

## Establishing Local Chapters of the Society of Indian Psychologists

This proposal is respectfully submitted to the Society of Indian Psychologists Council of Elders by Jacque Gray for consideration this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 2009.

This change is proposed to help inform students about the Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP), recognize connection and mentoring by American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN) psychologists around the country, provide for regularly scheduled meetings, speakers, research opportunities, educational opportunities, emotional support and mentoring of students through the process of becoming an AIAN psychologists and professionals.

It is believed that this change would provide:

1. Increased awareness of SIP,
2. increased membership in SIP,
3. increased awareness of AIAN student opportunities,
4. inclusion of clinical, counseling, and school psychology graduate and undergraduate students,
5. inclusion of Chapters at Tribal Colleges with psychology students and Universities with graduate programs in psychology,
6. inclusion of faculty interested in the success of AIAN students, and
7. Increased numbers of SIP chapters and SIP membership in other locations when students involved in these chapters graduate and continue their careers elsewhere ultimately growing SIP.

Each chapter must have:

1. A SIP member as an advisor,
2. At least 2 AIAN students,
3. Approval of the SIP Executive Council to establish the Chapter.
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Proposal

### Bylaws Change to Allow for Local SIP Chapters

Whereas, the Society of Indian Psychologists is the American Indian/Alaskan Native organization of the American Psychological Association, and

Whereas, the Society of Indian Psychologists is for the support, education, and development of American Indian/Alaskan Native Psychologists, and

Whereas, the Society of Indian Psychologists meets once per year at the American Indian/Alaska Native Psychologists and Graduate Students Conference in Logan, UT;

The Society of Indian Psychologists establishes that Colleges and Universities may apply to begin a Chapter of the Society of Indian Psychologists at their educational institution to provide education, mentoring, training, and research opportunities to American Indian/Alaskan Native Students.

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