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State Delegate Candidate: Hawaii  

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What are your qualifications that make you a strong candidate for delegate?

I have lived and worked in Hawai‘i as a School Psychologist for three years, one as a school psychology intern and two as a practitioner. During this time I have been actively involved in Hawai‘i’s state association, the Hawai‘i Association of School Psychologists (HASP) in various capacities, including chairing committees, and as current President of the association. Through my work as a practitioner and as a State leader I have cultivated a strong understanding of the pressing issues in the State, and have established relationships with advocates and leaders at the State and National level to support actionable steps targeting these issues.

What is the most pressing issue in your state? As NASP Delegate, how do you see your role in working with your state association to address this issue?

The three most pressing issues in the State are its lack of credentialing requirements for school psychologists, a critical shortage of school psychologists, and the sovereignty, land, and natural resource rights of the Kānaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians). As Hawai‘i’s delegate, I will continue supporting HASP’s work in addressing these issues by collaborating with other State and National leaders to establish new avenues and necessary resources to address them.