

MISTY LAY
Treasurer Candidate
Statement 1

Please describe your NASP leadership experiences and how those experiences have prepared you to serve as NASP Treasurer.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve in the position of NASP treasurer for another term. I am in my 25th year as a practitioner in Kentucky and am always seeking ways to contribute positively to the profession and NASP. Whether in my everyday work or my volunteer work, I approach tasks with honesty and integrity. I can organize and multi-task, give attention to detail, work collaboratively with others, and complete tasks in a timely manner. I learned in graduate school that active service to my state and national school psychology associations was a vital part of carrying the title of school psychologist. I served three times as president of my state association (KAPS), along with chairing several committees since 2006. It is through my leadership with my state association that I first gained valuable experience with balancing member services and financial accountability.

I began my leadership with NASP in 2012, as Kentucky's delegate. I served in this capacity for six years, three of which were spent on the NASP Board of Directors as a Delegate Representative for the Southeast Region. I have been on a number of committees with NASP since 2012, including cochair of the Regional Leadership Planning Committee and cochair of the Assistance to States Committee (ATS). Currently, I am fulfilling the remaining year of my first term as treasurer, during which I have gained valuable experience working with the finance staff, processing travel expenditures for all leaders and participating on the Education and Research Board (ERT) and the Fiscal Advisory Committee (FAC).

Through these leadership experiences, I have gained an in-depth understanding of the budgeting planning cycle and the significant importance of ongoing analysis of revenues and expenditures related to NASP's five strategic goals; these goals are critical to creating the trajectory for membership, the association, and the profession itself. In order for NASP to fulfill the goals of the strategic plan, all funds must be managed with integrity, and the treasurer stands as a key member of the decision-making process and for assisting in maintaining fiduciary responsibility. I remain ready to take on that responsibility.