

Candidate Statements for SPA Secretary

Giselle Hass, Ph.D.

I am very honored and excited to be nominated as a candidate for Secretary of SPA. My enthusiasm with SPA began when I attended my first SPA conference approximately ten years ago. I was impressed with the high quality and broad range of presentations, and the liveliness of the conference. I returned home re-energized, with new information, ideas, colleagues, friends, and a feeling that I had found a professional family, the SPA community. Since that first conference I have been an active participant and have presented numerous times. Each conference has reinforced my loyalty and delight with the organization. At this time, I look forward to having a more active role in the organization and contribute through a leadership position. If elected, I will bring to this position the knowledge and experience I have gained through 16 years of academic work at Argosy University Washington DC, the leadership skills I have obtained by developing the first pro-bono parenting coordination program in the DC Superior Court, and the creation of a unit of psychological assessment in the Domestic Relations Court of Fairfax County, Virginia. I will also bring to this position my interest and respect for empirical research developed with my work through Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women grants with data on victims of violence and my passion for international collaboration as I have done in my partnership with Costa Rican colleagues. I have a strong commitment to nurturing collaborative relationships and my goal, if elected to the Board, is to foster an environment of inclusion and openness where we can intellectually nurture each other and grow together individually and as an organization. In particular, I am interested in helping expand the membership to attract a constituency that is diverse at all levels and to explore the ways in which SPA can advocate against the unfortunate minimization of the role of psychological assessment in the education and training of new psychologists. I am looking forward to representing your interests and helping meet the needs of SPA for many years to come.

Carol Groves Overton, Ph.D.

I would be honored to serve, again, as a board member of SPA. This organization is my primary professional affiliation and I have been a member since 1990, attending my first annual meeting in 1999 at New Orleans. When I ran before, it was the value, personal friendships, consultation, and collaboration I had received from SPA over the years that encouraged me to take a more active role in the organization. I still feel this way. Participating on the Board has shown me how incredibly hard-working and dedicated to SPA the board members are. We have accomplished much, but there is much more to do, and I'm ready to go back to work.

By way of background, the focus of my career has been assessment, although I would not have guessed that upon entering graduate school. But once introduced to the Rorschach, MMPI, and TAT, I was hooked. I have taught personality assessment to doctoral students both at Hahnemann University and Chestnut Hill College. I have supervised interns and practicum students in my former capacity as Director of IMPACT, the long-term, partial hospital at Hahnemann. There, I was able to actively integrate assessment results into ongoing treatment for all patients, and was able to demonstrate the efficiency and utility of assessment to both psychology students and clinicians of varied disciplines. In my private practice, I specialize in Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment. In 2001, I received the Society's Martin Mayman Award, and felt just as honored to have Paul Lerner be the first to congratulate me. I have come

to realize that we all thought we had a special relationship with Paul—and we all *did*. My passion is to demonstrate to others—whether they be clients, colleagues or the public-- the value we all know that assessment provides, whether for diagnosis and understanding, for treatment decisions and planning, or for forensic purposes. If elected, I will continue to use my knowledge and understanding, my energy and enthusiasm, my ideas, opinions, and judgment to promote this passion, to further the mission and goals of the Society, and to represent the diverse membership, to the very best of my abilities. I want to thank all those who voted for me three years ago, and to thank the membership for considering me now.

Candidate Statements for SPA Treasurer

Marvin W. Acklin, Ph.D.

I have been attending SPA since presenting my first paper in 1985 as a freshly minted PhD. This year in San Jose represents 25 years. For the most part, my SPA involvement has included organizing symposia and doing presentations at the annual scientific meetings, and sitting on the JPA Editorial Board (Irv Weiner appointed me). I have made many mentors and deep friends over the years, grounded my learning, publications, and practice in the Society, and consider the SPA my professional home. It has been a joy to see SPA grow over the years.

As a nominee for SPA Treasurer, I see an unfolding opportunity to deepen and extend my involvement with SPA, to work to maintain the Society's vitality, fiscal health, and insure continuity into the next generation. I offer to do my best in serving SPA as a member of the Board. Your vote would be deeply appreciated.

John McNulty, Ph.D.

I would like to thank SPA's Board members for considering my interest in the Treasurer position. As a candidate for Treasurer, I'm very excited about the opportunity to work *for* the Society for Personality Assessment. SPA has contributed greatly to my professional growth and development, and nothing would please me more than being able to serve the organization. For SPA to promote the benefits of personality assessment, provide training opportunities across the breadth of the field, and support basic and applied research on established and new methods of assessment, its financial wellbeing is as important as the talent and drive of its membership. My earlier education in accounting (BA and MBA) and experience (formerly as a consultant for a large, multinational accounting firm) provide me with the background and skills necessary to monitor and develop SPA's financial health. In fact, I currently volunteer as the Financial Manager for a local not-for-profit organization in Tulsa. While the annual budget for that organization (about \$70,000 per year) is substantially smaller than SPA's, I believe the skills and experience I've been able to bring to that organization mirror those I can offer SPA.

My career as an educator and researcher reflects SPA's mission and goals. Strengthening SPA's financial footing in support of the organization's training and research efforts is my goal. I hope you will consider me as you cast your vote.

Candidate Statements for SPA Representative-at-Large

Ginger C. Calloway, Ph.D.

I am very pleased to be nominated to the Board of Trustees of SPA again, particularly because I have several projects I want to complete. As Task Coordinator for the Proficiency Petition, I orchestrated the petition through our Board and to APA. Bob Erard, Virginia Brabender, Radhika Krishnamurthy and I completed additional editing required by APA after public comment. I want to continue this project, to insure that SPA is the organization recognized by APA with practitioners and researchers who will provide training for personality assessment. As a member of the C.E. committee for years and currently as Chair of that committee, I want to assist with implementation of training once the petition passes.

