

NAN PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Judith R. O’Jile, Ph.D.

It is an honor to be nominated for President of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. I have always thought of NAN as "my organization" and have been involved at one level or another since graduate school. I have held multiple positions within the organization including student volunteer, Poster Committee, as well as Program Chair. I currently serve on the conference Program Committee and am the current Exhibit Coordinator. Lastly, I am a Fellow. Through these experiences, I have given detailed knowledge of the operations and many functions of NAN that would serve me well as President.

As a practicing clinical neuropsychologist, I direct a consultation service in a university hospital that is part of a training consortium with a VA Hospital, which I have also worked at previously affording me experience in multiple clinical settings with a wide range of clinical populations. As part of my duties, I hold teaching responsibilities for medical students, psychology interns, postdoctoral residents, as well as psychiatry residents. These experiences, coupled with my clinical research, give me a broad basis for understanding the issues that face neuropsychologists today.

As a member of NAN, I am proud of the organization and the many changes that have occurred in recent years. As the field of health care changes, we must continue to adapt. NAN needs to persist in its efforts to further our profession through education of patients, other healthcare specialties, insurance companies, and government agencies. We need to increase our visibility and public understanding of the value of our services. This must be done with the cooperation of all neuropsychologists, working together, to make new opportunities for neuropsychology. I believe that NAN can be the basis for these cooperative efforts, and I would strive to promote this. Our field is also beset by other issues that involve the basics of how we perform our services; this includes technician use and test security. I would work with state organizations and testing companies to protect these fundamentals of our profession.

In summary, I believe the breadth of my experiences gives me a wide understanding of the issues that confront neuropsychology today. I look forward to representing the membership of this organization. NAN has been, and will continue to be, confronted with many challenging issues in the near future, and it would be my honor to serve NAN and its members during this time.

Dr. O’Jile is a member of the following organizations:

National Academy of Neuropsychology (Fellow), American Psychological Association, International Neuropsychological Society, Mississippi Psychological Association.

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Alexander I. Tröster, Ph.D.

It is an honor to have been nominated to serve my colleagues and profession as President Elect of NAN. The next decade will witness changes in our profession at a rate probably unparalleled in the past. As a profession we need to embrace these changes that will affect how we practice, do research and teach. Perhaps one of the easiest ways to embrace change is to anticipate and define the needs and catalysts that drive changes and to be instrumental in formulating the response and adaptations to these changes. The two most potent catalysts of change this decade are technology and economics. New technologies (e.g., imaging, brain-machine interfaces, computers, molecular biology, nanotechnology, and genetics) will facilitate and improve how we evaluate and treat patients and how we bill and are paid for services. The nature of the research we do will change, and thus, what we teach the next generation of neuropsychologists must too evolve. Economic realities require that we provide services more efficiently and effectively without losing sight of doing so ethically and humanely (and without losing sight of the need for a fair income and the needs of our own families).

NAN (www.nanonline.org/NAN/AboutNAN/Bylaws.aspx) has a large number of goals including, for example, professional development and advocacy, ethics, diversity, advocacy, research, and student and public education. As President Elect, I would work with the board to prioritize and bridge some of these goals and engage NAN in the new health care initiative.

One need involves information technology improvements currently being made – these must be implemented quickly and broadened in order to meet the needs of members, patients, and other health care providers. Perhaps NAN might establish RSS feeds with important clinical and research information. We also must work to have links to various sections of our website added to those of other professional and advocacy groups. Relationships with related professional organizations, professional groups, and third party payers need to be established or improved and we especially need to find a means to have our voices heard more regularly (and loudly) in Washington. NAN needs to be a leader in defining how payers will define quality. NAN needs to address development of a new graduate curriculum and establish a task force to address work issues, especially for new graduates, in medical schools and hospitals.

I look forward to serving NAN and guiding its participation in change during this exciting time.

