

# Commission News

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## Message from The Chair: Patrick Hyde

The PSYPACT Commission extends a warm welcome to South Dakota which has recently enacted legislation to become an active member of PSYPACT in July of 2024. PSYPACT looks forward to the continued growth of the Commission, and recognizes that there is pending, but not enacted, legislation in four additional states. As well as focusing on growing the compact, the PSYPACT Commission is releasing its Annual Report for 2023 which provides useful information regarding the Commission's activities. Lastly, the Commission is planning to hold its upcoming annual meeting in-person, which will take place in Washington D.C. on November 18th – 19th, I hope to see all of you at the upcoming meeting.

Patrick Hyde  
Chair, PSYPACT Commission

## Upcoming Meetings

Training and PR	4/10/2024
Strategic Planning Workgroup	4/11/2024
Finance Committee	4/16/2024
Requirements Review	5/17/2024
Commission Mid-Year	7/15/2024

## Executive Director Update: Janet Orwig

Happy Spring! Spring is the time to get excited for things to come and PSYPACT is off to a great start for 2024. I want to welcome our new PSYPACT Specialist, Ashley Lucas. Gina and I are very excited to have her join us at PSYPACT. You will all get an opportunity to meet her at the July Commission meeting.

Just a few highlights from the first quarter:

- South Dakota enacted legislation to join PSYPACT which becomes effective July 1, 2024.
- We have over 12, 700 Authorization to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) holders.
- The Strategic Planning Workgroup continues to review data and work on creating a draft of the first PSYPACT strategic plan and will be presenting this draft to you at the July Commission meeting.

Thank you to all who have graciously volunteered to serve on Committees. We still have a vacancy on the Appeals Committee. If anyone is interested, please email me at [jorwig@psypact.org](mailto:jorwig@psypact.org).

Join us in wishing Ronald Ross a happy retirement. We appreciate the work you have done with the PSYPACT Commission and wish you well

As always, I cannot thank you enough for all you do for PSYPACT.

Janet P. Orwig, MBA, CAE  
PSYPACT Executive Director

## PSYPACT Commissioners

Lori Rall Alabama	Gary Lenkeit Nevada
Heidi Paakkonen Arizona	TBD New Hampshire
Lisa Fitzgibbons Arkansas	Sean Evers New Jersey
Nate Brown Colorado	Susan Hurt North Carolina
Glenda S. George CNMI	Sara Quam North Dakota
Christian Andresen Connecticut	Ronald Ross Ohio
Shauna Slaughter Delaware	Teanne Rose Oklahoma
LaTrice Herndon District of Columbia	Steven Erickson Pennsylvania
Mary Denise O'Brien Florida	Peter Oppenheimer Rhode Island
Don Meck Georgia	Andrea Eaton South Carolina
Dawn Cureton Idaho	TBD South Dakota
TBD Illinois	Mark Fleming Tennessee
Stephen Ross Indiana	Patrick Hyde Texas
David Fye Kansas	Jana Johansen Utah
Leslie Jenkins Kentucky	TBD Vermont
Jayne Boulos Maine	Jaime Hoyle Virginia
Lorraine Smith Maryland	Leslie Cohn Washington
Amy Gumbrecht Michigan	Scott Fields West Virginia
Robin McLeod Minnesota	Daniel Schroeder Wisconsin
Pam Groose Missouri	JoAnn Reid Wyoming
Dina Mekic Nebraska	Mariann Burnetti- Atwell ASPPB

## Legislation Updates:

Currently we have 39 effective PSYPACT participating states, soon to be 41. South Dakota and Vermont become effective on 7/1/2024. The following states have active PSYPACT Legislation: California, Massachusetts, Mississippi and New York. Hawaii introduced legislation in the first quarter, however the legislation failed.

## Committee Updates:

**Finance:** *Heidi Paakkonen, Teanne Rose, Jaime Hoyle*

The Finance Committee met on January 22, 2024, via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the 4th quarter 2023 financial information, the 4th quarter 2023 Bank Reconciliations, and the Year End 2023 documents. The Committee also discussed updates on the investment initiatives and reviewed the audit process and documents.

**Compliance Committee:** *Jaime Hoyle, Lisa Fitzgibbons, Scott Fields*

The Compliance Committee met on January 31, 2024 via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the compliance for PSYPACT Member States for the 4th quarter of 2023 and for FY December 31, 2023. The Committee also discussed the next steps regarding non-compliance and made recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration..

**Rules:** *Patrick Hyde Don Meck, Pam Groose, Lorraine Smith, Susan Hurt*

The Rules Committee met on February 14, 2024, via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the legal opinion regarding Home State, updates and inquiries from the Trust Insurance Presentation, the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy. A policy regarding reporting of violation of Authorization Holders was also discussed.

## Training and Public Relations:

*Lori Rall, Heidi Paakkonen, Mariann Burnetti-Atwell*

The Training and Public Relations Committee met on February 16, 2024, via Zoom The Committee reviewed Policy 1.25- Sponsorship, and reviewed the first draft of the annual report. Policy 2.6 was also reviewed and possible revisions were discussed. These topics will be reviewed again at the next meeting. The PSYPACT letterhead was reviewed and revisions were suggested and forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration.

**Requirements Review:** *Gary Lenkeit, Peter Oppenheimer, Teanne Rose, Ron Ross*

The Requirements Review Committee met on March 1, 2024, via Zoom. The Committee reviewed the conduct questions from the application procedures. The Committee also reviewed the draft letter to ASPPB Mobility Committee and discussed next steps.

## Executive Board:

*Patrick Hyde, Lori Rall, Heidi Paakkonen, Gary Lenkeit, Pam Grosse, Mariann Burnetti-Atwell*

The Executive Board met on March 5, 2024, via Zoom. The Committee reviewed updates from each committee, received updates from the Executive Director, discussed a possible trademark infraction and reviewed a request from the Federation of State Medical Boards regarding Provider Bridge.

## Executive Board Members

Chair - Patrick Hyde

Vice Chair - Lori Rall

Treasurer - Heidi Paakkonen

Member at Large - Gary Lenkeit

Member at Large - Pam Groose

Ex Officio Member - Mariann Burnetti - Atwell

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# PSYPACT by the Numbers

TELEPSYCHOLOGY

11408

Active  
PSYPACT  
APITs

TEMPORARY PRACTICE

675

Active  
PSYPACT  
TAPs

## STATE LEVEL BREAKDOWN

State	APITs	TAPs	State	APITs	TAPs
ALABAMA	65	14	NEBRASKA	66	4
ARIZONA	281	31	NEVADA	104	11
ARKANSAS	39	8	NEW HAMPSHIRE	108	4
COLORADO	563	29	NEW JERSEY	750	23
CNMI	1	0	NORTH CAROLINA	486	33
CONNECTICUT	243	17	NORTH DAKOTA	17	0
DELAWARE	123	4	OHIO	417	24
DC	302	21	OKLAHOMA	61	6
FLORIDA	688	37	PENNSYLVANIA	1017	43
GEORGIA	466	33	RHODE ISLAND	85	1
IDAHO	33	4	SOUTH CAROLINA	56	5
ILLINOIS	997	46	TENNESSEE	201	13
INDIANA	122	7	TEXAS	876	53
KANSAS	94	8	UTAH	186	29
KENTUCKY	101	8	VIRGINIA	671	42
MAINE	73	5	WASHINGTON	349	24
MARYLAND	861	28	WEST VIRGINIA	47	5
MICHIGAN	180	10	WISCONSIN	112	7
MINNESOTA	283	15	WYOMING	12	1
MISSOURI	268	22			

Active Authorizations as of 3/31/2024

