The seven Area Councils provide regional organizational structures which serve as the interface between the Assembly and the District Branches to promote effective relationships between organized psychiatry and state governments; to serve as venues for communication between and among individuals, District Branches, and the national organization; to hold scientific meetings and other programs in continuing education; and to provide forums for discussion of regional issues.

**Seven Areas of the APA (by state or Territory)**

- **Area 1**: New England/Eastern Canada
- **Area 2**: New York
- **Area 3**: Middle Atlantic
- **Area 4**: North Central
- **Area 5**: South, Puerto Rico
- **Area 6**: California
- **Area 7**: West/Western Canada