

I am Nathan Ainspan, Ph.D. and I am running for President-Elect of our division.

I am the Senior Research Psychologist with the Military-Civilian Transition Office (MCTO) at DoD where I provide research to improve the military-civilian transition process through the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP), the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program, and the Computer/Electronic Accommodation Program (CAP) which provides accommodative technology to our wounded warriors.

I am running for President of our division because I want to help pay back and pay forward the enormous impact it has had on my career and my personal life. Virtually all my career and professional successes can be attributed to the division.

In the past, I have held leadership roles in the division including Secretary, Member-at-Large, Fellowship Committee Chair, and Program Chair. As President, my goal is to increase my personal impact on our members and expand to others the fulfillment I have felt mentoring division members and providing resources and programs to our members to help them find their own professional and personal success.

I see our division facing several challenges and present my vision of how to address them:

1) **Post-pandemic relevance:** Like any membership organization, Division 19 faces difficulties demonstrating the benefits of membership in the group and value in attending our meetings. My goal is to guide the EXCOM in ensuring that we continue to provide programs and resources that members find useful and improve our communications about membership benefits to members at all stages of their careers and in the diverse psychological fields they represent. I will also focus on membership outreach programs to ensure that we continue to attract new members and retain our current ones.

2) **Diversity:** The military is one of the most diverse organizations in the world and we must continue to ensure that our division serves and fully welcomes the diversity of our profession – including not just racial, ethnic, gender, and LGBTQ+ members but all types of psychologists including clinical, industrial/organizational, and researchers. We will continue to provide programs of interest (including CE training) to all members and work with APA to immediately address any policy changes that may affect any member of our military psychology community.

3) **Corporate memory:** We have many great programs created over the years but as a membership organization our corporate memory is impacted by the regular turnover of our leaders. Rather than reinvent the wheel every few years with new volunteers I will work with the EXCOM to implement measures that will help ensure that the best practices and strategic lessons learned from the past will be codified and utilized going forward into the future.

4) **Financial constraints:** All of the above must be addressed in our current financially constrained reality. We will need to have frank but open discussions about the programs we provide and how we can execute them in financially responsible ways.

Please vote for me in the upcoming election. Thank you.