As Chair of the continuing education committee, I can make a contribution in bridging the required training outlined in the Petition with programs and training SPA currently provides. My participation with other members on the C.E. committee has been satisfying and fulfilling, resulting in a bounty of offerings. I am open to new ideas, novel approaches and changes to assessment that keep SPA at the forefront of psychology. The way SPA has positioned itself in working with the APA Practice Directorate has impressed me and I intend to promote this. I have also been pleased with the way researchers and clinicians work together within SPA to achieve our mutual goals and I will work to support this.

I want to see more women, minority psychologists, and international colleagues providing workshops, Master Lectures and symposia at our Annual Conference and for our Fall Workshops. In the past 10 years of Annual Conferences, we have offered 20 Master Lectures, two of which were provided by women and none by minority or international psychologists. Previously as a delegate to the International Rorschach Congress, I saw the benefit to SPA of encouraging more participation from our colleagues outside the U.S. The collegiality and support among members in SPA is unique in my experience of similar organizations and I would like to see that collegiality broadened. I want to work toward creating an environment in which different theoretical positions can be represented and welcomed within the organization.

Assessment is the cornerstone of my career and I routinely advocate for sensible, responsible use of assessment instruments and practice in numerous ways and settings. My private forensic practice includes consultation and expert testimony for child custody, mental retardation in capital cases, and personal injury. My child centered forensic services include Parent Coordination, mediation, co-parenting therapy, and child custody evaluations. I also conduct forensic evaluations for death penalty mitigation and for juvenile offenders' waiver to adult criminal court and competency to stand trial.

Ronald J. Ganellen , Ph.D.

Isn't life interesting? When I was young, I never dreamed I would become a psychologist. When I entered graduate school, I never imagined my career would lead to a focus on assessment. And, when I attended my first SPA Mid-Winter meeting, it never occurred to me that I would be nominated for the SPA Board. Over the years since my first SPA meeting, SPA has become increasingly important to me as an organization that fosters open exchange of ideas; promotes the highest levels of professional research, practice and training; and advocates for the clinical practice of assessment psychologists. I also value SPA as a community of friendly, knowledgeable colleagues who share the excitement and passion for assessment which my professional identity and activities are organized around.

It is an honor to be nominated to run for a second term as a Representative-at-Large on the SPA Board. I have great respect for the officers and representatives who serve the SPA community and am energized by the possibility of being able to continue working to respond to the needs of our members; champion assessment in the larger professional community; and educate decision-makers about what assessment has to offer. It would be a challenge and a privilege to be part of the Board's efforts to achieve these important goals, to participate in setting the agenda for the future, and to work to retain the spirit of community and collegiality that makes being a member of SPA so rewarding.

Leonard (Len) Handler, Ph.D.

I earned my Ph.D. from Michigan State University and taught in the University of Tennessee Psychology Department (UT), from 1964 to 2009. I am now a Professor Emeritus at UT. I was given the SPA Bruno Klopfer award in 2008 and the SPA Martin Mayman award, this year. I was also recently given a mentorship award by Division 12 of APA. I served as President Elect, President, Past President, and Member at Large of SPA. I decided to run again for a Board position for several reasons.

In academic tradition an Emeritus Professor is an honorary position, at least at UT, there is no contact with students. Emeritus Professors do not mentor graduate students, nor do they serve on or chair doctoral committees. The favorite part of my work at UT has been the mentoring process; I miss the contact with the students. I chaired more than 120 doctoral committees while I was at UT. Now that I am retired, I have time on my hands to devote to graduate students (e.g., SPAGS) and to important Board issues. The profound, yet delicate issues that present themselves in the area of assessment take time and effort to process. I would like to address myself to the development of solutions to these problems. Also, I would like to assist in constructing the SPA Annual Meeting program, since I have had lots of experience as Program Chair for the Tennessee Psychological Association convention, and with the SPA Annual Meeting program in the past.

David L. Streiner, Ph.D.

I am honored to be running for the position of Member at Large on the Board of Trustees of SPA. Like most psychologists, I belong to a number of organizations, but I consider SPA to be my home. It is large enough to encompass people with wide variety of backgrounds and skills, but small enough so that individuals feel they can participate and make a difference. It is also an organization that encourages its young, with many programs to foster the next generation of psychologists. As a Member at Large, I feel I can reflect the viewpoint of both clinicians and researchers, and build on the already existing strengths of the Society – to provide a forum where all psychologists interested in assessment can meet and exchange ideas; to foster research in this area; to lobby for our profession; and, most importantly, to encourage those who come after us.

I believe my background and experience makes me qualified for this position. I was at McMaster University for 30 years, in the Departments of Psychiatry and of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, reflecting my interests in both the clinical and research aspects of psychology. For much of that time, I was also the Chief Psychologist of the main teaching hospital, and chair of

both the Research and Clinical Ethics committees (the only non-physician to hold the latter position). I then became the founding Director of an applied research unit at a geriatric teaching hospital of the University of Toronto; a position I held for 10 years. At the current time, I am a Senior Scientist in two research units, Senior Editor of the journal, *Health Reports*, and Professor Emeritus in all three departments, where I continue to teach and supervise students. I am a Fellow of SPA and the Canadian Psychological Association; editor of the Statistical Developments and Applications section of the *Journal of Personality Assessment* for the past decade; and have contributed many articles to the journal. I thank you for considering my application.