



Candidate Statement
Steven Del Chiaro
John F. Kennedy University



It is an honor to be considered as a candidate for the Representative-at-Large position for the Western Psychological Association (WPA). I am a professor and chair for the undergraduate psychology department at John F. Kennedy University (JFKU) where I have worked for the past 9 years. Additionally, I am a lecturer, faculty fellow, and faculty-in-residence at San Jose State University, where I have worked for 13 years. Lastly, I provide mental health services for Santa Clara County Sheriffs and Department of Corrections officers and their families, which I have done for 10 years. I have also previously instructed courses as adjunct faculty at Foothill Community College.

I have been involved with WPA since 2012, serving as the liaison for JFKU to WPA, as well as an abstract reviewer and a faculty sponsor for students to present their work at WPA. I have presented at WPA through a symposium, a careers program with Psi Chi, and poster presentations with students. My experience uniquely qualifies me for the position, as I have experience working at a small private, large public, and community colleges, as well as a being a mental health provider. I will use my passion to: (1) be the voice of Council of Representatives, representing concerns to the WPA; (2) represent WPA back to the council, keeping the council informed through publications, email lists, blogs, etc.; (3) maintain an accurate list of members of the Council, as well as build off the success of my predecessor to recruit members for the Council of Representatives for WPA; (4) to the best of my abilities complete tasks required to assist in the growth of WPA. Thank you for your consideration; I would be honored to serve as your Representative-at-Large.



Candidate Statement
Ethan McMahan
Western Oregon University



It is an honor to be nominated for WPA Representative-at-Large. I believe my professional experiences position me well to effectively handle the duties of this position, to serve as the primary point of contact between the Council of Representatives and the WPA Board, and more generally, to provide meaningful and significant contributions to the Association.

My qualifications for this position are as follows. First, I have worked closely with WPA in several capacities in the past. I have served on the Program Review Committee for WPA since 2012, was the Program Chair for the 2014 WPA Convention, and developed and coordinated the Psi Chi programming at the 2016 and 2017 WPA conventions. Moreover, I have participated in some capacity at every WPA convention since moving to the region in 2010. These experiences, I believe, have allowed me to become very familiar with the Association, its administration, and its activities.

Second, I have served in several similar service-oriented positions. For example, I recently served as the Western Regional Vice President of Psi Chi, a position which required me to coordinate with institutions across the Western region, develop and maintain Psi Chi membership in the region, and serve as a liaison between Psi Chi faculty advisors, their chapters, and the Psi Chi Board of Directors. As such, there are many parallels between my previous responsibilities as the Western Regional VP and those required of the WPA Representative-at-Large. I will further note that I have served in several leadership positions at both the institutional level and for larger organizations, and it is my belief that my experience in these positions has made me well-prepared to effectively serve as Representative-at-Large.

Finally, I have spent my entire professional career in the Western region and as a result have developed many meaningful and significant professional connections and collaborative relationships with both academic and practicing psychologists in this area. It is my intent to utilize these connections and relationships to better meet many of my responsibilities as Representative-at-Large, such as the recruitment of new members to the Council and the maintenance of existing membership.

In sum, I believe my previous professional experiences as outlined above have prepared me to capably serve as the WPA Representative-at-Large. Through these experiences, I have become very familiar with WPA, have acquired the administrative skills to serve effectively in the position, and have developed a professional network that will facilitate communication with the varied constituencies represented on the Council.

Thank you for your consideration.