

# 2016 National APA Election Candidates

**Frank W. Brown, MD**

**Candidate for APA President-elect**

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The IAPA and APA have many opportunities for continued collaboration that will promote culturally congruent mental health services to people of Indian origin. The APA's Division of Diversity and Health Equity (previously named OMNA) has in the past jointly co-sponsored a program related to Indian-American mental health; continued joint sponsorship of these educational programs is important. Given that the missions of both the IAPA and the APA center on mental health related issues, there should be greater collaboration between the IAPA chapters and the APA district branches; coordinated advocacy with large mental health associations is beneficial for the mentally ill.

Both the IAPA and APA should promote the educational activities of both associations to the memberships. The dissemination of knowledge related to the mental health needs of people of Asian Indian origin is beneficial to both memberships. Finally, there should continue to be coordinated efforts to encourage psychiatrists to actively participate in both the IAPA and the APA; increased participation of Asian Indian psychiatrists in APA leadership would be a desirable goal which would benefit both associations.

You have my commitment to work collaboratively with you to improve the well-being of our patients, to advocate for our members and profession, and to protect the future of our Association. I look forward to being able to continue to serve you as President-elect.

Please visit my website for additional information: <http://www.FrankBrown.net>

Thank you for your support,

Frank W. Brown, M.D.

**Anita S. Everett, MD**

**Candidate for APA President-elect**

**[www.anitaapa.com](http://www.anitaapa.com)**



Thank you. The IAPA is an important psychiatric organization that provides a professional home for members. I have had multiple colleagues that are members of the IAPA for many years and have been to the IAPA meeting at the APA on many occasions. The IAPA has been very successful in creating an organization that provides mutual support, inspiration, mentorship, scholarship and celebration of culture.

Three priorities of my campaign include increasing access to psychiatric services, modernizing membership benefits and highlighting successful community psychiatry programs. The Affordable Care Act has done much to increase access to treatment through parity, insurance reforms and Medicaid expansion, HOWEVER there are far too many people who are unable to receive the right treatment at the right time. The APA and IAPA could work together to develop an accurate list of current barriers to treatment that would be useful in focusing advocacy nationally. The IAPA has membership that broadly reflects the full range of practice from complex academic healthcare systems to rural and underserved settings. The IAPA and APA could also exchange ideas on membership modernization and on showcasing effective community mental health programs such as First Episode Psychosis programs.

Campaign website: [www.anitaapa.com](http://www.anitaapa.com)

**Linda L.M. Worley, MD**

**Candidate for APA Treasurer**

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If elected Treasurer of the APA, I will serve as a responsible steward of our APA resources while also working to influence positive change in critically important areas:



- Global shortage of Psychiatrists
- Advocacy to assure parity
- Recruitment into the field
- Too few residency training positions
- Career development and ongoing training for all psychiatrists
- Mutually beneficial relationships between the APA and sister organizations
- Re-establish psychiatry within the larger house of medicine
- Innovative use of technology to improve access to care

The IAPA contributes a vital perspective on issues of global importance as well as a wealth of knowledge and tremendous skill set. Your participation as enthusiastic, involved members and leaders within the APA strengthens both organizations. Working together we can more effectively decrease stigma improving the acceptability of reaching out for effective treatment and relief from suffering.

Please visit [www.worleyforapa.com](http://www.worleyforapa.com) to learn more about my background as a clinician, educator, academician and leader and others views about working with me on the page “what she’s like”.

I thank you for your consideration! Whether or not you vote for me, I welcome hearing from you to learn your perspective on key issues.

Very respectfully,

**Linda Worley, MD**

Past President of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine & the Association for Academic Psychiatry

Vice Chair APA Council on Psychosomatic Medicine & Past Vice Chair APA Scientific Program Committee

**Jenny L. Boyer, M.D., Ph.D., J.D.**

**Candidate for Trustee-at-Large**

Asian-Indian-American psychiatrists continue to contribute to this nation's mental health needs. You are part of mainstream psychiatric care making significant contributions to the institutional/organizational mental health needs of this nation.



I am firmly committed to enhancing interconnections between IAPA and APA. This would include identifying mutual priorities and having the BOT listen to them and act on them.

Specifically,

- (1) Advocating for the orientation and mentoring of residents and ECPs of Asian Indian origin to the American healthcare systems;
- (2) Recognizing the important contributions made by psychiatrists of Asian Indian origin to research, education, administration, and clinical practice.
- (3) Encouraging psychiatrists of Asian Indian origin to more actively participate in the APA and APA sponsored activities.

I have had the privilege of working directly with Dilep Jeste and Ramaswamy Viswanathan, before, during and after they held significant APA leadership roles. If I am elected to the Board, as your Trustee-at-Large, I will look to you and IAPA for guidance in addressing problems of both our organizations and our members.

One final note, I am a pragmatist – if you have already decided who your first choice is, please consider voting for me as your second choice.

Jenny L. Boyer, MD, PhD, JD

**Geetha Jayaram, M.D., M.B.A.**

**Candidate for Trustee-At-Large**

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Dear IAPA members:

Among minority under-represented groups, Asians and International Medical Graduates comprise 23% or more of the APA membership. Combined with others we are a powerful and sizable number. Our strength lies in our consolidation into the Indo-American Psychiatric Association.

Indian psychiatrists have made wide contributions ranging from the areas of molecular biology of psychiatric disorders to community and cultural psychiatry. They serve as a vibrant group of clinicians and researchers in reputable institutions and as

leaders of the APA.

The IAPA can emphasize its unique role in:

1. Employing non- invasive supportive techniques in treatment of diverse patient groups, such as the use of mindfulness techniques, yoga and meditation as a major contributions of the Indian subcontinent;
2. Its unique contribution toward treating the under-served and rural chronically mentally ill in community clinics, and its role in understanding the cultural aspects of psychiatric care.

I will be honored as a Trustee to highlight the awareness of these roles, integrate them into the scientific program as a special track for minority under- represented groups; obtain input on changes in practice that impact this segment of our membership and provide a liaison to present the innovative views and concerns of the IAPA at the highest level of our organization.

Geetha Jayaram M.D., M.B.A.

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Health Policy and Management and Armstrong Institute of Patient Safety.