

MOTION:

Whereas,

The fundamental purpose of the SCPS governmental affairs advocacy effort is to forward the government-related policies and positions of SCPS, as determined by the SCPS Council; and

Whereas,

Successfully accomplishing the purpose of forwarding the government-related policies and positions of SCPS in a manner consistent with a membership-driven organization, free of undisclosed potential conflicts of interest, requires the active participation of SCPS in a statewide advocacy organization that meets all the following criteria:

1. Provides a high level of advocacy expertise and resources,
2. Is accurately recognized by state legislators and allied medical organizations as faithfully representing the Area 6 District Branches of the APA,
3. Is solely governed by the participating District Branches in a comprehensively described and fully transparent governance structure that is likely to be recognized by the APA Assembly as consistent with the bylaws of the APA and the Procedural Code of the Assembly, and
4. Provides a determinative voice for SCPS that is consistent with the membership representation and financial resources contributed by SCPS; and

Whereas,

Of the two representative agreements submitted in a timely fashion to engage an organization for this purpose and reviewed by the SCPS Government Affairs Subcommittee on Contract Development, pursuant to a charge from SCPS Council, both submissions were judged suitable to sufficiently meet criteria 1, but the agreement offered by CSAP was the one judged most likely to sufficiently meet criteria 2, 3, and 4; and

Whereas,

SCPS should take all practical steps to ensure a smooth transition to a new advocacy relationship with CSAP while preserving to the greatest extent possible the institutional and personal relationships useful to SCPS and its membership,

Therefore, be it resolved that

1. SCPS shall enter a process with CSAP to complete a representational agreement to take effect as soon as practical and, upon completion of a CSAP agreement,
2. Notify all external medical organizations with links to statewide psychiatric organizations that CSAP is the sole statewide psychiatric organization that represents SCPS,
3. Notify APA of an SCPS endorsement of CSAP as the APA-recognized state psychiatric organization, and
4. Reach out to all SCPS members, including those who enjoy additional determinative representation in other statewide psychiatric organization or donate or pay dues to other statewide psychiatric organizations, that SCPS continues to highly value a fertile exchange of ideas with those organizations and intends to consider engagement in joint advocacy projects with them, when such efforts are consistent with SCPS advocacy objectives to support our patients and profession.