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Three of the other candidates have had their chance on APA's board already. Meanwhile, the internship crisis continues and APA membership has declined dramatically. Meanwhile, APA sued its own insurance trust, got sued over the practice assessment and was seen as supporting torture. It's time for a new approach. Ranking me #1 is a mandate for change. Ranking me #1 is a mandate for innovation. I'm proposing significant, strategic adaptations; 2014's theme should be "Advancing Psychology through Innovation." My initiatives are:

- (1) Psychology's Role in Health Care Reform
- (2) Increasing Access to Psychologists and Psychological Science
- (3) Stimulating Innovation in Psychology

### **We can't be Bystanders (How Our Election Works)**

This election allows you to select optional second through fifth choices if I don't earn a majority of the votes. However, to tell APA to take a new approach you must give me your #1 ranking. Ranking me anywhere else is meaningless. Please don't rank me any lower than #1. Your #1 ranking is critical to help stimulate innovation in psychology, reduce publication bias and eliminate disparities in how mental health care is delivered. This election isn't about me or any one of the other candidates. Your #1 ranking is critical to say "we will not be bystanders;" we'll stand and fight to ensure that everyone can access a psychologist. It's unacceptable that many need our help but instead fall into poverty or die by suicide. We won't pretend they don't exist and do nothing. We will never again hide, walk-by or look-away from the many in need of our help without acting. Before ranking me anywhere other than #1 please call me at (330)495-8809 or email [toddfinnerty@toddfinnerty.com](mailto:toddfinnerty@toddfinnerty.com) to discuss it. I need your #1 ranking.

### **The Psy.D. and Psychological Science President**

Yes, it's true that all five presidential candidates are practitioners. However, I also have a psychological science agenda. I earned a Psy.D. and like to talk about science and improving communication on our standard of care; if the stereotypes are true then no psychologist will support me. The stereotype of a Psy.D. wouldn't like that I train professionals in Evidence-Based Practice or that I'm a member of the Association for Psychological Science. The stereotype of a Ph.D. would be offended by my degree's very existence. When I'm APA President it will have been 18 years since the one and only other time someone with a Psy.D. was president. We know, however, that judgments based on these stereotypes will lead to error. Many psychologists, regardless of degree, feel that people deserve the highest quality

interventions available. Psy.D. candidates are qualified and dedicated to making a difference in peoples' lives. They deserve internships and our respect.

### **Defending Your Future**

Psychologists that didn't match to APA-accredited internships wonder who at APA will defend their employment prospects. Certain large employers automatically reject their applications without considering their qualifications. There's no empirical support for requiring an APA-accredited internship. I went before the APA council at the convention and asked them to help me defend psychologists who didn't match to APA-accredited internships. Read the press release on my website and please email members of the Council of Representatives and ask them to defend the many competent psychologists who didn't have APA-accredited internships. The Model Act for State Licensure recognizes internships which are equivalent to APA-accredited internships. They produce psychologists who are competent and equal to those who had APA-accredited internships. All psychologists should have the opportunity to be able to practice to the full extent of their licensure in these settings. Employers rejecting all applicants who didn't have APA-accredited internships should immediately and unequivocally cease and desist.

### **We Can't Wait**

2014 is the most crucial year for payment reform we'll ever see. This election determines what APA will pay attention to during this crucial year. We're experiencing the greatest opportunity in a generation to bring high quality, timely care to every single American who needs our help but just can't access it. We can't wait or we'll miss our chance. *Their* story, not ours, motivates advocacy, legislative action and improvements for psychologists. It makes great business-sense for psychologists to open up this market, but it also reflects our ethical principle of justice. We'll ensure that everyone can access a psychologist--no matter where they live, how much they make or who their ancestors were. Rank me #1 and APA will never-again be a bystander to the forces shaping psychology's destiny.

### **Taking APA beyond the status quo:**

- Let's provide easier payment options for the practice assessment (including monthly smaller ones instead of annual larger ones).
- The DSM-5 is an unnecessary "middle man." We'll train our students to use the diagnostic system required by insurance companies, the ICD, and not bother with the unnecessary DSM-5. We don't need to send a single dime to the American Psychiatric Association.
- APA membership should lead to free, automatic membership in state chapters of APA. We'll save money by sharing resources with our APA chapters and won't need to raise dues.

Scientists, educators and practitioners all need local opportunities to meet together for mentorship, networking and service.

- We'll create a *Practice Research Network* of practitioners willing to collaborate on research. Let's explore how interventions work "in-the-real-world." We'll also assess the impact insurance companies have on our field.
- We can't only publish research findings that are significant and sensational-- sometimes they're too good to be true. Research data shouldn't go unchallenged by others. It also shouldn't be hidden-away unpublished and undiscovered. Let's reduce publication bias by publishing preregistered replication studies and increasing our publication of studies without significant findings.
- Let's launch *The Psychology Innovation Challenge* to stimulate innovation in research, education and practice. We'll seek out the best ideas, wherever they come from, and have them compete for the national attention and connections to grant funding that APA can provide.
- We don't support torture. I'm the only candidate that's signed the petition to annul the PENS report.

### **Thank you**

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