

IPA Reaps Awards AT 2011 APA State Leadership Conference in Washington, DC

The IPA was honored twice at this year's American Psychological Association State Leadership Conference held March 11th through 15th in Washington, DC. The IPA was represented by twelve leaders who donated their time, and in many cases, their own money, to attend this workshop.

A number of major awards are given at this workshop and the IPA received two honors. This first was the State, Provincial and Territorial Association Diversity Award. This award was given because of IPA's commitment to promoting diversity within the Association through diversity training and educational programming. The IPA was also recognized for its efforts to include increase diversity representation in leadership positions.

The second award went to Patricia Farrell, Ph.D., IPA's Federal Advocacy Coordinator. Although a volunteer in this position for only three years, Dr. Farrell has made a significant impact in educating Illinois's members of Congress about the issues of importance to psychologists and consumers. Her attendance at town hall meetings, fundraisers and her ability to connect psychologists with members of Congress has been phenomenal.

Dr. Farrell was unaware that she was receiving the award and you can only imagine her surprise when, near the end of the speech describing why she was receiving the award, the presenter said that there was one man who was very sorry he could not make the award and flashed a huge picture on two screens on the state of Dr. Farrell standing next to President Obama, which was taken during one of his campaign fundraisers. ■



IPA wins the 2011 State, Provincial and Territorial Psychological Association Diversity Award for its outstanding accomplishments in diversity programming.



Patricia Farrell, Ph.D., IPA's Federal Advocacy Coordinator was presented with the 2011 APA State Leadership Advocacy Award by Marilyn Richmond, J.D., Assistant Executive Director for Government Relations