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 a delegate representing North Dakota, I see the majority of a delegate’s role in promoting these standards in two ways. First, keeping school psychologists and other stakeholders in North Dakota both informed and welcomed to engage in discussions about how these standards promote best practice and best outcomes in educating our youth. Second, I see the role of the NASP delegate for North Dakota as promoting these standards by acting as voice for North Dakota school psychologists when communicating with other state delegates and colleagues at the national level. I believe that the honor of listening to colleagues in my state and taking their thoughts, ideas, questions, and advocacy from our state to be heard at the national level facilitates the implementation of these standards. I have spent the last few years as delegate sharing topics, engaging in discussion, and learning from ND school psychologists and taking these discussions to our colleagues and leaders at NASP to network at that level and bring back the knowledge to my ND colleagues. In continuing my role as delegate, I will continue to be both that source of information but also a voice for ND school psychologists.

Through these two ways: informing and advocating on behalf of ND school psychologists, my role has promoted meaningful discussions and action regarding mental health services, position statements, membership and conference attendance. Continuing the delegate role will allow these crucial topics to be developed further such as creating, presenting, and advocating for legislation that promotes our profession within North Dakota.