

History of the American Psychiatric Association's
Area 3

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Area 3 consists of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Washington DC metropolitan area [Thus, "Washington" infra even though the person may live or practice in Maryland or Northern Virginia]. Area 3 representatives have meetings in juxtaposition to the Assembly meetings in addition to a one-to-two day Fall meeting and a one-to-two-day Spring meeting. Area 3's history infra.

1953, Assembly of District Branches is created. [We need to find out at what point an "Area 3" was recognized. Was there an Area 3 in the Assembly back to 1953?]

1955

Area 3's Addison Duval [Washington] is Speaker of the Assembly

1960

Area3's Robert H. Felix [Washington] is APA President

1963

Area 3's Robert S. Garber [New Jersey] is Speaker of the Assembly

1967

Area 3's Henry W. Brosin is APA President

1971

Area 3's Harry H. Brunt Jr [Maryland] is Speaker of the Assembly

1974

Area 3's Robert B. Neu [Washington] is Speaker of the Assembly

1975

Area 3 begins supporting WPS's championing the concept that the Assembly, not the Board of Trustees, should be the governing body of the APA. At that time, the Assembly consisted of District Branch Representatives and Deputy Representatives, the latter without vote. Over the next 25 years or so, Area 3 supported adding representatives for:

- 1] Women as an under-represented group
- 2] Other minority and under-represented groups, e.g., Asian-American representatives. Fifteen of these representatives have been added to the Assembly
- 3] Members in training: Fifteen Resident/Fellow representatives have been added to the Assembly
- 4] Allied organizations (now known as ACROSS organizations): Eighteen allied organizations now have representation in the Assembly.
- 5] Early Career Psychiatrists. Fourteen of these Representatives have been added to the Assembly

Commented [BG1]: Is it fourteen or fifteen? or sixteen (counting the ASM RFM rep and dep reps?)

Commented [BG2]: Do we add two for the ASM ECP rep and dep rep positions?

Furthermore, WPS successfully moved that there be no non-voting Members of the Assembly; which came to pass in a process that also reduced the number of DBs in California and New York (and eliminated one in Missouri).

Area 3 successfully argued for an Assembly DSM Committee (as the Assembly must vote to approve any new edition or practice guideline)

Area 3 strongly supports creation of a Women's Council (a lengthy process, not completely finished).

Area 3 spearheads concerns about the ABPN's new MOC process, and an Assembly MOC Committee and MOC Caucus are formed.

1976

Area 3's Robert Gibson is APA President

Area 3's Irwin N Perr [New Jersey] is Speaker of the Assembly

[Perr won even though he was a non-voting Assembly Member]

1977

Area 3's Daniel A. Grabski is Speaker of the Assembly

1979

WPS launches petition to have an APA membership vote on moving the ultimate decision-making power from Board of Trustees to the Assembly. Vote is 58% in favor, but it failed in that 67% was needed to make this change. Even so, from that point on, Board and APA Presidents have been eager to have Assembly approval of any major issue as the "58%" could be seen as "speaking for the APA Members." Many powerful APA Committees now include the word "Joint," such as Joint Reference Committee that has seven voting members--three Assembly Members, three Board Members and APA Medical Director, as well as non-voting Council chairs. Council chairs are jointly appointed by APA President and Assembly Speaker.

1986

Area 3's Roger Peele [Washington] is Speaker of the Assembly

1988

Area 3's Paul Fink [Pennsylvania] is APA's President

1994

Area 3's Jerry M. Wiener [Washington] is APA's President

1995

Area 3's Mary Jane England [Washington] is APA's President. [While Dr. England has spent most of her years in Massachusetts, she was in Washington at the time she becomes APA President.

Edward C Leonard, Jr. [Pennsylvania] begins his six-year term as Area 3 Trustee.

1996

Area 3's Harold Eist [Washington] is APA's President

1997 Harold I Eist is Chair of APA Nominating Committee

Chester W. Schmidt [Maryland] is Chair of Work Group on Codes and Reimbursements. Schmidt is a guru on these two topics.

Paul J. Fink [Pennsylvania] chairs Task Force on Psychiatric Aspects of Violence until 2000.

1999

Lawrence Y. Kline [Washington] is Area 3 Representative

Houshang G. Hamadani [Pennsylvania] is Area 3 Deputy Representative

2001

Houshang G. Hamadani is Area 3 Representative – till 2005

2005

Bruce Alan Hershfield [Maryland] is Area 3 Representative - till 2007
[I am uncertain as to whether Bruce had two or four years as Area 3 Representative.]

2007

Dennis Milke [Pennsylvania] is Area 3 Representative - till 2011

2010

Brian Crowley [Maryland] is Area 3 Trustee till 2016

2011

Harry Brandt [Maryland] is Area 3 Representative – till 2015

2015

Joseph C. Napoli [New Jersey] is Area 3 Representative – till 2019

2017

Theresa Miskimen [New Jersey] is Speaker of the Assembly

2019

William M. Greenberg is Area 3 Representative [term expires in 2021 and can run again for two years at that point.]

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