Dr. Tröster is a member of the following organizations:

National Academy of Neuropsychology (Fellow), American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, American Psychological Association (Division of Clinical Neuropsychology), International Neuropsychological Society, American Academy of Neurology, American Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery, Movement Disorder Society, Society for Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology, World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery.

NAN MEMBER-AT-LARGE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Donna K. Broshek, Ph.D.

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for a Member at Large. I believe that NAN is an active and vibrant professional organization that benefits the entire field of neuropsychology due to its focus on both practice and science. I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to be actively involved in NAN in several capacities. I have been a member of the Policy and Planning Committee since 2006 and was involved in writing several education papers as a member of that committee. I was honored to be appointed to the first Advisory Committee on Women in NAN and was very pleased to see our advisory committee attain full committee status under the able leadership of Dr. Penelope Zeifert. I had the incredible privilege of being named as the Chair of this reformulated committee. Our new standing committee, appointed in 2009, is the Women in Leadership (WIL) Committee and our mission is to educate, encourage, and mentor female neuropsychologists to become leaders within NAN and in the field. We are encouraging women to seek leadership positions and all members to become involved in service to NAN and our communities. Last year, I served as Program Chair of the NAN annual conference in New York City. While the conference in New York entailed many challenges and a great deal of work, it was one of the most professionally and personally rewarding endeavors in which I have engaged. I believe that I have strengths in organization, communication, and creating a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among colleagues. With the exceptional group of NAN members that I had on my Program Committee, I believe that we were able to create an excellent offering of CE workshops that appealed to the broad base of NAN members. I believe that by recognizing the talents and strengths of my committee members, everyone rose to the demands that we encountered. I am pleased that the conference in New York had a record breaking attendance of over 1400 registrants. Chairing and coordinating such an ambitious conference, along with a forensic pre-conference and a sports concussion symposium, which in itself had approximately 200 registrants, demonstrates that I have the dedication, organizational skills, belief in teambuilding and appreciating the contributions of colleagues, and the ability to simultaneously manage many priorities that would enable me to serve the NAN membership well as Member at Large.

Dr. Broshek is a member of the following organizations:

National Academy of Neuropsychology (Fellow), American Psychological Association (Divisions 40 –Clinical Neuropsychology & 47 – Exercise and Sports Psychology), International Neuropsychological Society, Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers, Virginia Psychological Association, Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, American Epilepsy Society.

NAN MEMBER-AT-LARGE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

John DeLuca, Ph.D.

It is an honor to be nominated for Member at Large for the National Academy of Neuropsychology. NAN is a very important organization for clinical neuropsychology, and I take the responsibility associated with this position very seriously. I have been an active member of NAN since 1990 and a NAN Fellow since 1999. I was awarded NAN's Early Career Contributions Award in 1998. I served on the NAN Clinical Research Grants Committee for 8 years as an original member. I served as a member of NAN's Task Force on Assessment Issues and Testing Practices, and NAN's Presidential Commission on the Houston Conference. I have been attending and presenting my scientific work at the NAN annual conference for over 20 years. I have seen NAN grow and mature to an active and vibrant organization which today not only serves the professional neuropsychology community, but is actively involved in science, training, advocacy, and public awareness. I look forward to working with the Policy and Planning Committee to continue the significant growth of NAN through new and insightful long term goals and planning initiatives. I would like to see the Education Committee take a leadership role in forging the path toward new training models as part of a follow-up to the Houston Conference Guidelines on education and training. I will challenge the program committee to look for new and innovative ways to improve the quality of NAN's annual professional conference. I look forward to working with all of the various committees of NAN to improve the practice, science, education and training for neuropsychology.

Dr. DeLuca is a member of the following organizations:

National Academy of Neuropsychology (Fellow), American Psychological Association (Divisions 40 –Clinical Neuropsychology, 22 – Rehabilitation Psychology & 8 – Society for Personality and Social Psychology), American Congress for Rehabilitation Medicine, American Psychological Society, International Neuropsychological Society, Society for Neurosciences, New Jersey Psychological Association, Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, New Jersey Psychological Society.