

It is that time of year to vote for your AASP regional directors and executive officers! Please see the candidate statements below. Then click the link [here](#) to vote for your choice of candidates by April 20.

Each member may submit their votes one time. You will be asked to enter your name when you click on the ballot. We ask for that in order to verify membership and be sure we count one vote per member. If you would like to write in a candidate you will have that option.

Voting will be managed by our association management company. Voting will close on 4/20 at 5pm. Results of the election will be announced in the May Intervention Newsletter. Please direct questions about the election to [Lisa.Persinger@aasp-az.org](mailto:Lisa.Persinger@aasp-az.org) (Past-President). Thank you for your participation!

President Elect – Jamie Timmerman, Ph.D., NCSP



Hello AASP membership, my name is Dr. Jamie Timmerman, PhD, NCSP. I have fortunately been nominated for AASP President-Elect for the 2019-2020 school year.

I am a Certified School Psychologist in Arizona; in addition to being a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. I previously worked as a school psychologist in Mesa Public Schools for seven years. I am currently working at Crockett Elementary in the Balsz School District I received my B.A. in Psychology and Minor in Exercise Physiology and Leisure Science from Adams State College in Colorado. I completed my M.Ed. in School Counseling from Northern Arizona University, and my Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Northern Arizona University. I am currently a faculty for the University of Arizona-Chandler School Psychology program; I also taught the Assessment and Eligibility of Exceptional Children course through NAU Extended Campuses. My volunteer involvement in AASP so far has been as Treasurer (two-terms), Conference Planning Committee (Raffle/Silent Auction Chair), Historian/Photographer and Social Media Coordinator.

AASP is a strong state association with amazing leadership. Professionally, I have always taken pride in our state association and attending AASP's annual conference. The AASP annual state conference is highly regarded and recognized by speakers throughout the country. My goal

would be to thoughtfully plan and execute a successful annual conference for our members in 2020. Personally, my vision and goals are advocacy for youth's social/emotional wellness. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in choosing me as the 2019-2020 AASP President-Elect.

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Treasurer – Sarah Rice, Ed.S., NCSP



My name is Sarah Rice and I have worked in Mesa Public Schools for the past four school years. I currently work at two Title 1 elementary schools, with past experiences in preschool, high school, and junior high. I obtained my Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Arizona State University. I then went on to pursue my Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology at the University of Arizona, where I graduated from in 2015.

I would love to continue my role in the AASP organization as treasurer. I am a current member of AASP and originally joined as a student member. I previously volunteered at multiple AASP Conferences, participated in conference planning over the past two years, and attended the AASP board meetings as a part of my role.

As treasurer, I have the responsibility of providing input into the decision-making process and leading discussions regarding financial priorities. It is my goal to continue to have our AASP financial decisions be guided by the AASP's key initiative and align with the Board priority plans. I look forward to continuing to review our revenues and expenditures. In addition, I feel that it is important to continue to work closely with our association management company to monitor and analyze these expenditures and revenues on an ongoing basis. Our organization's assets need to be continued to be managed according to AASP financial policies and procedures, including the policies for investments and reserves. I have a good understanding of budgeting projections and reports, and understand the need to be highly organized, and experience with financial programs and organization.

As a practicing school psychologist and a current AASP member, I look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn and stay an active member in our state association. It would be an honor to serve the AASP membership as their treasurer for another term, and, if elected, I will do my utmost to ensure that our Association's assets are continued to be used in an effective and responsible manner.

**Southern Region Director- Lisa Favela, Ed.S., NCSP**



As professionals who are extensively trained to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally, I look forward to partnering with others to bring quality continuing education. I project us enhancing our relationships with other professionals and organizations within our communities, and collaborating with others to have a stronger representation at the region, state and national level.

~ Lisa G Favela, Ed.S., NCSP

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**Central Region Director – Shannon Morse, Ph.D., NCSP**



Hello, my name is Shannon Morse and I am interested in the position of regional director for the central valley. My training for school psychology was at Northern Arizona University (NAU) for my master's and doctorate degrees. At NAU I learned so much from great faculty and peers in the program. After attending NAU I did my internship in the Kyrene School District at two elementary schools and then continued to work there for seven years. I also worked in the preschool evaluation team as well. In Kyrene I worked in a low income area as well as a high income area, which helped me understand how to support both types of areas. When I had my first child it was difficult to travel to the east valley and although the years I worked there were great with the staff and students, I began working in the Cave Creek Unified School District where I currently am the lead psychologist and am finishing my 6th year there. In Cave Creek I work in an elementary school and a middle school. Currently I am the research coordinator for AASP that has given me the opportunity to work with the AASP board and meet many great psychologists across the state. I would love the opportunity to become the regional director to

support the continuous learning for psychologists as I know how difficult working in education can be. It is important for me to be a support for psychologists and continue to learn from others as well. Professional development is important for all of us which I will continue to bring to each of you in this position that is appropriate and strengthens our positions.

