NASP Government and Professional Relations (GPR) Committee
Member Application

**GPR Committee Overview:** The GPR Committee serves as the public policy arm of NASP. GPR focuses on promoting policy and practices that align with NASP professional and policy positions and advance the strategic goals. This includes specific attention to public policy that: promotes the availability of comprehensive school psychological services and school psychologists; recognizes school psychologists as mental and behavioral health providers; promotes safe, inclusive, and non-discriminatory school environments; and advances equity in opportunity and access to a high-quality public education. The GPR Committee, along with the staff liaison and other relevant NASP Advocacy Committees, develops resources, provides professional development, and offers technical assistance to improve the capacity of state associations and individual school psychologists to engage in effective advocacy to advance the strategic goals of the association. GPR is responsible for the development of the NASP Advocacy and Legislative Platform.

**Position and Qualifications:** The NASP Government & Professional Relations (GPR) Committee is seeking members from the **Southeast** (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV) region to serve for a three-year term, with the option to renew. All applicants must be a NASP member in good standing; have knowledge or experience in policy and advocacy related activities; be committed to advancing the policy positions of the association; and want to share their passion for advocacy, leadership, innovation, and change with other likeminded professionals.

**Time Commitment and Expectations:**
The average time commitment is **1-2 hours a week** and can fluctuate based on current events and/or legislative action that requires attention. GPR members are expected to communicate with the Chair and Staff Liaison if personal and professional responsibilities will limit their ability to meet their commitment to carry out the following responsibilities during the course of their term:

- Actively contribute to the planning and coordination of GPR activities, including resource development, professional development activities, informational webinars, etc. in collaboration with GPR leadership and NASP Staff.
- Actively engage in legislative advocacy with state and federal elected officials and support efforts to increase the capacity of other NASP leaders to engage in effective legislative advocacy on behalf of the association.
- Attend monthly committee meetings (virtual).
- In collaboration with leaders of the Assistance to States Committee, facilitate quarterly regional meetings with state leaders (virtual).
- Maintain regular communication with state advocacy leaders in your region. Provide assistance on advocacy and public policy related activities upon request or connect them with other leaders as needed.
- Respond to requests for information regarding federal and state level advocacy and other public policy related issues in a timely manner.
- Contribute advocacy and policy related content for the NASP Policy Matters Blog, NASP Policy Matters Podcast Series, and Communique’.
- Stay abreast of public policy and advocacy issues important to the profession, including those articulated in the NASP Policy and Advocacy Platform and other issues that may impact access to comprehensive school psychological services.
- Attend in-person annual fall planning retreat in Bethesda, MD.
- Support planning and execution of the annual Public Policy Institute (PPI) in Washington, D.C. GPR members are expected to attend PPI at least once during time of position.
- Attend national convention and participate in related sessions and volunteers in the GPR booth (Related costs to attend the Fall meeting, PPI, and national convention are funded by NASP)

**Application Requirements**: To apply for this position, please submit the following application materials to Maria Cornell, Manager Policy and Advocacy at mcornell@naspweb.org by **October 13, 2023**.

- CV or Resume
- Cover letter describing the following:
  - Interest in serving on the GPR committee and value you would bring to GPR;
  - Experience in legislative and/or professional advocacy or other policy related work;
  - Two ideas for how GPR can improve our policy and advocacy work;
  - Contact information for at least two references.

All applicants will receive an email confirmation indicating that the completed application was received. Please contact Kari Oyen, Chair of the GPR committee at karioyenschoolpsych@gmail.com or Kelly Vaillancourt Stroback, Director of Policy and Advocacy at kvaillancourt@naspweb.org with any questions.