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APA COMMISSION ON ETHICS PROCESSES: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As one critical response to the Independent Review, APA is forming a Commission on Ethics Processes. We are inviting nominations of psychologists and non-psychologists to serve on this Commission.

The APA Council approved the establishment of a Commission to evaluate and recommend changes to APA's ethics processes (e.g., educative and adjudicative functions; potential conflicts in human rights considerations; assessment of current policies, practices and procedures of the Ethics Office). Further, the Commission will also be charged with benchmarking APA's Ethics Office processes with the ethics processes of other professional associations.

The Commission will be comprised of 12 members, including two co-chairs. Six of the members will be psychologists, including both members and non-members of APA. The remaining six members will come from related disciplines such as medicine, law, science, human rights, and bioethics.

The Commission is expected to begin its work in January, 2016 and conclude its work by May 31, 2016 in time for the APA Board and Council Leadership Team to review the findings and recommendations before the August 2016 Council meeting, during which time the report and recommendations will be presented to the Council. Commission members will be expected to participate in monthly conference calls and two face-to-face meetings in Washington DC. Travel expenses will be covered by APA.

Please nominate (or self-nominate) psychologists and non-psychologists who have substantial subject matter expertise in one or more of the following areas:

1. Ethics experience (e.g., experience on a state licensing board, state or national ethics committee)
2. Related professional ethics experience (e.g., teaching, publications)
3. Ethics philosophy and pedagogy
4. International ethics
5. Science, bioethics, healthcare
6. Legal issues and implications of ethical standards

Nominations of individuals who will enhance the diversity of the Commission are encouraged. Particular attention will be given to diversity in the areas of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and career stage (students, early career, mid-career, late career). Additionally, attention will be given to applicants with expertise in the areas of advocacy specific to Independent Review concerns such as human rights, investigation and/or adjudication, institutional review, group

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dynamics, expert testimony, and impaired professionals. Finally, attention will be given to the diversity of Commission members' work settings (e.g., institutional practice, consulting, forensic practice, military experience, independent practice, Industrial/Organizational).

Individuals who self-nominate should provide the following materials:

- Letter indicating willingness to serve if appointed
- Brief statement of expertise and qualifications related to the criteria described above
- Current curriculum vitae.

If you are nominating another individual, please send full contact information for that individual to Katherine Nordal, Ph.D. (knordal@apa.org) so that the individual can be contacted regarding information that needs to be submitted for the nominations process. Additional endorsements of nominees from other individuals or groups are not expected or encouraged.

Nominees' materials will be reviewed initially by a group composed of 3 members of the Ethics Subcommittee of the APA Board of Directors, 3 members of the Council Leadership Team, and the chair and vice-chair of the APA Ethics Committee. The group will be chaired by the Board Ethics Subcommittee chair. A final list of candidates will be submitted to the Board of Directors and the Council Leadership Team for selection and appointment to the Commission. The co-chairs of the Panel will be appointed by the 2015 APA President.

The deadline for applications is October 23, 2015. Application materials should be submitted to Katherine Nordal, PhD, the interim Executive Director for Ethics. Materials should be submitted electronically at knordal@apa.org. Please call (202) 336-5913 in the event of questions regarding the Panel or difficulties regarding email transmissions.

Please feel free to forward this call to those whom you believe might be interested in serving.