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Statement 2

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.

It is an exciting time in NASP as we roll out the NASP 2020 Professional Standards. Lots of hard work and stakeholder feedback went into updating the 2020 Professional Standards and now, as NASP leaders, we must all work to promote the standards. As a delegate there are many ways in which I can promote the 2020 Professional Standards including using social media to raise awareness about the 2020 Professional Standards. Social media is an effective way to target people across the nation to share information about the standards with additional resources. Within moments of sharing a post on social media we are able to spread resources across the nation. While raising awareness via social media is crucial we, as NASP leaders, also need to be sure that we are helping members to deeply understand the standards, implement the standards and provide them with resources to be successful.

At the state level I can promote the 2020 Professional Standards across my state by giving a presentation at my state association board meeting to assist the leaders in our state in increasing their understanding of the standards. I can also support the dissemination of the standards by writing an article for the MSPA Newsletter. In the past I have also presented important information regarding NASP initiatives at the annual MSPA conference. I think that this would be helpful for our members as the 2020 Professional Standards contain a wealth of important information.

A new NASP initiative for delegates is the NASP Push Project which calls on all delegates to share information about the NASP Practice Model with their state associations and school psychologists. Within the NASP Push Project there are suggested activities and resources for delegates to use to disseminate the NASP Practice model, which is part of the NASP 2020 Standards. Presenting at a conference, sharing with school staff, posting on social media and sharing information with stakeholders are all activities recommended in the NASP Push Project. I would welcome the opportunity to be re-elected as your MA Delegate and to I intend to use all of these resources to share information with members in my state about the NASP 2020 Standards and the NASP Practice Model.