

Report to Council

Government Affairs Committee

April 14, 2022

GAC meeting of April 12, 2022

1. **CSAP GAC Meeting of April 7, 2022:** SCPS GAC (SGAC) reps to CSAP GAC (CGAC) (Reba Bindra, Rod Shaner, and Emily Wood) attended CGAC on April 7, 2022, and gave report to SGAC. As per CSAP GAC procedure, relevant legislative bills and recommended positions were placed on a consent list by SYASL, and bills of concern were taken off the consent list by any DB for discussion and vote. Remainder of consent list was voted on as a group. The votes were transmitted to CSAP Board (CSAPB) as recommendations to be voted upon by Board. The following SGAC leg report and associated recommendations to Council are based upon this procedure.
2. **Legislative report:** (See Dropbox: CSAP G.A. Com Agenda April 7, 2022, and CSAP Newsletter April 8, 2022): The committee reviewed the CSAP GAC consent list and positions, discussing those of greatest relevance to SCPS, and voted to recommend that SCPS adopt the positions taken by the CSAP GAC and Board.
 1. CSAP Consent Bill List: (CSAP Board Action: Approved)
Motion: That the Council adoption the CSAP positions on the CSAP Consent Bill List
 2. Care Courts and LPS Bill Matrix: CSAP GAC will meet on April 21 to discuss rapidly evolving language and issues these initiatives and related bills.
Informational
3. **CSAP letter to Officers of the APA Assembly regarding status of CSAP application for designation as the APA State Organization for California:** Based on the critical necessity for unified psychiatric advocacy in California during the current legislative session, the CSAP Board voted to send a follow up letter requesting from the Officers either immediate designation or a clear description of the process and timetable for making the decision.
4. **Possible additional appointments to GAC:** (See GAC motions) Following up from the SCPS Council discussion of March 10, 2022, the committee voted to make two recommendations to Council regarding additional GAC membership to 1) add input by other advocacy-focused SCPS committees into recommendations to Council regarding SCPS positions on government issues and legislation and 2) help inform and mentor additional interested SCPS members in legislative advocacy issues by recognizing interest by resident and early career SCPS members in participating in GAC.

Motion I: Proposal for ex officio membership by Diversity and Culture and Access to Care Committees on GAC

Motion II: Proposal to add members-in-training and ECPs to SCPS GAC

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Whereas,

SCPS has this last year created two SCPS committees with missions closely related legislative advocacy--Diversity and Culture and Access to Care; and

Whereas,

The charges of each of these committees involve significant elements of legislative advocacy; and

Whereas,

The SCPS Council previously provided ex officio voting representation to existing SCPS committees whose charges involve significant elements of legislative advocacy;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The SCPS Council shall add the Chairs of The Diversity and Culture Committee and the Access to Care Committee or their designees to the membership roster of the SCPS GAC.

Motion II: Proposal to add members-in-training and ECPs to SCPS GAC

Whereas,

Effective long term legislative advocacy is a critical membership service provided by SCPS; and

Whereas,

Developing legislative advocacy skills by members-in training and early career psychiatrists is in important way of ensuring the ongoing ability of SCPS to advocate for legislation on behalf of our patients and profession; and

Whereas,

The SCPS GAC serves as an important training resource for SCPS members in effective legislative advocacy;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The membership of the SCPS GAC shall be expanded to include, when available, one additional member-in-training or ECP from each committee that has ex officio GAC representation. Each committee with ex officio membership may propose for the GAC one additional member of that committee who is a member in training or ECP, subject to approval by Council.

Appendix: Current and Proposed GAC Membership

Chair

Co-Chair

Ex Officio Members:

1. President/President-elect (2021-2022: Ijeoma Ijeaku, MD, Zeb Little, MD)
2. State legislative rep (2021-2022: Roderick Shaner, MD)
3. Federal legislative rep (2021-2022: Steve Soldinger, MD)
4. Child Psychiatry Committee chair or Council designee (2021-2022: Patrick Kelly, MD)
5. Academic Liaison or Council designee (2021-2022: Laurence Gross, MD)
6. Private Practice Committee chair or Council designee (2021-2022:)
7. Public Affairs Committee chair or Council designee (2021-2022: Christina Ford, MD)
8. Residents Committee Chair or Council designee (2021-2022: Ara Dak)
9. ECP Council Rep or Council designee (2021-2022: Ara Darakjian, M.D.)
10. MURR Rep or Council designee (2021-2022: Uchenna Okoye, MD)

At large members: Six members, for both policy expertise and to further development of early career interest, diversity, and expertise in policy and advocacy. (2021-2022: Drs. George Fouras, Matt Goldenberg, Gayla Rees, Heather Silverman, Ron Thurston, Emily Wood)

Proposed additional ex officio members:

1. Access Committee chair or Council designee
2. Diversity and Culture Committee chair or Council designee

Proposed additional resident or early career members:

Each committee with ex officio membership may select for the GAC one additional member of that committee who is a member in training or ECP, subject to approval by Council.