

Executive Director's Report

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Vote

On May 1, ballots for elected offices will be mailed to voting members of the IPA. There are many offices on the ballot and your votes will determine the direction the IPA will be taking for the next few years.

Workshops

Although the requirement for mandatory continuing education for psychologists in Illinois will not begin until the next renewal cycle (September 2012), the IPA is gearing up by developing more workshops. There is still time to register for several of the remaining Couple's Therapy Workshops as well as for the Risk Management Workshop to be held in Bloomington, Illinois. You can learn more about both of these workshops in this newsletter. The IPA is also partnering with Loyola University for a workshop on the Psychosocial Needs of Cancer Patients. Periodically check the *What's Hot* section of our website www.illinoispsychology.org for an updated list of IPA activities. The IPA was also a cooperating organization for the 2011 Psychologically Healthy Workplace Conference. This conference is aimed at helping psychology work with business to create healthy organizational cultures that support employee well-being and organizational performance. The conference was held in Chicago on April 8 and 9, 2011.

2011 Convention

Dr. Beth Rom-Rymer is working hard to organize the 2011 Annual Convention. She has locked in a beautiful site, The Doubletree Hotel, Chicago Magnificent Mile. She has also begun to confirm some wonderful speakers. This year's convention will have more program options than in previous years so you will get more for your money. There is a Call for Papers in this newsletter. If you have a presentation you feel fits with the convention theme, please submit a proposal.

2011 State Leadership Conference

The IPA was strongly represented at this year's APA State Leadership Conference. In attendance were Drs. Gregory Sarlo, Beth Rom-Rymer, Vida Dyson, Cristina Cox, Daniel

Brewer, Nancy Molitor, Alan Graham, Patricia Farrell, Terrence Koller, Lynda Behrendt and student representatives Katrina Sanford and Shanda Wells. While the whole group met for plenary sessions, breakouts were held based on the positions held in the state association. These positions included president, president-elect, federal advocacy coordinator, director of professional affairs, diversity representative, public education coordinator, business of practice network coordinator, executive director, and student representative. The workshops were geared to both teach leadership skills to each position as well as provide an opportunity to network with leaders of other state, provincial and territorial state associations. The conference ended with a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill to advocate for better representation of psychologists in Medicare as well as the inclusion of psychologists in resources to help them move into the health information technology era. ■