

ABN Newsletter

The Professional Neuropsychologist

Special points of interest:

- The nomination window is now open!
- CRSPPP
- AABN Update
- Meet our new diplomates

President Elect Nominations Open March 1ST

As we look ahead to fall of 2017, current Board President Dr. Karen Wilhelm will be completing her term of office and passing the baton to President-elect Dr. Renee Low. Concurrent with this transition, nominations for the incoming President-elect position opened on March 1, 2017. Please watch your email for an invitation to submit the names of potential candidates for this important role. We also invite qualified ABN members to consider serving in this and other leadership roles with ABN Board of Directors and committees.

CRSPPP Recognition

Your ABN Board of Directors is pleased to announce that ABN's renewal application to the APA's Council for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) was successful! ABN's recognition by CRSPPP, which allows ABN diplomates to list the ABN credential in the APA directory, was extended for a period of 7 years. Your board of directors put a tremendous amount of time and energy into this application. Please take advantage of this ABN member benefit by signing in to your APA member account, and editing your profile to include your ABN credential.

Here's how: Follow this link:

https://my.apa.org/apa/idm/login.seam?ERIGHTS_TARGET=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.apa.org%2F&_ga=1.81706642.42543925.1471715810

After logging in, under the APA Tool Box on the left-hand column, click APA Membership Directory Then click Edit Profile where you will see a place to add your ABN credential. Wear your credential proudly – you've earned it!

AABN Update

by Paula Cooper PhD, AABN committee chair

The Academy of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (AABN) offers the opportunity for post-doctoral neuropsychology training programs to join a consortium with other recognized training sites. Since the program's inception three years ago, AABN has assisted 40 post-doctoral residents in achieving the experience necessary for board eligibility in neuropsychology. AABN provides a consortium approach to training. Recognized programs have access to a large cache of didactic materials and information to augment the post-doctoral training experience. In addition to access to AABN's archives of didactic materials, fellows in the program are provided support from AABN in the form of evaluation and monitoring of progress during their training. The AABN Postdoctoral Residency Programs in Neuropsychology Training are structured to follow the expectations of the Houston Conference on training and education in neuropsychology, the American Psychological Association's Division 40/SCN (Society of Clinical Neuropsychology), and the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral Internship Center's (APPIC) postdoctoral membership. For more information, please contact AABN committee chair, Paula Cooper, PhD at paulacooperphd@gmail.com or visit us on the web at www.aabnonline.com.

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AABN Welcomes New Training Site

Dr. Paula Cooper recently announced recognition of Glassman Neuropsychological Associates, under mentorship of Director of Training Nathan D Glassman PhD. as an affiliated training site with Academy of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (AABN). Glassman Neuropsychological Associates joins a growing consortium of affiliated postdoctoral training programs organized to support postdoctoral training consistent with Houston conference guidelines in preparation for board certification in neuropsychology. A warm welcome to Dr. Glassman and his postdoctoral fellows.

What Has ABN Done For Me Lately?

by Karen Wilhelm, PhD, ABN Board President

Your ABN Board of Directors is working continuously, often quietly behind the scenes, to keep ABN in the forefront, and operating smoothly. We thought you might be interested in hearing about a few of the activities your Board of Directors and Committee members have been engaged in on your behalf, over the past year. All of these activities serve to keep ABN strong and relevant within the larger neuropsychology world.

CRSPPP Recognition: ABN successfully renewed its recognition through CRSPPP for the purpose of listing the ABN credential in the APA membership directory. We are now recognized through January 1st, 2024. Please see the separate article on this topic in this newsletter for more information, and for instructions on how to update your APA Member Profile to include your credential.

