



# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2014 TIMELINE

### NEW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SYSTEM

With the new professional development rule changes, TPA developed and implemented a PD sponsorship system that allows individuals, agencies, and other associations to offer TPA-approved PD programming.

### FEDERAL COURT TESTIMONY

After TPA filed a formal complaint with TSBE against an individual who was falsely identifying herself as a psychologist, Executive Director David White testified in federal court to protect the use of the title "psychologist." The court ruled on behalf of TPA's complaint that "psychologist" is a protected title reserved for licensed psychologists.

### HENDERSON AMICUS BRIEF

TPA responded to the call by an East Texas attorney to file an Amicus brief regarding a death-row client. Board of Trustees (BOT) approved and created a specialized Forensic Task Force to work directly with TPA's attorney on this case, which fundamentally involved the use of assessment to ascertain MR status.

### TPA, TSBE WIN TAPA LAWSUIT

An almost four-year legal battle with the Texas Association of Psychological Associates came to a close. The trial court affirmed the appellate court's ruling that TSBE was acting within its scope of authority when requiring LPAs to practice psychology only under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.

### LAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Throughout the year TPA BOT members represented TPA at Local Area Society meetings, such as BCPA, HPA, FBPA and more, to provide the LASs with TPA legislative activity updates.

### 2014 TEXAS LAW AND THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY

A new edition of *Texas Law and the Practice of Psychology* was published.

## JAN/FEB

### LAS RETREAT

Local Area Societies' leadership gathered for a weekend to increase communication and collaboration among TPA and the local chapters.

## MAR/APR

### NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Social media and an online presence are the face of an association. TPA transferred to a new website platform, which allowed for increased online member engagement. Major features include groups, profiles, and communication capabilities. The site now has a fresh, updated look.

### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

To better serve TPA members, a survey was sent asking for member demographics and feedback on the association.

## MAY/JUNE

### TPA RESPONDS TO HB 1023

This year the Texas Legislature asked for concrete data to be gathered about the mental health workforce in our state. TPA responded to DSHS's request for information to be included in their report.

### MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS

In response to a written request sent to the Attorney General that questioned the legality of LPCs, LMFTs, and LCSWs receiving 70% reimbursement of PhDs, TPA submitted a statement of response on behalf of psychologists in Texas.

## JULY/AUG

### TWO NEW DIVISIONS

At the August BOT meeting, the BOT approved two new divisions: Military and Neuropsychology.

### MARRIAGE EQUALITY AMICUS BRIEF

TPA BOT voted in favor of signing on to an APA Amicus brief supporting the ruling that laws in Texas prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying are unconstitutional. The brief also was supported by American Psychiatric Association, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, National Association of Social Workers, and National Association of Social Workers Texas Chapter.

## SEP/OCT

### HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

BOT member and Legislative Committee member Dr. Megan Mooney testified in front of the House Education Committee regarding Texas workforce shortages in mental health care.

## Nov

### NEW MEMBER BENEFIT: THERAPRACTIC

Practice management is changing. To help members stay on top of things, TPA adopted a new member benefit with *Therapeutic Management System*, a company that provides online services to ensure your practice is HIPAA compliant.

## STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

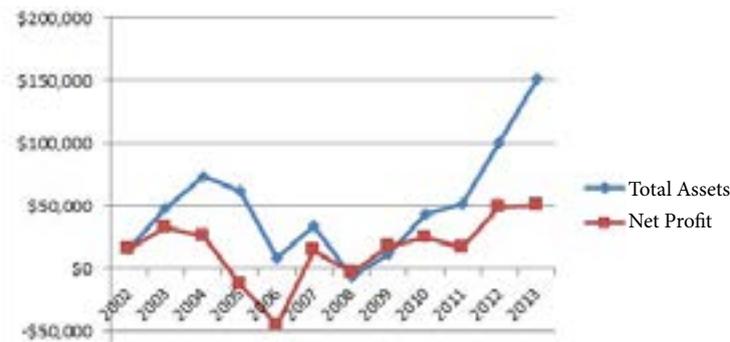
### BY THE NUMBERS (AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2014)

Total Members .....	1,278	Staff .....	5
Platinum Advocates .....	125	Divisions .....	10
Doctoral Members .....	838	Special Interest Groups .....	6
Associate Members .....	40	Committees .....	16
Postdocs and Predoctoral Interns .....	56	Grassroots Network Key Contacts .....	85
Student Members .....	219		

## FINANCIALS

TPA continues to be in a sound financial position entering into the 2015 fiscal year. TPA's annual operating budget is more than \$500,000 and has experienced exceptional growth over the last couple of years.

### TPA'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



## LOOKING AHEAD: 2015

- Jan. 10 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting - San Antonio
- March 12 ..... TPA Legislative Day - Austin
- April 18 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting - Houston
- June 12-13 ..... 2015 Spring Conference - Austin
- Aug. 15 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting - Dallas
- Nov. 11 ..... Board of Trustees Meeting - San Antonio
- Nov. 12-14 ..... 2015 Annual Convention - San Antonio

## FUTURE CONVENTIONS

- Oct. 20-22, 2016 ..... 2016 Annual Convention - Austin
- Nov. 16-18, 2017 ..... 2017 Annual Convention - Houston