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Message from General Chair
Michael E. Bricker, PhD

Greetings Everyone,

It was such a pleasure to be back together in Dallas this year for IACP. Finally having a chance to enjoy one another's company in person at the annual social was the icing on the cake of a great conference and PPSS program put together by our then Education Chair, **Oliver Stone**, and Vice Chair, **Stephanie Barone McKenny**. Big thanks again to

them for pulling off our first in-person conference in years!

It was also so great seeing many of you virtually at our follow-up Board meeting in December, and the board and I appreciate those who were able to take the time to be present to approve the documents for discussion and voting. I want to provide a few exciting updates from the Board and I as we make our way into the Spring:

We are very pleased to announce that **Dr. Mariya Dvoskina** has taken the helm as **Chair of the IACP PPSS Diversity Committee** as **Dr. Maria Galmarini** cycles out of the role. We can't thank Dr. Galmarini enough for her hard work and dedication to this important position over the past few years and we have no doubt Dr. Dvoskina will similarly accomplish as much as she takes over this important Committee.

As Chair, I have elected to establish **several new committees** this year as we work to further our service to the chiefs and the profession. First, I have appointed a **Public Policy Committee**, which will be co-Chaired by **Drs. Heather McElroy and Dave Corey**. Given their recent presentation and article in press on PEPE and state mandates, I can't think of two better section members to lead this important new committee whose aim is to make measurable change in policy related to police and public safety regulations, laws, and POST mandates around the country. Second, as many of you already know and may have expressed interest, I've established a new **Wellness Initiatives committee** that will be Chaired by **Dr. Gina Gallivan**. The aim of this committee is to create work products and provide concrete resources for police agencies and administrators to improve standards for, and access to, wellness. Third, I am currently forming a **Global Affairs committee** to help our section reach beyond the US to evaluate the needs of global police agencies. This committee's aim will be to clarify ways we can serve police administrators and police psychologists outside the US and to set measurable objectives and initiatives. While committee chairs will be directly soliciting membership interest, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you might have in the meantime.



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As part of my work so far this year as chair, I have also had the pleasure to meet with **Chief Hicks - Chair of the Safety & Wellness Policy Council**, as well as several of the other section and policy council chairs in my effort to find ways that we, as a section, can continue to build and maintain relationships with our colleagues from other disciplines (**HR, police physicians, police chaplains, police law, etc.**) and police administrators within the organization. In this light, I also introduced and started discussions with them to build support for the **Preemployment Psychological Evaluations Resolution** our section drafted with the goal of moving it forward to IACP in the next few months after we secure additional support. I believe these relationships are instrumental to build lasting collaboration outside our section as we find the most effective ways to be a resource to the chiefs and maintain our identity as a section as the premier body to outline best practice in police psychology. I have also had several meetings with **Chief Dwight Henniger**, the immediate Past-President of IACP, to obtain input and understand what he, the current President – Chief John Letteney, and the IACP Executive Board need from us as a section as we prioritize goals that contribute to their Trust Building Campaign. Additionally, I've held individual meetings with all our current and new committee chairs to identify how I and the Executive Board can assist with any brainstorming and agenda setting for the year ahead. As I stated at IACP, I believe it's critical that our committees are active, meet regularly, and have tangible goals for work products that are practical and useful to the chiefs. I have been so impressed as I've heard from each of our **section committee chairs** about their plans for the year ahead, and I asked each to provide an update of their committee's goals and progress in our next newsletter a few months from now.

Finally, next month I will be attending the 2023 IACP Policy Council Midyear in representing our Section among IACP leadership. Policy Council provides an opportunity for IACP Committee/Section members to collaborate within and across Policy Councils, discuss critical issues facing the law enforcement community, identify best practices, and enhance relationships with peers and colleagues in the field. I look forward to reporting back on the outcomes of this important event.

In closing, the Board and I are so excited about the many initiatives taking shape this year as we head into what is hopefully one of most productive years ahead as a section!

Sincerely,
Michael E. Bricker, PhD



Vice Chair Update
Cerise M. Vablais, MBA, PhD, ABPP

It was so great to see so many of you back IN PERSON in Dallas in October. Our Education Chair, Dr. Oliver Stone did an incredibly job of helping us return to our educational programming in person and offered all of us a robust offering of content.

One of my key responsibilities for this year is to schedule our section's social hour at IACP 2023 in beautiful San Diego. Please look for more information as soon as we solidify a location.