Inter-Organizational Practice Committee: The Inter Organizational Practice Committee (IOPC) is a coalition of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN), the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology/Division 40 of the American Psychological Association, the National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), and the American Psychological Association Practice Organization (APAPO) tasked with coordinating national neuropsychology advocacy efforts, and representing thousands of neuropsychologists in the United States. Dr. Randi Most, ABN's representative to IOPC, currently serves as IOPC chair. This hard-working group of neuropsychologists representing multiple neuropsychological organizations has continued to lead the way in advocacy for our field. For example, the IOPC, together with the New York State Association of Neuropsychology and Alan Nessman JD of the APA Practice Directorate, put together an advocacy team that was instrumental in getting Cigna to reverse its policy of denying coverage for neuropsychological evaluations for those with MCI, autism, and psychiatric disorders. The New York Attorney General ruled that Cigna must retroactively pay denied claims for Autism Spectrum Disorder, pay a \$50,000 fine, and clarify its coverage with Cigna consumers. Hopefully this will set a precedent for Cigna in other states as well. Congratulations to the IOPC for this, and its many other accomplishments. Some of the IOPC's current projects include providing feedback on Medicare cognitive rehabilitation coverage, and addressing changes in LD evaluation requirements by the federal government. Dr. Most will be rotating into the position of IOPC Chair for the next 6 months.

CNS Synarchy: Dr. John Knippa is ABN's representative to the Clinical Neuropsychology Synarchy (CNS). The CNS is composed of representatives of the major organizations in clinical neuropsychology who represent the specialty of neuropsychology to the APA's Council of Specialties. The Synarchy was recently charged with preparing the renewal application for the recognition of Neuropsychology as a specialty through APA's Council for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology.

The Academy of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (AABN): AABN is ABN's postdoctoral training consortium. Dr. Paula Cooper is the Chair. AABN member programs provide postdoctoral training that conforms to Houston Conference Guidelines. Programs have access to both live and recorded didactics that can help even small programs not within a medical or university setting provide the required didactic training to their residents.

Maintaining and Updating Examinations: ABN's written examination undergoes continuous monitoring and updating. Over the past year, the examination was evaluated in depth, and found to be very statistically sound. Maintaining and updating all steps of ABN's examination process is a perpetual task, to be sure that our boarding process is fair, consistent with current standards of practice, and statistically sound.

Applied Neuropsychology-Adult and Child: ABN members receive these ABN-sponsored journals as a benefit of membership. Editor-in-Chief, our own Arthur McNeil “Mac” Horton, has through his leadership made these journals so successful that the publisher is adding pages to each issue. A recent issue included an ABN policy statement on Third Party Observers.

Website Maintenance: Our current webmasters, John Knippa and Mike DeBellis, help to keep the website functioning and current.

NAN Booth and Activities: Each year ABN has a booth at NAN. The booth is a platform for promoting ABN and its activities, and for recruiting both new ABN applicants a, and AABN programs. Additionally, each year at NAN, members of the ABN Board of Directors give a workshop on the ABN boarding process. Recruiting new members is crucial in order to keep ABN growing.

Volunteer Opportunities

ABN is run completely by a dedicated group of member volunteers. Our greatest asset is the talent of our membership. As you can see, your ABN leadership team has tackled several big projects this year, has participated in advocacy efforts, and has kept the boarding process running smoothly. All of these activities require substantial time and effort. Please consider sharing your time and expertise with ABN. We have several opportunities:

- Work Sample Reviewer training
- Oral Examiner training
- Mentor to applicants
- Committee Assistance – either leading or being a member. We are particularly looking for individuals with statistical and test development expertise to help with the Examinations Committee, and would like to identify a member to head the Diversity Committee, but most committees are accepting new volunteers. To see a list of ABN committees, visit the website at abn-board.com, click on the “About us & FAQs” tab, then select Board of Directors and Committees from the drop down window.
- Running for a position on the Board of Directors

Please contact ABN’s president, Karen Wilhelm, at KarenLynneWilhelm@gmail.com to volunteer your time, or for additional information.

Member Spotlights

J. Audie Black



It is with great pleasure that we welcome ABN member J Audie Black to his new role as Assistant to the Treasurer, in preparation for his planned transition next year to succeed Tom Bristow as ABN Board Treasurer. Dr. Black is also a work sample reviewer for the ABN Examination Committee and serves on ABN’s Professional & Organizational Development Committee. Dr. Black is employed with Allegheny Health Network - Allegheny General Hospital, where he previously completed the AABN affiliated Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology under mentorship of Dr. Getz. His lively interest in student training issues is evident in his current position as Associate Director of Training for the Allegheny General Hospital Psychology Internship program. Your ABN board is excited to welcome Dr. Black in his new role, and has already been more than impressed with his energy, talent and creative enthusiasm.

