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2012 Meeting Dates/locations:

- ❖ January 13
- ❖ March 9
- ❖ May 11
- ❖ July 13
- ❖ September 14
- ❖ November 9

All meetings are held in Conference Room Wo64 of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.

Member Profile:

In this section of the newsletter we will introduce you to your board one by one.

Joseph Biggs Ph.D., Board Chair

Dr. Joseph Biggs is the Executive Director of the Richard G. Lugar Center for Rural Health at Union Hospital. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Hanover College in 1984, received a Masters of Science degree in agency counseling from Indiana State University in 1985, and completed a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Indiana State University in 1989. Dr. Biggs has been a licensed psychologist endorsed as a Health Service Provider in Psychology in Indiana since 1990. From 1989 to 1995, Dr. Biggs served as a psychologist for Hamilton Center, Inc., working in Vigo, Clay, and Greene counties in Indiana. In 1995, he joined Union Hospital in Terre Haute as its inpatient medicine and rehabilitation psychologist. He then served as the behavioral science coordinator for the Union Hospital Family Medicine Residency from 2004 until January 2010. In that role, he directed the training of 21 family medicine residents in interpersonal, communication, cultural competency, diagnostic, and intervention skills. He was appointed as the executive director of the Richard G. Lugar Center for Rural Health in January 2010. Dr. Biggs has been an adjunct faculty member in the counseling and clinical psychology departments at Indiana State University since 1997 and has supervised psychology doctoral students training in primary care medical settings located in Terre Haute and surrounding rural areas. He and his wife of 24 years have three children, ages 22, 19, and 14 years.

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Notes from the Director,

Thank you to all who have submitted comments and suggestions for the newsletter; we value your input and welcome you to email us at pla6@pla.in.gov with questions, concerns, and suggestions on future topics. Simply indicate in the subject line "Newsletter: Psych" and you may see your questions, comments, and concerns addressed in a future publication.

Tasha Coleman

Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

Mark your calendars.

The ASPPB 27th Mid-Year Meeting: "Psychology, Regulation...And All That Jazz".

Date: April 12 – 15, 2012

Location: New Orleans, LA

Go to www.asppb.org for more information

State Psychology Board News:

Dr. Thomas Holsworth, Ph.D., HSPP to receive the Distinguished Hoosier Award for his eight years of service on the State Psychology Board. He was first appointed to the board in March 2002 and retired on July 30, 2010.



Dr. Holsworth (pictured on left) is a graduate of Purdue University (1976) with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. He currently is in private practice working as the clinical director at his place of business (Center for Psychological Services). His past employment has also included chief of psychological services at Trade Winds Rehabilitation Center in Gary, IN; director of student Counseling Center and Professor of psychology at Saint Meinrad College in St. Meinrad, IN, staff psychologist on a part-time basis for the Wabash Valley Correction Center in Indiana.

Congratulations Dr. Holsworth on your rewarding career so far!

IPA Corner:

Do you want a role in shaping Telepsychology policy in Indiana? The Indiana Psychological Association (IPA), the largest group in Indiana representing psychologists and the people they serve, is putting together a task force to collaborate with the State Psychology Board in shaping Telepsychology policy for Indiana.

What is Telepsychology and why should I care about it?

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Telepsychology is the practice of psychology by distance communication technology including telephone, email, internet-based communication, and videoconferencing. Rules governing Telepsychology will also guide electronic collaborations between psychologists and other health care professionals, both within Indiana and across state lines. Many psychologists around the country are considering how these methods may most effectively serve their patients, especially in rural areas. New rules governing these practices have already been passed in several states, including neighboring Ohio: <http://is.gd/PQNqp5>

IPA is working to help educate Indiana psychologists about both the potential benefits and the potential pitfalls of Telepsychology practices.

1. In March, five Indiana psychologists will attend the APA State Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. to learn more about advocating for psychologists in these times of changing health care policy and to bring back information about how other states are addressing not only Telepsychology, but many other issues that are also faced by psychologists in Indiana.

2. On April 28, IPA will co-sponsor a workshop *Adventures on the Electronic Frontier: Ethics and Risk Management* presented by Jeffrey Younggren, Ph.D., ABPP. In addition to covering issues related to regulating Telepsychology, Dr. Younggren will address ethical and practical concerns having to do with internet and computer-based technologies. (Attendees receive 6 Category I CE's which will fulfill the ethics requirement.)
3. IPA is also forming a task force to shape the rules and legislative policy for the practice of Telepsychology in Indiana. (You do not have to be a member of IPA to participate.)

For more information or to get involved, please email me: President.IPA@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Vogler, PhD, HSPP,
President, IPA

Happy 75th Birthday to IPA!

Amazing as it may seem, the Indiana Psychological Association (IPA) will celebrate its 75th year of activity in 2012. In order to give this milestone its due, a celebration is planned for the 2012 Fall Conference which will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2012 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel. The hotel offers many amenities for families as well as meeting attendees and is conveniently located close to shopping and entertainment opportunities.

All psychologists and their families and staff are invited and welcome to join this celebration of the profession of psychology and those we serve. For those who may not wish to attend the educational parts of the weekend, there is an option to only attend the party.

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Many special events are planned for both members and their families and guests. The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Katherine C. Nordal, Executive Director of the Practice Directorate of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Nordal has extensive experience in state association development and will offer insights on the future of psychology in light of health care reform.

Now for the fun side! To celebrate in style for this Diamond Jubilee year, we are planning a dinner with dancing on Friday evening. Music will be provided by *Charlie's Pocket*, a local group much in demand. The hotel is blocking several sleeping rooms at a very attractive rate and we do encourage party goers to take advantage of this opportunity for a truly carefree evening. If there is sufficient interest, Friday activities will be offered for families/guests that might enjoy an outing during conference hours.

SO HELP US GET THE WORD OUT!

Be sure to tell everyone you can think of in your local area, as well as old friends who may have moved away (who may not see this notice for some reason...) to indeed **SAVE THE DATE** and join in the fun. More information will be coming soon, and should you wish to be involved in the work that lies ahead, please contact our central office at 317-257-7449.

Article submitted by Dr. Patricia Murphy, PsyD, of Terre Haute, former State Psychology Board Member (1999-2006) and Chair (2001-2003).

Helpful Links:

Indiana Psychological Association:

www.indianapsychology.org

ASPPB: www.asppb.org

National Register: www.nationalregister.org

What's Happening in your Profession?

- The next renewal for psychologists is **August 31, 2012**.
- HSPP endorsed psychologists may retire their HSPP upon written notification to the board. Retirement of the HSPP eliminates the CE requirement. Licensed psychologists who do not hold the HSPP may only practice under the supervision of a HSPP psychologist.

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