Shannon Morse, Ph.D., NCSP

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**Central Region Director – Lindsay Balles, Ph.D., NCSP**



My name is Lindsay Balles and I am originally from the northwest suburbs of Chicago, IL. In high school my family moved to Tucson, Arizona and I have been enjoying the beauty of Arizona ever since. After completing my bachelor's degree in Psychology at Northern Arizona University, I remained in Flagstaff and completed my master's degree in Psychology. While at NAU, I worked as an instructor for many undergraduate courses, as a substance abuse counselor for college aged students, and in a behavioral clinic for children with severe early childhood feeding and eating disorders. After my time at NAU, I moved to the Valley to complete my School Psychology training at Arizona State University. I completed my professional training at Scottsdale Unified School District and worked in SUSD as well as Gilbert Public Schools as a School Psychologist. For the past five years, I have been an adjunct professor for the University of Arizona – Chandler campus' School Psychologist program. Throughout my graduate education and practice as a school psychologist, I have belonged to many national and state level professional organizations, such as: AASP, NASP, AzPA, APA, and ABA. While completing my graduate studies at ASU, I was the vice-president of the School Psychology Graduate Student Organization, a member of the grant-review committee of the Graduate and Professional Student Association and was an Assistant Editor on the board of Current Issues in Education Journal. I was also nominated and served a year as the consumer representative on the Arizona Psychological Association's Consortium Board of Directors. Most recently I have served the past six years as the Central Regional Director for AASP and have thoroughly enjoyed working within the AASP organization. As a nationally certified school psychologist, I look forward to the opportunity to continue being active in both state and national level school psychology associations. As a current member of the AASP board I am committed to furthering the mission of AASP at both a state and national level in promoting educationally and psychologically healthy environments for all our children.

## Northern Region – Lisa Persinger, Ph.D., NCSP



*(Lisa is on the left. Adam Lockwood, former student in the middle, and Kathy Bohan on the right.)*

Hello Colleagues, I am interested in becoming your northern region representative so that I can help facilitate access to more trainings via webinar for our northern region. We are a vast territory with many barriers to getting together so I think we can support our members through a combination of in person and webinar style continuing education opportunities. That said, I do love a good social event! I hope to help us get to know one another a bit better through more of those opportunities. I'm currently the past-president of AASP. I served in the NASP leadership as chair of the LGBTQ Committee for about five years. I've have enjoyed serving our AASP membership over the past three years. I feel like I've finally figured out how to do this so I'd like another chance at representing you in AASP with my focus specifically on the northern region.

A bit about me: I completed all of my school psych training at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana just after the invention of the modern internet and before “troogle it” was part of our language. I completed a Ph.D. and M.S. at Indiana University and an M.A. at Ball State University in Indiana. I completed my pre-doc internship in Houston, Texas and post-doc in Tempe Elementary District and Madison Elementary District in the valley. Love took me to New Orleans where I worked at LSU Health Sciences Center for the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring. Hurricane Katrina hit, which allowed me to return “home” to Tucson in 2006. I worked in Tucson Unified School District and Vail School District with some super duper colleagues. I was fortunate to get the opportunity to teach in the school psych program at Northern Arizona University and have been in this position since 2012. Besides teaching I also provide training and direct school psych services to northern region schools when I can. I live in Flagstaff in the “banana belt” where my snowfall, in the most recent storm, was only 31 inches to Kathy Bohan’s 41 inches. Nice eh?

Western Region – Jennifer Elliott, Ph.D., NCSP



Hello!

My name is Jennifer Elliott and I have been nominated for AASP's Western Regional Director. I am currently one of two Western Regional Directors, appointed last year when an opening came available. Prior to that time I served on the Executive Board for two years as Secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Western Regional Director and AASP Board member, and hope to be able to continue to serve our community by providing relevant professional development.

I earned my MA at the University of Texas and Ph.D. at ASU. Because my husband was in the Air Force we moved frequently for many years. This was a great opportunity for me to practice school psychology in a variety of states such as Georgia, New Mexico, Texas, and various districts in Arizona. I have been in Arizona now for ten years and have worked as a school psychologist that entire time in the Litchfield School District. I have over 17 years of experience as a school psychologist, working with students in preschool through high school. I have also supervised practicum students and interns in that time.

My goal as one of the Western Regional Directors for the next two years would be to find out what topics are important to psychologists in the Western region and facilitate professional development opportunities. Additionally, I would like to see opportunities for school psychologists in the region to be able to connect with one another for collaboration and support through social events.