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## APA Names Scott Barnes PAC Director

**ARLINGTON, Va. (June 21, 2010)** – The American Psychiatric Association (APA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Barnes as Deputy Director for Political Affairs and Grassroots.

Barnes comes to the APA from the American Society of Anesthesiologists, where he served as a political action committee (PAC) assistant director and oversaw an increase in contributions of \$600,000 during his first two years.

In his new position at the APA, Scott will be responsible for designing and implementing APA's overall political strategy, and coordinating the education and activities of APA's grassroots membership. He will also run the day-to-day operations of the political action committee, which includes raising voluntary political action dollars through fundraising programs and establishing new programs to increase funding.

"We are thrilled for Scott to join the government relations team at APA and work to advance the needs of our members and, of course, their patients, on Capitol Hill" said APA CEO and Medical Director James H. Scully, M.D.

"Scott is well regarded in the health and medical communities, and we're looking forward to harnessing his expertise to help both our members and their patients navigate mental health parity and the implementation of health reform," said Nicholas M. Meyers, director of Government Relations at the APA.

Prior to joining the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Scott worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman Mike Rogers and in his home state of Michigan for state Representative Kevin Elsenheimer.

Scott graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in political science. He resides in Washington, D.C.

The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society whose physician members specialize in the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and research of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. Visit the APA at [www.psych.org](http://www.psych.org) and [www.HealthyMinds.org](http://www.HealthyMinds.org).

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