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**Alan F. Schatzberg, M.D., Voted APA President-Elect**  
*APA Announces 2008 Election Results for Leadership Posts*

**Arlington, Va.** – The American Psychiatric Association (APA) today announced that Alan F. Schatzberg, M.D., has been voted president-elect of the association. Dr. Schatzberg and the other successful candidates for positions on the APA's Board of Trustees will take office at the conclusion of the APA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., May 3-8, when the current president-elect, Nada Stotland, M.D., M.P.H., will be elevated to president.

Dr. Schatzberg, professor and chair of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine, will serve as president-elect for one year and then will take the post of president in mid-2009. Throughout his career, Dr. Schatzberg has held leadership positions at the APA both at the district branch and national level, and is currently president and chair of the Board of Directors of American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc., the publishing arm of APA. Dr. Schatzberg has served as a member of the Council on Research and the Committee on Research on Psychiatric Treatments and chaired the Corresponding Committee on Research Awards.

David Fassler, M.D., was elected to a two-year term as secretary-treasurer. Since 2002, he has served as APA Trustee-at-Large. Dr. Fassler is vice chair of the AMA Section Council on Psychiatry and serves as treasurer of the Vermont Psychiatric Association and as president of the Vermont Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is a child and adolescent psychiatrist and is clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Vermont College of Medicine.

San Diego-based psychiatrist Dilip V. Jeste, M.D., was elected to a three-year term as trustee-at-large. Dr. Jeste is distinguished professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at the University of California, San Diego, and San Diego VA Healthcare System. He is vice-chair of the APA Committee on Psychiatric Diagnosis and Assessment and a member of the APA Task Force on *DSM-V*.

James E. Nininger, M.D., was elected to a three-year term as Area 2 trustee, representing New York. Dr. Nininger served as speaker of the APA Assembly from 2004 to 2005 and as a member of the APA Board of Trustees from 2003-2005. He is in private practice in New York and is clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College. Dr. Nininger is a former president of the New York State Psychiatric Association.

Mary Helen Davis, M.D., was re-elected to a second three-year term as Area 5 trustee, representing the southeastern states and the Uniformed Services district branch. Dr. Davis has served as Area 5 trustee since 2005. She has held other key leadership positions within the association including chair of the Committee on Public Affairs from 2002-04. Dr. Davis has served on the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure since 2003 and has been a Kentucky Medical Association Delegate since 1999. She is director of behavioral oncology for Norton Healthcare.

Melinda Fierros, M.D., a psychiatry resident at the Wright State Psychiatry Training Program, was elected member-in-training (MIT) trustee-elect. She will serve as trustee-elect for one year and then will become MIT trustee starting in 2009. Dr. Fierros served as president of the Student Psychiatry Organization and as Acting Parliamentarian of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students in 2003.

**About the American Psychiatric Association:**

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