The primary role of the Advocacy Cabinet is to serve as WPA’s interface with state government. The Cabinet seeks to monitor activities in state government relevant to the mission of WPA. The Cabinet may, as appropriate, register input or positions on topics or issues that arise. The Cabinet may also actively engage in political activity in regard to legislation relevant to the mission of WPA. Currently, the Cabinet is working with legislators to pass a bill to update the state’s law for the licensure of psychologists. The Cabinet also prepared WPA’s candidate survey this year, and posted the candidate responses on the WPA website prior to the November election. The Cabinet will also organize a Psychology Day in the Capitol this winter in order to encourage support for the licensure bill.

In addition, the Cabinet provides updates to membership on relevant governmental issues via the newsletter and convention presentations.

The Advocacy Cabinet meets on an as needed basis, and conducts most of its business by email and remote conferencing so as to engage members located across the state. The Advocacy Cabinet:

- Works to make the profession of psychology visible and relevant to our state legislators and government officials.
- Provides a voice for WPA regarding issues relevant to the WPA mission.
- Helps to apprise members of governmental activities pertinent to Psychology and mental health.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this important work, please contact one of the Cabinet members for more information.