



## JULY 2024

### Results of FPA Member Survey

The results of the FPA Member Survey are in! We encourage you to review the [Survey Summary](#) and the [Responses to Comments](#). Want a deeper dive? You can view the entire [Survey Results](#) and [Suggestions for Future CE](#).

Central Office is in the process of reviewing the Survey results with member leadership to determine how to incorporate the relevant survey results into our operations.

### 2024 FPA Leadership Training

Every other year, FPA holds a Leadership Training to build its bench for the future. Funded by revenues generated by the FPA Convention, the Training seeks to provide interested members with the tools necessary to succeed in both state and local leadership roles. This year will be no different.

Using a toolkit developed by The Trust and piloted in several SPTAs, FPA will host a three session Leadership Training this fall including:

- A remote introductory session- October 19th, 10-11:30 AM
- An in-person weekend in Tampa- November 9th (beginning at noon) and 10th (ending at 3 PM)
- A remote wrap up session December 7th , 10-11:30 AM

The Training will be conducted by current and past leaders of FPA and the FPA executive director. All travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the Leadership Training will be covered by FPA. CE will be granted to the greatest extent possible.

To be eligible, the candidate:

- Must be a FPA member in good standing
- Should have NOT participated in a past FPA Leadership Training
- Should NOT have served more than one year on the FPA Board of Directors
- **Must submit an application and a CV by August 30, 2024**
- Must be available to attend all of the Leadership Training sessions
- Must commit to serving in a leadership role on the state or local level for 2025

To learn more and to submit nominations, please click [here](#).

## How Members Can Help FPA Meet Your Needs

FPA is a member-driven association. Many of the comments received in the survey demonstrate an expectation that Central Office can drive an expansion of membership and FPA offerings. Central Office has only 2.6 FTEs and we do implement many initiatives on behalf of leadership. But **member participation** is crucial for ensuring the long-term sustainability and relevance of FPA. Active engagement contributes to membership retention, attracts new members, and enhances the FPA's reputation within the psychology community. Moreover, members who feel invested in the FPA's mission are more likely to advocate for its value and contribute to its growth and evolution over time.

FPA's effectiveness depends heavily on the active participation and engagement of our members. By actively participating in FPA activities, members not only reap personal and professional benefits but also contribute to the collective strength and impact of FPA as a whole. Therefore, investing time and effort in participating in and supporting FPA is not just beneficial but essential for fostering professional growth, and the advancement of the psychology profession.

We encourage you to get involved in your Region by reaching out to your [Region Chair](#) or joining an FPA [Committee](#). Members are welcome to join at any time.

Interested in becoming part of FPA's Executive Committee? Nominations are open for the role of Treasurer and President-Elect. Click [here](#) for the Nomination Form. Nominations are due by **August 5, 2024**.

## 2025 Legislative Session

The 2025 legislative session is "late" this coming year. Committee weeks begin in January and the session begins in March. Given the uncertainty surrounding the November election, final decisions on FPA's legislative agenda will be made by the LAPPB after the election. FPA's lobbyist, Darrick McGhee and I will continue to meet with potential leaders during the summer and early fall months to discuss possible priorities which include reducing the private insurance lookback period from 30 to 12 months and RxP. FPA's Lobby Day will be held during one of the January committee weeks. Interested in becoming part of LAPPB? Please reach out to LAPPB Chair, [Dr. Liz Campbell](#).

## 2024 FPA Awards

Nominations are now open for FPA's 2024 Awards. On an annual basis, FPA recognizes deserving members who have made outstanding contributions to FPA and the field of psychology. Chaired by the Immediate Past President, the Elections and Awards Committee is responsible for overseeing the process and selecting the award recipients. This year's Chair is [Dr. Craig Fabrikant](#).

To review the awards and to submit a nomination(s), please click [here](#). Nominations are due by **August 5, 2024**.

## New Member Benefit: UserWay

Our research shows that a healthcare provider is not required to have a website. However when a provider has a website, it is required to be accessible when:

- It links to a physical office where services are delivered
- The provider receives any [federal funds- which includes Medicare](#) and Medicaid

It's important for healthcare providers to **proactively ensure that their websites are accessible** to individuals with disabilities to comply with legal requirements and provide equal access to healthcare information and services.

FPA has entered into a partnership with UserWay to offer FPA members a **15% discount**. To take advantage of the discount you must click [here](#) (or enter coupon code **FPA15OFF** at check out) to learn more and start your journey to having an ADA compliant website.

We encourage members to check out all the [member benefits](#) FPA offers. We currently are exploring what benefits we can offer that harness the capacity of AI to streamline your practice. Stay tuned for future announcements!

### **2024 FPA Annual Meeting- October 21st**

The 2024 FPA Member Survey had several comments requesting Member Forums. This past winter, FPA held a virtual member forum on the reorganization of FPA and less than a dozen people attended. The same was true for the 2023 Annual Meeting. The [2024 Annual Meeting](#) will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 8 PM. We will promote this event through save-the-date announcements, posting in various FPA communication channels, on the [FPA Member Calendar](#), and via email. We hope you can join us!

### **2025 FPA Convention**

The 2024 FPA Member Survey shows significant interest for an in-person convention in 2025. FPA is exploring offering a hybrid convention (in-person and remote) as the majority of respondents prefer a remote option.

Offering a hybrid convention is expensive due to technology costs, so FPA is looking at ways to reduce convention expenses to keep ticket prices consistent with past years. This is difficult as costs have increased approximately 20% since 2019, the year of the last in-person FPA convention.

We are exploring holding the convention at an academic institution and reserving a block of hotel rooms (whose rate includes breakfast) nearby. Reducing the number of meals offered during the convention and hosting a happy hour rather than dinner can help reduce costs.

FPA will offer a full complement of CE programming and opportunities for networking at the convention- it just may be an event that is a little less "traditional." More details to come in the spring of 2025.

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