Last, I am a member of the Consulting Psychologist Guidelines Revision Committee and we hope to have a draft of our guidelines for the section's review at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Cerise M. Vablais, MBA, PhD, ABPP



Immediate Past Chair Update
Cerise M. Vablais, MBA, PhD, ABPP

Dear Colleagues,

It was great seeing you all in person in Dallas! It was an honor serving as your Chair last year and I look forward to providing support and advice to the Board as they pursue important work on behalf of our section.

I am pleased to announce that the projects I worked on last year, The Peer Support Guidelines (revisions), and the Annual Wellness Visit Guidelines were recently voted on and approved by our section. I am thankful to the section members who spent their time and shared their wisdom and experience on these important projects.

Last year, I also created a resolution for pre-employment psychological screenings with my good friend and colleague, Dr. Lew Schlosser. This document has been handed over to our current Chair, Dr. Michael Bricker, who is awaiting review and support from some of our collaborative committees. The document will then be submitted for final approval by IACP.

This year, Dr. Bricker asked me to chair a Police Officer Wellness Initiatives Committee. This is a new committee that he created. I requested volunteers on IACP Engage and received a big and rapid response! This group will meet monthly, beginning in January 2023. We will be working together to create a deliverable document of police officer wellness suggestions to be distributed to police agencies across the country.

I look forward to continuing to support our section and our profession. I am wishing you all a great New Year!

Sincerely,
Gina Gallivan, Ph.D., ABPP



Membership Chair Update
Oliver R. Stone, Ph.D.

Greetings Section Members,

I hope your 2023 is going well. How exciting it was to gather at IACP 2022 in Dallas! While many (myself included) were uncertain of what to expect since the last two conferences were held virtually, I was heartened by the turnout, renewed by the in-person interactions, and stimulated by the opportunity to further reflect upon the work we do. I sincerely hope those who attended returned home with a takeaway or two that may aid them in their professional endeavors.

With IACP 2022 behind us, CE credits for the conference have been issued and I am actively working to recruit new members and process application memberships. As your Membership Chair, I am open to discussions about what can be done to help the Section grow and be considered by those who fall beyond the ordinary margins. Please know, however, I also remain committed to efforts that allow the Section to continue to serve those who have already joined. We benefit greatly from the contributions of members, both former and current, and it's important to address the needs of those already in our ranks.

Lastly, as current members, I ask that you consider ways to share your expertise within the Section. There's always a need for additional assistance (e.g., why not think about joining a committee?) and a diversity of thoughts and experiences is welcomed.

It remains an honor to serve the Section. All the best this year.

Kind regards,
Oliver R. Stone, Ph.D.



Education Chair Update Stephanie Barone McKenny, Ph.D.

Happy New Year! As your Education Chair for this year, it has been a central goal of mine to think about how we can ensure we are hearing from all of our membership as the Education Committee, and I work to create an outstanding program. The objectives are as follows:

1. Put the “I” back in IACP. We hope to hear from as many countries as we have members and we want to actively encourage our international peers to submit presentation proposals.
2. Spotlight on the host city members/agency. We hope to put a spotlight on San Diego regarding their agency, their city, what they are proud of, their challenges, tips for special places to eat or visit while in town, etc. We are working with IACP to explore things like coordinating a Section-specific tour for those who would like to join (possibly a new tradition?) and offering an opportunity for members to swap agency patches, challenge coins, or the like. We believe this might be an excellent way to rope in more chiefs this way too.
3. Ensuring opportunities to hear from all our members. We welcome diverse, high-quality proposals at this year’s conference and are eager to hear about new ideas, concepts, research, and approaches related to police and public safety psychology. We are also reexamining some ideas that have been discussed previously (but which got preempted by COVID) for engaging each other more personally at the conference and offering opportunities for existing members as well as prospective members to meet and connect.
4. Every presentation proposal should address multicultural competence. As many of you are aware, APA requires that our programming reflect attention to diversity issues, and we believe this emphasis [on cultural competence] should be infused in any presentations taking place in the PPSS track – and all presentation proposals will be evaluated accordingly. We believe this emphasis reflects our values as psychologists and what we stand for as a section.

I want to acknowledge and thank the Atlanta-based Dr. Carla Sutton Moore for serving as Education Vice Chair this year. We have been collaborating for years and already make a great team!

If you wish to serve on the Education Committee with us it would make my day! Please contact me at the email address below to be a part!

Stephanie Barone McKenny
LAPD Police Psychologist