Build Strong Connections with IPS!

Iowa-based psychiatrists are encouraged to join and actively participate in IPS. Benefits include:

**Discounted Continuing Education:** Twice annually (March and October), IPS hosts accredited symposia for members and other health care professionals. These events offer 4-8 hours of cutting-edge AMA PRA Category 1 credit along with opportunities for networking. Member fees for participation are discounted to encourage participation. Visit our website for information and to register.

**Representation in the Mental Health and Medical Community:** IPS members are active participants in many community and national roles that shape our profession. Relationships with the American Psychiatric Association, Mental Health America, and the Iowa Medical Society are just a few of those organizations.

**Networking and Peer Support:** Meetings and member social events offer the opportunity to interact with other IPS members in an effort to decrease professional isolation. Whether it’s music trivia or a brewery gathering, advocacy reception or continuing education, events bring us together for fun and collaboration. Visit our website for information and to register.

**Leadership:** IPS offers many opportunities for leadership with the society. The council includes more than 25 positions. We encourage members throughout the state to consider committee participation at some point in their career. Don’t worry…we’re not asking for hours of assistance, just some thoughts and input at quarterly meetings. If interested, contact IPS President, Al Whitters, alwhitters@yahoo.com.

**Complimentary Subscription to the Bi-Monthly Electronic Newsletter, IPS Update:** The IPS Update is a reliable bi-monthly source of news for members. Content includes meeting updates, an events calendar, industry news, and member announcements.

**Advocacy for You, Your Patients, and the Profession:** IPS contracts with Piper Consulting to handle lobbying needs in our state house relevant to mental health issues. Federal representation is handled by an accomplished team of APA staff. APA makes several annual presentations to various Congressional Committees as well as supplements IPS efforts by providing legislation monitoring and grass roots advocacy.

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