The Assembly is a deliberative body which recommends action to the Board of Trustees. The Assembly is composed of representatives elected from the district branches; representatives of other groups of members; and Assembly officers. The Area Councils provide a regional organizational structure as the interface between the Assembly and the District Branches. The objectives of the District Branch are to foster the science and enhance the progress of psychiatry, in cooperation with and as a constituent part of the APA, to promote the maintenance of high professional and administrative standards, and to assist the APA in promoting its aims and objectives.*

*APA Procedural Code of the Assembly