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**TO: SPP executive committee**

**FROM: Michael Roberts**

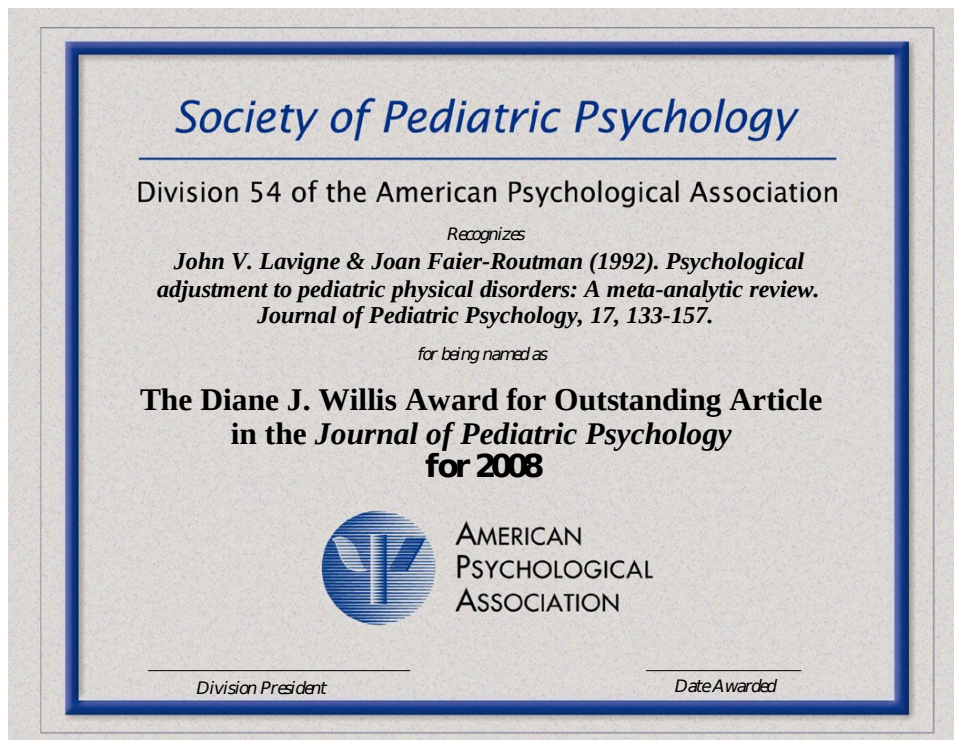
**RE: The Diane J. Willis Award for Outstanding Article in the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology***

The executive committee will remember the discussion at the Aug08 convention meeting about the proposed Willis Award for Outstanding Article in JPP. The committee approved “in principle” with some revisions to the policy.

I made the requested revisions to the attached statement removing the proposed monetary award, adding information about how the review committee would be chosen, and indicating the timeframe for selection of the article. We have prepared a sample certificate that would be awarded to the selected (attached).

**Action Needed:** Discussion and Final approval

President appoint committee



## **The Diane J. Willis Award for Outstanding Article**

### **in the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology***

This award recognizes an article published in the Journal during a calendar year/volume as having the potential for enduring impact on the field of pediatric psychology.

Each author of the selected article will receive a certificate at the Society of Pediatric Psychology membership session at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association and the award will be highlighted in *Progress Notes* (the SPP Newsletter) and on the SPP website.

The selection committee will be comprised of three active contributors to *JPP* (appointed by the Past-President of SPP (chair of the SPP Awards Committee), excluding any contributors whose own articles might be under consideration) to make recommendations to the SPP Executive Committee.

All articles published during the preceding volume year will be considered by the selection committee according to the following criteria. The committee will conduct the reviews and make the selection in February/March with the award made at the August APA convention.

In selecting the article as “outstanding” the selection committee will evaluate the degree to which it satisfies the following criteria:

1. The article has the potential to significantly contribute to scholarship in the science and practice of pediatric psychology as evidenced by:
  - a. having a positive impact on the field/topic area by influencing or guiding future research,
  - b. having implications for policy, practice, training, and professional developments, and
  - c. having potential for long-lasting utility and value to the field.
2. The article demonstrates particular innovation and excellence in approaching the topic for usefulness in application, development of theory, and appropriateness or advancement of methodology and design.
3. The article provides an exemplar for others to model.

This award honors Diane J. Willis, who served the Society of Pediatric Psychology as Founding Editor of the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, Editor of the *SPP Newsletter*, and President of SPP.