Know About Working with Older Adults*.

APA:

- The Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Older Adult met for its second and final year.
- The Ad Hoc Committee conducted a survey of APA governance groups, division, staff offices, and state psychological associations to develop a complete listing of current APA activities relevant to aging.
- A proposal for a continuing Committee on Aging was included on the cross-cutting agenda for review by all APA boards and committees during the March Consolidated Meetings.
- At its May meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee considered comments and developed a revised mission statement. It also developed a proposed agenda for the work of a continuing Committee on Aging.
- In August, The Council of Representatives amended the APA Association Rules to establish a continuing Committee on Aging effective January 1998.

1996**Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Older Adult**

M. Powell Lawton, PhD (Chair), Michael Duffy, PhD, Margaret Gatz, PhD, Manuel Miranda, PhD, Denise Park, PhD, Michael Smyer, PhD, Barbara Yee, PhD, Steven Zarit, PhD

APA:

- The Ad Hoc Committee on Issues of the Older Adult was established by the Council of Representatives in February.
- The Ad Hoc Committee was convened in September with the charge to “recommend APA program strategies and administrative structures to prepare the field of psychology for heightened demand for research and clinical expertise relevant to aging processes and their implications for preventive and rehabilitative interventions with older adults.”
- The Ad Hoc Committee recommended a permanent 6-member Committee on Aging (CONA) be established within the Public Interest Directorate and report to the Council of Representatives through the Board for Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.
- The Ad Hoc Committee drafted CONA’s mission statement and rationale.