

**Donna M. Norris, MD: Candidate for APA Secretary- Treasurer**  
**Brief Biography and Position Statement**

**National APA**

- Area 1 Trustee, 2003-
- Committee on Advocacy, and Litigation Funding, 2002-05
- Vice Chair, Joint Reference Committee, 1997-98
- Investment Oversight Committee, 1997-01
- Recorder, Speaker-Elect, and APA Speaker of the Assembly, 1998-99
- Budget & Finance Committee, 1994-2000
- Vice Chair,(1995-96), Joint Comm. Government Relations, 1991-96
- Area I Deputy Representative, 1993-96
- Chair, (1990-91), APA Membership Committee 1985-92
- Over 25 appointments to national components

**Private Practice**

- Fulltime, child, adolescent, adult and forensic psychiatry

**Academic Activities**

- Clinical Assistant Prof., Department of Psychiatry, Harvard at Beth Israel Deaconess/ Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Member, Psychiatry & the Law Program.

**Gubernatorial Appointments**

- Board of Directors, Children's Trust Fund, 2005-
- Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine
- Massachusetts State Advisory Council for Mental Health and Retardation

**Awards:** Special Presidential Commendation, (APA, 2002); Outstanding Psychiatrist Award for the Advancement of the Profession (MPS, 2001); Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecturer (APA, 1995)

**Editorial Advisory Boards:** Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law; Psychiatric News, Psychiatric Update, Am College of Psychiatrists

**Other Medical Activities:** Massachusetts Medical Society, Committee on Professional Liability; National Mental Health Association, Public Policy Committee.

**Publications:** Harassment of forensic experts, counter-transference and racial/cultural issues, boundary violations and sexual misconduct, and separation and loss in African American children.

**Position Statement**

As your Secretary-Treasurer, balancing our fiscal strength with prudence, presenting a fully transparent budget, and keeping accurate association records are my highest priorities. I will chair the Ethics Appeals Board with fairness and foresight for the protection of patients and members. As an officer, I will vote to support the APA Mission and Goals of:

- **FULL PARITY** for mental health services in collaboration with other allied mental health professional and patient advocacy organizations.
- **INCREASED FUNDING for QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH** services for all patients and their families, especially children and the elderly.
- **FAIRNESS IN MANAGED CARE REIMBURSEMENT.**
- **PATIENTS' RIGHTS to PRIVACY/CONFIDENTIALITY.**
- **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT/RETENTION** efforts and **REVENUE SHARING** for our District Branches/State Associations.
- **INCREASED FUNDING for GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION** and research training...
- **COOPERATION AND ADVOCACY** with our **MEDICAL COLLEAGUES.**
- An improved **PUBLIC IMAGE** for psychiatry and a reduction in the stigma and discrimination faced by our patients.
- Increased **DIVERSITY** in APA leadership and the **ELIMINATION of DISPARITIES IN HEALTH CARE** related to ethnicity.

You have my commitment to work collaboratively with you in these efforts to improve the lives of our patients and to advocate for our members and for our profession. Thank you for your support.

Donna M. Norris, M.D.

