

IPSO ExCom – Role -
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT: North America
(including China, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea)

QUALIFICATIONS

The VP should have the means and inclination to travel to the annual IPSO Business Meeting (a 4-day meeting which rotates to a different region each year), the biannual IPA Congress, and various meetings of the North American region including the annual meetings of the American Psychoanalytic Association and of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society. Although the official language of IPSO business is English, it is strongly encouraged but not required that the regional VP be able to communicate in additional languages.

IPSO REPRESENTATION

The VP represents his/her region and its best interest as an officer and as a representative of IPSO, not as an officer of his/her own society. The VP should become a reference for candidates of the region. The VP attends IPSO events, meetings, and congresses representing IPSO and encouraging candidates to join as members and participate in the organization.

TRAIN VP-ELECT

Following the entry of the new VP-elect to the ExCom, the VP will organize initial meetings to communicate to the elect his/her role, the regional goals, and how the duties will be shared. Regular (monthly or bimonthly) meetings with the VP-elect are held to maintain progress on goals and projects, and to address problems or questions.

PROJECTS

The VP promotes and communicates details about various IPSO programs and opportunities for candidate activities (e.g. VCP, CRSG IPA committee participation). The VP facilitates candidate-led projects, collecting ideas and proposals from IPSO representatives and candidates. The VP has an ongoing relationship with the APsaA Candidate's Council and is

involved in planning several events at the APsaA Annual Meeting. Current projects in North America include recruiting a network of IPSO Representatives and maintaining regular contact with the reps using WhatsApp and/or email.

If during the VP's term the prospective IPA Congress will be held in North America, the VP is required to serve on the IPA Congress Program Committee and serves as a liaison between the IPA PC and the IPSO Congress Planning Committee (COPLAN). The VP also helps organize the biannual IPA Asia Pacific Meeting. The VP solicits blind reviewers to review submissions for IPSO paper prizes.

COMMUNICATIONS

The VP maintains regular contact with the ExCom via email. More immediate and urgent questions are posted on the IPSO ExCom WhatsApp thread. The VP establishes regular meetings with the regional VP-elect and attends regular IPSO ExCom meetings. When the VP must communicate with candidates of the region, communications are distributed first to the IPSO editor. The VP is responsible for soliciting candidate participation in various IPSO roles such as IPSO representatives or potential candidates for the Executive Committee.

REPORTS

The VP submits reports on regional activities twice yearly for the IPSO Newsletter and the IPSO website. At the IPA Congress, the VP presents a formal report on regional activities and plans during the IPSO Business Meeting, which is attended by candidate members.

FINANCIAL

Every year the VP prepares and edits the regional dues letter and payment instructions in collaboration with the IPSO treasurer and editor. The VP distributes the dues letter to the APsaA Membership Department, CIPS, and the treasurers of the Asia-Pacific institutes. Each year the VP submits an annual budget to the Treasurer, based on planned travel and participation in project.