



## Orange County Psychiatric Society

A District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association

# THE OCPS SCOPE

*A Newsgram for the Members of the Orange County Psychiatric Society*

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## Upcoming Events

- **April 9, 2019** - Government and Public Affairs Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- **April 17, 2019** - Membership Committee Meeting - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - OCMA Offices
- **May 15, 2019** - MHA Meeting of the Minds Conference - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (see details below)
- **May 18-22, 2019** - APA Annual Meeting and 175th Anniversary Celebration - Moscone Center - San Francisco, CA. To register and learn more about the meeting, click the following link: [APA Annual Meeting](#)
- **June 2, 2019** - Social Committee Event - Walk 'n Dine, Laguna Beach, CA. Details tba

For more information on these committees, meetings, or conferences, and/or to inquire about participating, please contact Natalie Kaczur at [Natalie@ocps.org](mailto:Natalie@ocps.org)

## APA Assembly Representative Election

The APA Assembly represents and serves the needs of the district branches (DBs) and state associations (SAs) and recommends actions to the Board of Trustees.

The APA Assembly consists of representatives from the DB/SAs and includes resident-

fellows, early-career psychiatrists, minority and underrepresented (M/UR) psychiatrists, and representatives from allied organizations approved by the Assembly. Each DB/SA elects its representative(s) to the Assembly through its own election process.

OCPS elects their APA representative every three years. This election, we have two candidates who have been nominated for the APA Representative role -- Richard Granese, MD and Anish Dube, MD. Their candidate statements are below. OCPS has one APA Representative and one Deputy Representative. The individual with the most votes will serve as the Representative and the other candidate will serve as the Deputy Representative.

Ballots for this election will be sent out to the membership in late April.

### **Richard Granese, MD, MBA**

I would like to continue to serve as the next Assembly Representative for OCPS to work with our local district branch and the APA to help our patients.

I have been practicing in Orange County for many years and see the challenges that affect access to psychiatric services. I have vast experience working in many settings including academic medicine, organized psychiatry, private practice, addiction psychiatry and hospital systems.

During my time as Assembly Rep for OCPS, I founded the Access to Care committee and have been active with the Government Affairs committee. I have been working to create innovative solutions to deliver care utilizing physician extenders such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners as part of a collaborative team. I have been very active in developing and providing telepsychiatry services for underserved areas. I co-authored an Action Paper for the Assembly that will require a mandatory psychiatric bed registry. This Action Paper was also written into a bill that is likely to pass in Sacramento, which would show in real time where our patients can find psychiatric beds.

I have had the privilege of serving in the APA Assembly since I was a resident in 2002. In my opinion the Assembly is the heart of the APA leadership. I have worked with some of the finest and most intelligent representatives from all over the country. Over the years we have built relationships through mutual trust and collaboration. The continuity of me serving in the Assembly will ensure we can continue to make a difference for our profession.

### **Anish Ranjan Dube, MD MPH FAPA**

Dear members of the Orange County Psychiatric Society (OCPS), I seek your nomination as the OCPS representative to the APA Assembly. I hope to bring my experience in the Assembly, first as a resident-fellow member, then as the mentor to the Assembly Committee of Resident-Fellow Members and most recently as Assembly Representative for the Caucus of Asian American Psychiatrists to represent and advance the specific needs of both the Orange County patient population and of Orange County psychiatrists. I work full time in juvenile justice for the County of Orange and was previously on faculty at the University of California, Irvine, where I continue to facilitate seminars for the general psychiatry residents on topics in forensic psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. In addition to my prior experience in the Assembly, my current term on the Council of Children, Adolescents and their Families and my role on the OCPS Council, I am also involved in a number of committees for the California Psychiatric Association (CPA). My training in both child and adolescent psychiatry and forensic psychiatry bring a broad skill set and experience base to effectively represent OCPS members at the national level. I hope to serve you well.

## **CPA Meeting and Advocacy Day**

OCPS was well represented at the CPA's 6th Annual Advocacy Day on March 18th where 26 Council Members and 17 RFMs from the district branches in California stormed the State Capitol building educating members of the legislature and staff about CPA priorities. Feedback from the CPA contingent and from members and staff in "the building" (as legislative advocates call it) was overwhelmingly positive. Psychiatrists' input is valued!

Among the subjects advocated were CPA sponsored bills on a real-time online psychiatric bed vacancy registry; loan repayment benefiting public psychiatry practice settings; substance use treatment for disadvantaged youth; and educating primary care providers in the fundamentals of primary care psychiatry.

Speaking of RFMs, it was very effective and exciting to have so many residents engaged in the Advocacy Day process. They impressed members of the Legislature with

dedication to their profession, and savvy about important policy issues. At the same time our residents honed skills, engaged lawmakers and staff in educational discussions about psychiatric issues, and worked toward building their own future as CPA Leaders.

*Below: OCPS Residents and Psychiatrists at Advocacy Day.*



## Volunteers Needed: MHA Meeting of the Minds



Once again, OCPS will be participating in the Orange County Mental Health Association Meeting of the Minds. This event will be held on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** at the Anaheim Marriott from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. OCPS will be sponsoring an "Ask the Doctor" exhibit/information table from **8:00 am to 12:00 noon**. In past years, our table has been very popular with conference attendees and we are pleased to be able to offer this service to the mental health professionals and lay members of the community. While we realize this event occurs during office hours on a weekday, we would truly appreciate any member who would like to volunteer his/her services to staff the table (there is no minimum or maximum time commitment so any amount of time you can give is welcome).

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Ms. Natalie Kaczur at [Natalie@ocps.org](mailto:Natalie@ocps.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration -- and your commitment to our organization and to your community!

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## Inclusions in the Newsgram

If you have ideas for inclusions in this newsgram, or you have something you would like to include that would be of interest to our members, please contact Ms. Natalie Kaczur at [Natalie@ocps.org](mailto:Natalie@ocps.org). **Note:** Prior to publication, all submissions will be reviewed and are

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