



Liaison Report: Spring 2023 Status of the Organization

We are happy to report that we ended our 2022 fiscal year with another record-setting enrollment figure – more than 600 new Registrants this year and we maintained our usual 95% renewal rate. As before, it is our impression that our superior clinical content and other programmatic activities are driving new membership and keeping loyalty at this impressive rate.

The other big news is that we have finalized our leadership transition and elected new Board members. On 1 January, Dr. Daniel Elchert became our new CEO. We also elected four new Board members to terms beginning 1 January 2023. Drs. Ashley Bittle, Colleen Byrne and Antonio Puente are our new psychologist members, and Mr. Mark Ishaug is our new Consumer Representative.

Here are some of our current initiatives that we hope will continue to increase the Register's stature in the profession.

National Register/American Psychological Foundation Internship Travel Scholarship

The first year of the Internship Travel Scholarship program was a major success. We had budgeted for 40 awards at \$1,000 each, but we received more than 750 applications. Almost all these applicants were highly deserving, so we increased our commitment to 60 awards. We were proud of this accomplishment, but we are also aware that this program impacted a fraction of the estimated 2,300 graduate students who will need to move for internship each year. Our fervent wish is to attract sufficient donations to fund more scholarships on a recurring basis, but to do that we will need to raise at least \$100,000 a year. Making graduate education more affordable and accessible is key to the profession's future. Please consider a much-needed donation to our fund, which can be made at <https://www.nationalregister.org/donate/>.

For those of you who want to pass the opportunity along to your incoming 2023 interns, we started accepting applications in February 2023. Applications will be accepted until April 10 or until 600 total applications have been received. More information about the application process can be access at: <https://www.nationalregister.org/tools-services/internship-travel-scholarship/>. Checks will be issued in the summer.

Psychology Connect

We are in the final development phases of *Psychology Connect*, a referral tool that we believe will be of great importance in an era of extreme shortage of mental health resources. Psychology Connect is a free referral database that will connect health service psychologists across the country who are looking to refer a patient. We have incorporated PSYPACT so we can accommodate interstate practice. We are convinced that this will be a much more effective method of seeking patient services than the traditional reliance on state association or APA division listservs, as we will have a nationwide audience.

Opportunities for Doctoral Students and Postdocs

Our Associate program (graduate students and psychologists pending licensure) continues to grow with now close to 5,000 members. We believe this is the most fertile ground for expanding the membership of the Register in the long term. Of interest to academic and clinical training directors is our certificate programs for graduate students. These are 4.5-hour virtual training experiences that take place over 3 weeks that are directly aimed at providing graduate students with competence in a specific area of practice they are likely to employ early in their career.

Journal of Health Service Psychology

We continue to publish highly clinically relevant continuing education opportunities in the *Journal of Health Service Psychology* under the leadership of Managing Editor Dr. Kate Nooner of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. Dr. Nooner has done a superb job in managing our editorial team and maintaining fidelity to our complex clinical problem-solving model, with an expanded focus on the treatment needs of BIPOC individuals. We always seek quality submissions using our unique style. Please check out the journal and our submissions guidelines at <https://www.springer.com/journal/42843>.

Pragmatic Case Studies in Psychotherapy

Our other journal, *Pragmatic Case Studies in Psychotherapy* will be of great interest to supervisors and trainees. We just launched a new website for the Journal: <https://pcsp.nationalregister.org/>. The longtime editor, Dr. Daniel Fishman, will continue in this role. Each main article will be available for continuing education credit.

The Clinical Consult Podcast Series

We continue our well-regarded Clinical Consult podcast series, directed by Dr. Sam Lustgarten, to incorporate professional practice issues and clinical management topics. To access our podcast library, click <https://www.nationalregister.org/education-training/podcasts/>.

Telepsychology Competencies Credential

Our collaboration with our partners at The Trust on the Telepsychology Competencies Credential (TCC), which assist psychologists in the transformation to a telepsychology environment. This series contains approximately 50 hours of highly pertinent clinical and risk-management oriented content. We update the TCC regularly with new content. As PSYPACT expands (the TCC content meets criteria for PSYPACT provider's CE requirements) education in this area will be increasingly important. More information on the TCC can be found at <https://thetrusttelepsychology.learnupon.com/store>.

National Practice Conference

We recently concluded the very successful National Practice Conference III and have already signed the contract and begun preparing the fourth iteration of this event. As always, the conference will be purely practitioner-focused, highlighting complex clinical decision making and risk management strategies. Registration will open shortly.

National Register Awards

We were pleased to announce some highly deserving students and psychologists for our annual awards. In 2022, our \$5,000 Morgan T. Sammons Doctoral Student Award went to Raquel Rose of New York University for a proposal to analyze unmet needs of students of color. The Judy E. Hall Early Career Psychologist award (one \$10,000 award annually) went to Dr. Larissa McGarrity of the University of Utah for her work with weight management with obese patients.

The Alfred Wellner Award, the Register's highest honor, now has two awardees – in the areas of practice excellence and research excellence. The Alfred M. Wellner Practice Award went this year to Dr. Rudy Nydegger of New York for his pioneering work in the nationwide hospice movement. The National Register Wellner Research award went to Dr. David Jobes of Catholic University for his influential work in clinical suicidology.

You can learn more about our awards here: <https://www.nationalregister.org/tools-services/awards/>.

Credentialing Scholarships for Early Career Psychologists: Deadline May 15

Credentialing scholarships cover application fees so that interns, postdocs, and early career psychologists can bank their training and licensure credentials. Once credentials are primary source verified and Registrant status is granted, the psychologist gains immediate access to benefits including expedited licensure mobility in the U.S. and Canada, credentials verification to healthcare organizations, hospitals, and employers, consumer referrals via FindaPsychologist.org, free continuing education, and more. To apply or pass the information along to your students and trainees, please visit <https://www.nationalregister.org/apply/credentialing-scholarships/>.

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