

SUMMER 2025

ABN NEWSLETTER

The Professional Neuropsychologist

Introducing one of our most recently boarded members:

Sarah Gulick, PsyD,

Sarah Gulick, PsyD, is a neuropsychologist who has worked in private practice since completing her post-doctoral fellowship at Clinical Neuropsychology Associates (CNA) in 2022. CNA is a private practice affiliated with the Academy of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (AABN) post-doctoral training consortium. During her post-doctoral fellowship, Dr. Gulick mentored students, facilitated organization of didactic experiences, and assisted with overall training development. Dr. Gulick earned her PsyD from Chestnut Hill College, where she specialized in the field of neuropsychology. Her training included practicum experience at Cooper University Hospital and Drucker Brain Injury Center at MossRehab. She completed her APA-accredited internship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. She has also been published in several journals, including Practical Neurology, The Pennsylvania Psychologist, and The AMA Guides Newsletter. Dr. Gulick has a special interest in mild traumatic brain injury. She is a member of various professional organizations, including the National Academy of Neuropsychology, American Psychological Association, and the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania. Dr. Gulick is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and she is PSYPACT credentialed. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and exploring new restaurants in the Philadelphia area.



New Role As AABN Chair



Dr. Schutte is a practicing neuropsychologist in Michigan with both a hospital and private practice. Dr. Schutte is board certified by both ABN and ABPP-CN and the recent chair of AABN. In addition to practicing Dr. Schutte has an interest in research, primarily focused in psychometrics and validity measures. Dr. Schutte is actively involved in training at both the doctoral level and through AABN, as well as sitting on the Michigan Psychological Association ethics committee.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Summer!

This will be my last newsletter in my role as President of ABN. I'm looking forward to turning the role over to Ryan Ernst at NAN. There has been a lot happening since the last newsletter and I would like to take the opportunity to share several updates/initiatives:

The Exam Development Committee recently completed a project to seek feedback from candidates as they complete the various exam stages. Many thanks to Robert Underwood, Jessica Rivera, and Adam Piccolino for their dedicated work on this project.

The Minnesota Conference Guidelines were endorsed by the ABN Board of Directors in February. As the Minnesota Conference Guidelines are finalized and approach publication, the Steering Committee recommended that they be taken up by members of the training and boarding organizations. A new group, referred to as the NA6, representing all levels of training and the three boarding organizations were formed that will be charged with future updates of the Guidelines.

The Clinical Neuropsychology Specialty Council continues work on the reapplication for neuropsychology as a specialty.

The InterOrganizational Practice Committee (IOPC) continues to advocate for issues impacting neuropsychology. Most recently they took action to support changes in the draft of the new Ethics Code that have particular bearing on neuropsychological practice.

It is a pleasure to have ABN actively involved in so many aspects of neuropsychology. In order to do so, we rely on many members to keep our volunteer organization operational. If you would like to be involved in the change you want to see in neuropsychology, consider volunteering for the following open roles:

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CEU Committee*-Individuals on this committee with assist with the planning of ACPN CEUs under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Hertzka.

Exam Development Committee-The purpose of this committee is to assist the Board in any revisions, updates or analyses of the ABN application, exams and processes to improve quality and inclusion within our organization. We are an active committee and meet regularly, once a month for one hour. This is usually the extent of the time commitment, unless we have special projects. If you are interested, please contact Robert Underwood (RobertUnderwood@abnbod.org) to discuss further.

Mentors-these individual work one on one with ABN candidates to support their journey through exam stages to completion of the boarding process.

*indicates roles that may include students/trainees. We particularly encourage AABN postdocs to consider volunteering for these roles.

*if you are interested in any of the above ABN roles, please email Dr. Krista:
 Krista Freece-kristafreece@abnbod.org.*

*Respectfully,
 Krista*

Diversity Scholarship Update:

In 2023 ABN established a Diversity Scholarship program aimed at increasing financial support for diverse candidates. The window for applicants will begin in September and recipients will be announced at NAN.



Exam Chair Bio: Dr. Stewart

In 2025, Dr. Stewart was voted in as the Examinations Committee Chair. He has served on the Examinations Committee as the Oral Exam Coordinator for the past four years, a period during which the exam process underwent numerous changes. He looks forward to bringing this growth mindset to bear in his new role and continuing the tradition of service to ABN's membership. Dr. Stewart holds a staff position within Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist's medical group in North Carolina, where he serves as the Director of Training at the Westchester Site. His primary area of practice and clinical interest is dementia, although over the years, he has also served as a member of several multidisciplinary surgical teams (e.g., tumor board, DBS, hydrocephalus board) and enjoys working with all neurological populations. Dr. Stewart has a special interest in training within neuropsychology and structural neuroimaging and enjoys sharing his passion with others through supervision and presentations. Dr. Stewart also maintains a modest research program, focused on various topics germane to degenerative conditions, including dementia severity staging, psychometrics, and diagnostic accuracy. Dr. Stewart completed his doctoral degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a neuropsychology-focused internship at the Dayton VA Medical Center, and his residency within Geisinger in Danville, Pennsylvania.



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