

Michigan Psychological Association

The Michigan Psychological Association membership represents the interests of psychologists and the mental health needs of the public by maintaining the highest standards of psychology through the promotion of professional excellence, leadership, scholarship, advocacy, and training.

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Dear Michigan LLP,

I'm writing as the chair of MPA's Master Committee, which was re-established as part of MPA's ongoing efforts to be a bigger-tent organization that is welcoming to psychology professionals at all levels of training. I encourage all Michigan psychologists to join MPA, and I'm reaching out to you especially if you are a current LLP.

This is a new day for LLPs in MPA. For many years, we could join MPA as Associate Members and were entitled to a vote only after five years of membership. This fall, MPA's Board approved and the MPA membership passed by an overwhelming majority, new by-laws with new membership categories. Doctoral Level Member, Master's Level Member, Graduate Student Member, Emeritus Member, and Sustaining Member. Members in all these categories have equal status, rights, and benefits immediately upon joining, including the right to cast a vote on any ballot issue submitted to the members.

This is a new day for LLPs in MPA. As the Chair of the Masters Committee, I am a voting member of the MPA Board of Directors, with a seat at the table to advocate for LLP concerns in all issues brought to the Board, including policy and legislative advocacy. This is an important step forward in strengthening our profession and healing the LP/LLP divisions that have not served us well.

This is a new day for LLPs in MPA. As Chairperson of the Masters Committee, I want our committee to represent the full diversity of LLP's points of view. We are reaching out to all LLPs to be an active part of this committee.

If you are interested in joining the Masters Committee, please contact me at jtoepler7@gmail.com.

Now is the time to become a full voting member of the Michigan Psychological Association and let your voice be heard. This is truly a new day in Michigan for all LLPs!

Sincerely,

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