

CPC

1. As soon as you have accepted the position, contact the current CPC Chair to obtain information on any upcoming commitments. A November/December meeting with the outgoing CPC Chair is very helpful. They can get you up-to-date information about events and specific requests that have already been made, progress notes on any ongoing projects, etc. You may also request that the outgoing CPC Chair provide any remaining literature and lists of interested members for the various cities in our area. If he has a CPC workbook, it would be good to get that and review it as it takes a while for GSO to get that material out to you. At this point you might want to inventory the literature and place a literature order if necessary. If there is too much literature you might offer to share with PI Committee. Discard very outdated material.
2. In December, contact GSO with all new contact information. This allows for updating the mailing list and contact information. If a request comes to GSO from a national organization to have a display at an event, GSO will contact you and make the necessary arrangements to deliver a display. You are responsible for set up and staffing at these conferences [usually held in New Orleans].
3. Ask the new Area Chair what expectations they have for CPC in the Area.
4. Speak to the newly appointed Public Information Chair as you will be working closely with each other. You might also wish to contact the Treatment Chair. Often requests come from professionals through the Treatment Committee, and they can be very helpful in directing CPC to people we might provide information to.
5. At the first assembly after your appointment, begin to compile a list of members willing to participate in CPC activities in various cities in the state. Have both an email and phone list that includes district numbers and cities. You might choose to appoint a secretary to take notes at committee meetings. This would be a good time to form a committee to ask for feedback on what needs currently exist. Different cities/districts will have different needs. It is important to stay focused on the task at hand and remember that CPC does have a specific job.
6. Select a direction and focus for the CPC committee in the Area. If officers of the court tend to need more attention, then try to get the committee focused on contacting them. There are so many needs in the community that, without direction, it is easy to get nothing done. Also address the delicate subject of just who is qualified to address, on behalf of AA, the professionals in our community. Willingness is not the only quality necessary. An open discussion of this issue at committee level will be very helpful in keeping your committee focused and effective.
7. Offer and even encourage workshops in districts around the state and ask which conferences CPC will be expected to attend and/or provide displays. Make sure that Central Offices have contact information for Area CPC, or ideally a local contact on the Area committee.
8. Suit up and show up.