

Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference

Mandate

The Advocacy Committee serves to address issues relevant to the advance and promotion of psychology in Nova Scotia.

Objectives

- To promote the profession of psychology to the public through education activities.
- To advocate on behalf of the profession of psychology to policy makers or elected officials on those issues relevant to the profession of psychology.
- To enhance public access to psychological services through advocacy initiatives.
- To advise and make recommendation to the APNS executive on issues that merit involvement of the Association in responding to an issue.

Membership

- The Advocacy Committee shall be comprised of three or more APNS members.
- Committee members will designate one member as Chair. If a chair is not designated, committee members will rotate the responsibilities of Chair until a Chair is so designated.

Meetings

- Meetings to be scheduled quarterly, with no meetings in July and August (4 per year).
- Meeting minutes or notes to be taken and disseminated to all members.

Communication with APNS Membership

- Committee Chairs will prepare a written report of the committee's activities over the past year for distribution to the APNS membership prior to the Annual General Meeting each year.
- The Advocacy Chair will write a regular column outlining ongoing committee activities to be published in the publication titled "Nova Scotia Psychologist" and Authorship of each column will be the responsibility of Committee members.