



**NAN Secretary
2017 Candidate Statement**

Kristen Triebel, Psy.D., ABPP-CN

It is an honor to be nominated by the NAN membership to run for NAN Secretary. I am running because I believe I have the background, experience, and energy to effectively serve in this position.

I am a dedicated, longstanding member of NAN and have served in a variety of leadership roles. I have spent the past five years on the Membership Committee and have been the chair since 2015. In this position, I have worked diligently with the other committee members to complete a number of projects that have helped the organization achieve its goals of increasing Canadian membership, improving membership retention, and expanding benefits of membership. In 2014, I co-led a task force that founded NAN's first student committee (NANSC) and have served as an advisor to the committee since its inception. I have found interacting with our dedicated student members--who are the future of our profession--to be very rewarding. More recently, I have served on NAN's Affiliation Task Force which provided recommendations to the NAN Board of Directors (BOD) for affiliating with other state, regional, and international organizations. Such affiliations have the potential to increase the visibility, influence, and membership of NAN, as well as to educate the public about the field of neuropsychology. Finally, I am currently co-leading a NAN task force that is developing a new ambassador and leadership development program.

I work in the Department of Neurology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and have clinical service, research, and teaching responsibilities. I am board certified in clinical neuropsychology and see patients in an outpatient clinic. In addition, I maintain an active research program. I am the principal investigator of a five-year study investigating medical decision making capacity in persons with advanced cancer. I have published 34 articles and 4 book chapters. I also mentor and train graduate students. I have provided leadership on a variety of UAB committees and am a Senator on the Faculty Senate. I also have a private practice where I conduct forensic evaluations.

If elected Secretary, I would keep a diligent record of the board meeting minutes. As a BOD member, I would work closely with the other board members, committees, members, and the office to further the interests and its membership, and our profession as a whole. Thank you for your consideration, and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve you as NAN Secretary.

Dr. Triebel is a member of the following organizations:

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (Member), International Neuropsychological Society (Member), National Academy of Neuropsychology (Member-Professional)

Candidate Positions on the Issues
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1. How does your background qualify you for this office?

I have served NAN in a variety of leadership roles as member and chair of the Membership Committee, advisor to the Student Committee, and co-leader/member of three task forces. In each of these roles, I have demonstrated a high level of productivity and have earned a reputation for getting things done. I have worked with the BOD and the office and have a good understanding of the operation and values of the organization. In addition, as chair of the Membership Committee I have had the opportunity to interact with our members. I have also served in leadership positions outside of NAN as a training director and as a member of various UAB committees. Personally, I am driven, organized, and detail-oriented which are important qualities for serving as secretary of NAN.

2. What do you see as the major challenges to neuropsychology in the next 5 years? How do you believe NAN, under your leadership, can be effective in meeting these challenges?

There are a number of challenges that neuropsychologists face working in clinical and research settings. Reimbursement for our services will continue to be a challenge for clinicians. NAN's Legislative Action & Advocacy Committee (LAAC) works very hard to educate the public, policy-makers, and third party payers about the value of neuropsychology. Outcomes-based data that demonstrates the value of our services is important. NAN's Health Outcomes and Neuropsychology Efficacy Initiative (HONE-In) provides members with data that can be used to demonstrate the cost effectiveness and cost savings of neuropsychology services. Another challenge for our profession is being able to adapt our assessments and reports to make them more efficient and cost-effective without compromising quality. NAN provides multiple venues for clinicians to exchange this information. Neuropsychologists in research settings have challenges related to obtaining funding. This is especially true for early investigators. I would support NAN's clinical research grant program as well as advocate for increased research funding.

3. How would you promote professional practice?

If elected to the board, I would support NAN's efforts to educate the public, policy-makers, and third party payers about the value of neuropsychology. The Professional Affairs and Information Committee (PAIC) works extremely hard to advocate for our profession. The PAIC also provides valuable practice-related resources to members. These resources are continuously being updated and expanded and I would look for ways to assist and support their efforts. I would also seek out opportunities for NAN to collaborate with other organizations to improve the visibility and influence of neuropsychology. Finally, NAN is developing a leadership and ambassador development program to help train the next generation of leaders in the field who can promote and advocate for our profession.

4. How do you plan to bridge science and practice?

NAN continues to educate our members about the latest empirical advances in the field through the annual conference, journal articles, webinars, position papers, newsflash articles, and distance program. The NAN Bulletin provides condensed articles with clinically useful information for members. I would support all of NAN's ongoing efforts that bridge science and practice. I also support NAN's clinical research grants program that provides funding for research that demonstrates the value and efficacy of our services.