Rafael Wald



A huge shout out to Dr. Raphael Wald who is assuming leadership as chair of the Membership & Marketing Committee, as former Chair, Dr. Renee Low prepares to assume the role of ABN President this fall! Thank you Raphi for your dedication to our board. Dr. Wald has served as a mentor for ABN applicants, as a work sample reviewer, and as former work sample coordinator. Dr. Wald has worked as a clinician at Harvard – Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA; The University of Connecticut Health Center and the Veteran's Affairs hospital in Newington, CT and conducted research for a number of years at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. He currently serves as faculty member and lead neuropsychologist with Florida Atlantic University-Memory and Wellness Center; and as consulting sports neuropsychologist with the FAU Department of Athletics.

ABN Recognition Award Winners

In recognition that ABN could not fulfill its mission were it not for the energy and dedication of its hard-working and talented volunteers and consultants, each year the ABN board tasks the awards committee to recognize the contributions of individuals who have made a particularly critical contribution to ABN's mission. At this year's annual board meeting, held at the National Academy of Neuropsychology convention in Seattle, awards committee chairman John Knippa identified this year's recognition award recipients:

Jeffrey Madden PhD



Dr. Jeffrey Madden was recognized for his distinguished tenure as Chair of the ABN Examination Committee from 2011-2016. Those of us who had the privilege to serve as examiners under Dr. Madden's leadership are acutely aware of the careful planning, organization and attention to the needs of examinees which is required to stage a successful board examination. The positive feedback which we regularly received from candidates regarding their examination experience speaks to Dr. Madden's success in fulfilling his mission. On behalf of the ABN Board of Directors, this recognition award reflects our sincere thanks to Dr. Madden for his dedication, remarkable energies and important work in service to ABN.

Pat Pimental PhD



In her role as chair of ABN's Professional & Organizational Development Committee, Dr. Pimental has been an innovator and active voice for students in training, actively seeking out opportunities to contribute to their mentoring while concurrently building a relationship with ABN which will extend into students later professional careers. For her vision, unbounding enthusiasm, and passion, ABN leadership welcomes this opportunity to extend a warm and well-deserved expression of gratitude to Dr. Pimental.

Roger Riss PsyD



Dr. Riss is ABN's current secretary, a position that is dynamic and multifaceted. Additionally, he has been the steady hand at the controls in his role as Applications Coordinator. He is often the first point of contact for applicants, and assists applicants in determining ABN eligibility, and helping them get their applications completed. His reassuring and supportive manner has been praised by many applicants. Additionally, Dr. Riss was recognized as one of several key contributors to ABN's successful application for full seven-year renewal of recognition with APA's Council for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology. ABN Board President Karen Wilhelm, who led the successful effort, expressed appreciation to Dr. Riss and to other board members who helped with this project

Marty Rohling, PhD



Arguably, no task is more central to the Board's mission than the development and maintenance of a psychometrically sound and well validated certification examination. ABN contracted with Dr. Rohling to help with the statistical analyses of our written examination. While Dr. Rohling is not an ABN Diplomate, he nonetheless played a critical role in the most recent updating and revalidation of the ABN written examination. The depth and sophistication of his contribution was critical to ABN's successful application for seven-year renewal of recognition with APA's Council for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology. Thanks Marty! We couldn't have done it without you.

Samantha Mann

Post doctoral fellow award winner Dr. Samantha Mann was nominated by her mentor, Bob Gant, Ph.D. She earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Washington D.C. She completed a post-doctoral residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at the Institute for Clinical Neurosciences, PLLC in Boulder, CO from 2014-2016. In her graduate and post-graduate clinical training, she has acquired extensive experience in neuropsychological and psychological assessments in private practice, rehabilitation, and medicolegal contexts. She is now a licensed psychologist working at NeuroWorks, LLC in Boulder, CO, where she conducts neuropsychological and psychological assessments for adolescents and adults with a variety of neurological and psychiatric issues, including trauma-related disorders, substance abuse, mood and anxiety disorders, neurodevelopmental disorders, acquired brain injuries, and neurodegenerative disorders.

