NASP leaders recently adopted the 2020 Professional Standards that serve as a guide for professional practice and ethics. What do you see as the role of the NASP delegate in promoting these standards? Provide examples of what you will do.

As NASP delegate to the State of Connecticut, I will need to support the leadership with developing a specific plan of action to educate NASP members and non-members regarding Professional Standards. This will include working with our State Department of Education.

As delegate, I will need to help our membership understand why the standards needed to change, what the changes to the standards are, the timeline of the changes, and how these changes may impact them in their daily practice.

Our state association already provides a biannual Ethics update to our membership. I will need to ensure that this update focuses on our new standards and that we reach members and non-members alike. Although these standards are for designed for the membership, they are ultimately our professional expectations and all practicing school psychologists should be aware and adhering to the guidelines.

Additionally, through social media connections, there will be a targeted sharing of information. Socially media allows us to provide short, quick, timely amounts of information regarding given topics. Professional Standards and ethics can be very overwhelming with the density of information and providing short bursts or information briefs would be a great way to share the information.

Finally, I would work with the Universities (we have four training programs) to ensure they have everything they need to implement the Professional Standards and Ethics by the implementation date.