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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.

Greetings fellow colleagues. I appreciate your desire to stay abreast of current issues within our profession by being a NASP member and participating in the election process. You are to be commended for wanting to learn more about the candidates running for this position.

I view the role of state delegate as an important component to assist you in incorporating the new Professional Standards, recently adopted by NASP, into your practice. Communication is the key to absorbing and putting into effect these guidelines. If elected as your delegate, I pledge to promote awareness of this document. I will provide educational opportunities to improve our comprehension of how to integrate these recommendations into your current practice. It is a lot of information to take in, but I'm confident that I can provide some ways to make it a more manageable task while remaining respectful to constraints related to time and other responsibilities.

I have some ideas that might help guide you on this learning journey that we as a profession have undertaken to “do better” for all students while infusing a best practice model within the confines of your daily job. In addition to sending you a monthly newsletter, I would like to highlight a section of the document on a regular basis. This would serve to heighten your awareness of what NASP is recommending related to current topics such as Social Justice, Diversity, and Social Emotional Learning to name a few areas. I would reach out to county associations and offer to write a short piece on the topic of the month for their newsletter. I would also offer to attend county level meetings and give a brief presentation on current issues. I would ask practitioners to share their success stories that they have accomplished in their workplaces in hopes to inspire others. These successes could be shared in my communication to members.

In addition, I would suggest holding a virtual town hall meeting to answer questions anyone might have about the document. I can facilitate a discussion about how to implement the new guidelines within our daily practice. It might be beneficial to have a few of these meetings if there is interest in this format as a vehicle for discussion. I would encourage all of you to invite future school psychologists, such as practicum students and interns to have them become active participants in the process. I would invite practitioners in all settings to attend. The information can be collated into a document to share with everyone around the state. My hope is that this could be turned into a type of panel discussion focusing on best practices with key speakers at a state conference.

These are some of the ideas I have come up with to promote awareness and understanding of our new Professional Standards. As your future NASP delegate, I welcome any ideas you might have on this issue. Thank you for your time. I respectfully ask for your support.