



## **Job Description: Council of Representatives Delegate**

**What it is:** The Council of Representatives is the legislative body of APA and has full power and authority over the affairs and funds of the association within the limitations set by the certificate of incorporation and the Bylaws, including the power to review, upon its own initiative, the actions of any board, committee, division or affiliated organization.

Council is composed of 178 representatives of divisions, representatives of state, provincial and territorial psychological associations (SPTAs) and the members of the Board of Directors.

**Term:** COR is a 3 year term, with a 2 term limit. Delegates can serve for a maximum of 6 years, and then must take at least one term off before running again.

**Duties:** Council meets twice a year, once in the winter in Washington, DC (usually in February), and once in the Summer, where ever the APA conference is held (usually in August), and has a fairly active list serve. There are several opportunities to serve on boards and committees that are of special interest to the elected COR member. COR members attend these meetings prepared to discuss and vote on agenda items relevant to the organization, and the division or state they represent. Past agendas can be found on APA's website at APA.org by typing in Council of Representatives. Prior to the meeting the COR member should communicate to NDPA any agenda items that may have significant impact for NDPA to learn the will of the organization. Following the meeting the COR delegate should communicate back to NDPA regarding what occurred at the meeting. Meeting minutes will be provided to COR members, making it easy to pass along to NDPA.

**How Elected:** The COR seat is chosen by a full membership vote. The COR member must be an active member of both NDPA and APA to serve.

**Is COR For You?** You will be a good match for this position if you are interested in governance and leadership and excited about the opportunity to effect real change that has far reaching consequences. APA's Amicus Briefs have been cited in multiple Supreme Court cases. APA's Practice Guidelines are used every day by clinician's worldwide. APA's Ethics Code sets the standard of practice for psychologists. APA's accreditation helps ensure excellence in student training. These issues and more came through Council, and as NDPA's COR delegate, you have a front row seat to history in the making.

**Misc:** Expenses for attendance at COR (hotel, airfare, meals, taxi) are covered by APA.