Emily Necrason

Post doctoral fellow award winner Emily Necrason was nominated by her mentor Glen Getz, Ph.D. who states "Emily has been the ideal post-doc. She works extremely well with her patients, writes thorough reports, has a strong grasp of the literature and is always prepared for supervision. Her level of knowledge is well demonstrated in her participation in seminars and she was the most well prepared post-doc during a recent mock oral exam that is required to pass the fellowship. She has been active in research, including being involved in two presentations at NAN this year. Her skill set is at an advanced level. But the main reason that I nominated her is for her demonstration of leadership. Other trainees, particularly the clinical interns, and faculty members have commented on her leadership skills. Her ethically driven, unassuming, courageous 'lead by example' approach is uncommon at her level of training. I have no doubt that Emily will be an excellent ABN Diplomate in the future & will be actively involved within the field. Notably, she recently accepted a job at the University of Vermont Medical Center."

Introducing New Members

The following candidates successfully completed the final, oral examination stage to qualify for board certification in clinical neuropsychology at ABN's annual meeting in fall 2016.

Philip Uy, Ph.D., ABPP (RP), ABN



Dr. Uy obtained his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2015 and completed his pre-doctoral residency at Rusk Rehabilitation/NYU Langone Medical Center. He subsequently completed his postdoctoral neuropsychological training at the Department of Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System. In addition to his diplomate with ABN, Dr. Uy is also board certified in Rehabilitation Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology. He currently practices in the cardiac and medically complex acute rehabilitation unit at NYU Langone Medical Center, and serves as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at NYU School of Medicine. Clinically, he has strong interests in traumatic brain injuries, strokes, and neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Uy's research interests are in psychometrics in addition to the barriers of neuropsychological and mood factors on rehabilitation.

On a personal level, he was born and raised in the Philippines, grew up in Southern California, and eventually moved to Manhattan, NY. Dr. Uy enjoys traveling, is an avid runner, and an aspiring practitioner of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Geoffrey Sherman, PhD, ABN



A 2007 graduate of the APA-accredited clinical psychology program at Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Sherman subsequently completed postdoctoral training in clinical neuropsychology under the mentorship of former ABN Board Member Dr. Rod Swenson. He now works at Sheridan Neurology, PC, where his practice focuses on adult and geriatric neurology, neurosurgery, and primary care patients. In addition to his primary office in Sheridan, Dr. Sherman maintains outreach clinics and affiliations with rural hospitals throughout Wyoming, providing neuropsychological services to patients from across the state. Dr. Sherman's primary interests are in behavioral neurology, the Boston Process Approach to neuropsychological assessment, and the neuropsychology of MCI, Dementia, and neurodegenerative diseases.

Nathan Glassman Ph.D., ABN, ABPP



Dr. Glassman has been a licensed Psychologist in Wisconsin for over 25 years. He is also board certified in Clinical Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology. His practice focuses on neuropsychology, rehabilitation, and forensic psychology in medical hospitals, rehabilitation programs, and in independent practice. Dr. Glassman is a faculty member of Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology and is a consulting Neuropsychologist with the Dayspring brain injury rehabilitation program in Milwaukee. His clinic is also an AABN affiliated postdoctoral training site. Dr. Glassman was the 2009 recipient of the Lifetime Service Award for Clinical Practice awarded by the Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin. Dr. Glassman is also a Past President of the Forensic and Correctional Psychology Special Interest Section of the Wisconsin Psychological Association. In addition, Dr. Glassman's postdoctoral training program has recently joined the AABN consortium.

Joan Carrillo Ph.D., ABN



Dr. Carrillo completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Columbia University in 1990. Following her clinical internship with the US Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Carrillo served as a psychologist at Homestead Air Force Base in South Florida, moving into private practice after Hurricane Andrew devastated the area and led to all base personnel being transferred. In 2013 Dr. Carrillo enrolled in the Fielding University Neuropsychology Certificate Program under the direction of Dr. Len Koziol, ABN, ABpN, and subsequently pursued board certification in neuropsychology under his mentorship. Her private practice focuses on neurocognitive assessment of medically complex conditions in adults, and learning and developmental disorders in youth. A special interest lies in provision of culturally competent bilingual assessments (English/Spanish) to the underserved Hispanic and recent immigrant population, and in communicating results to patients and families in easily understandable and useful language.

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