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Dear Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN) Members:

Subject: SCN Supports Voting Rights for Graduate Students: Vote Yes!

If you are a voting member of APA, on November 1st you will receive a ballot asking for your vote on a proposed amendment that will grant APA member graduate students the right to vote in APA elections. If passed, the amendment will for the first time provide graduate students a direct voice on matters that affect their education, livelihood, and well-being, as well as the future of APA and the field. The amendment has the support of the majority of APA Council of Representatives (73.4%) and the APA Board of Directors. The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology’s (SCN) Executive Committee also strongly supports this amendment and encourages you to stand with students and our division by voting YES.

SCN and its student group, the Association of Neuropsychology Students and Trainees (ANST), is the largest division and student organization in APA. A YES vote will increase opportunity for student engagement and membership in SCN and APA, thereby increasing SCN’s influence and standing within APA.

What your YES vote means

1. Creation of a new “APA Graduate Student” membership category

2. After one year as Graduate Student Members, students will earn the right to vote on APA issues, such as:
   - Elections for APA President-Elect
   - Elections for Board Members-at-Large
   - Bylaw amendments
   - Apportionment ballots (determining how many Council seats will be allotted to APA Divisions and State, Provincial, and Territorial Associations)

Five More Reasons to Vote YES

1. YES will align APA with many other associations that found student voting led to more engaged students and stronger leadership pipelines
2. **YES** will serve as a pipeline for moving students into active involvement in SCN and APA, thereby strengthening both SCN’s and APA’s continuity and relevance.

3. **YES** will include the voices of 21,000 people who have committed themselves to serving as the next generation of psychologists within and beyond APA.

4. **YES** directly aligns with APA’s new strategic plan to “attract, diversify, develop, and support the next generation of psychology professionals.”

5. **YES** will grant college-educated adults, who already maintain the right to vote in US elections, conduct research, and treat our most vulnerable patients, the right to be involved in decisions that directly affect their education and future.

You will have the opportunity to vote **YES** on the “Voting Privileges and New Membership Category for Graduate Students” amendment between November 1\(^{st}\) and December 16\(^{th}\). The amendment will need a “supermajority” (66.6% **YES** votes) to pass, your vote is critically important. The SCN Executive Committee asks that you stand with students and our division by voting **YES** and encouraging your colleagues to do the same.

For more information, please visit: [www.letgradstudentsvote.com](http://www.letgradstudentsvote.com).

Sincerely Yours,

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