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The Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists

Invites You to Celebrate its 11th Anniversary at the:
Annual Meeting in San Francisco

May 6 - 11, 1989

Tentative Schedule

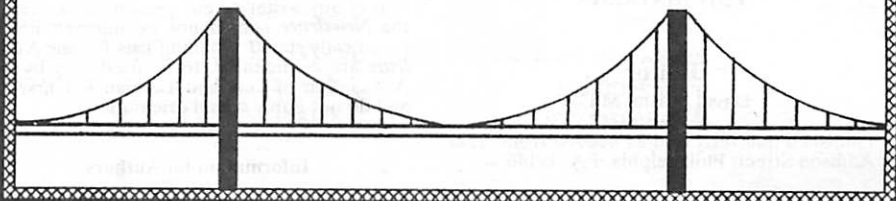
May 6, Sat.	Pre-convention Educational Conference	10:00 - 5:00 pm
May 7, Sun.	AIDS Memorial Meeting	6:00 - 7:00 pm
	Opening Reception	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 8, Mon.	Business Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 pm
	Dinner for Lesbian Psychiatrists	7:00 pm
May 9, Tue.	Business Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 pm
May 10, Wed.	Awards Luncheon	12:15 - 1:45 pm
	Closing Party	7:00 pm

AGLP activities are open to all psychiatrists, residents, and medical students. Business meetings are open to all members or potential members. Consult the APA Schedule of Events for exact times and meeting places. The Pre-Convention Educational Conference will be held in the Hospitality Suite (tentatively in the St. Francis Hotel). The tentative schedule for the Pre-Convention is:

- Gay and Lesbian Couples 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Gays and Lesbians - Working with Each Other 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Gay and Lesbian Parenting 3:00 - 5:00 pm

In addition, several workshops and symposia relating to gay and lesbian issues will be offered by AGLP members as a part of the regular APA Annual Meeting. Consult your APA convention packet for exact times and places.

For further information, look for the AGLP Welcoming Table at the Moscone Convention Center or write to AGLP; 1721 Addison Street; Philadelphia, PA 19146-1516 to receive a full schedule. *Correspondence is sent in a regular business envelope without AGLP markings. Confidentiality is respected.*



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EDITOR'S COLUMN

David Scasta, M. D.

San Francisco is upon us! San Francisco will be a popular Annual Meeting. I hope by the time you read this that you have already sent your motel selection to the APA Housing Bureau in San Francisco. I have registered at the Westin St. Francis because there is a good chance the Hospitality Suite will be there. Fortunately, the hotels are clustered in the same area so that you will be close by almost regardless of which hotel you choose. If you do not get a room through the APA Housing Bureau (which may happen if you have not registered yet), call your travel agent early. AGLP does not have a special block of rooms available for later registrants.

Do not forget that San Francisco has a number of good gay hotels and bed and breakfast establishments. A quick check of *Damron's Address Book '88* shows the following hotels listed in the Tenderloin to North Beach Area: Amsterdam Hotel - 749 Taylor St., Atherton Hotel - 685 Ellis St., and Essex Hotel - 684 Ellis St. Check locally for quality and cost. I cannot personally vouch for any of them.

Also, do not forget to make reservations for the Fourth Annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet for Wednesday. This year we will be honoring Emery Heterick as an AGLP Founder and the Past Presidents of AGLP. We hope that Damien Martin, Emery's lover and co-founder of the Harvey Milk School for Adolescents in New York City, will be able to receive the award for Emery. The registration form is at the end of the President's Column.

We are going to have a booth in the Exhibition Hall this year and we are attempting to have at least part of the Names Project Quilt hung in a public area at the Convention - both of which should help increase AGLP's visibility in the APA.

Congratulations to the following people who have had seminars and workshops accepted:

Course 8: Clinical Treatment of HIV Related Disorders (Forstein {Ch.}, Akman, Beckett, Fernandez, Woo, Worth)

Course 28: Meeting the Mental Health Challenges of AIDS: Update 1989 (Ostrow and Dilley {Chs.}, Barlow, Batki, Cabaj, Forstein, Fryer, Fullilove, Harrison, Nichols, Shaffner)

Course 59: Psychotherapy with Lesbians (Gartrell {Ch.}, Hamilton, Harrison, Johnson, Loulan)

Course 73: Dynamic Therapy with Gay Men: Theory and Technique (Isay)

Symposium 6: Overcoming Stigma, Homophobia and Heterosexism (Mihalik {Ch.}, Friend, Leonard, Miller, Pieri, Whitman)

Workshop: Secrets, Supervision, and Sexual Orientation (Clark, Cookson, Hackenbruck, & Hartlaub)

Workshop: The Impact of HIV on Therapy with Symptom Free Gay Men (Schwartz {Ch.}, Hartstein, O'Donnell, Scasta)

If I have missed anyone, please let me know right away. Dates, times, and locations for all events will be published in the April *Newsletter* and in the *Annual Meeting Gay & Lesbian Guide* which we publish every year.

This year we have again posed questions to the candidates for President-Elect and Vice President of the APA. Their responses are published in the following pages. Please read them before you vote this month. And, don't dare think about not voting! Our organization is influential because its members do take voting seriously. I have been increasingly pleased with the responses which we have been getting in recent years to our questions. The trick will be to elect officers who back their words with action when the time comes for such. Read their responses carefully.

On a personal note, I have been persuaded to take a position on the psychiatric staff at the Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, N.J. I will be moving the private part of my practice to New Hope, Pennsylvania (a Provincetown-like community on the Delaware River) within the next several months. My address - and the address for much of AGLP business - will change at that time. I will publish the change when I know for sure what the new address will be. In the meantime, continue to send material to me at: **1721 Addison St.; Philadelphia, PA 19146-1516.**

The Newsletter of the

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David Scasta, M.D.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Norman B. Hartstein, M.D.

It is time for us to make our reservations in order to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in San Francisco, May 6-11, 1989. I don't think that I need to sell anyone on the special attractions of the City of San Francisco. I know that the only way one can really get full benefit from a membership in AGLP is by attending the annual meeting and by participating in our full schedule of social and educational events. I believe we all need to take a break from work and not miss this opportunity to celebrate our survival and growth as an organization and as individuals.

Returning to San Francisco, where the APA last met in 1980, holds special meaning for me and for AGLP. 1980 marked my initial involvement with the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association. Although the Caucus had met at annual meetings prior to 1980, the program of events for the San Francisco meeting became the model for subsequent conventions. I remember the fun-filled cruise on San Francisco Bay, the crowded opening reception at the St. Francis Hotel, the numerous panels on lesbian and gay concerns, the luncheon address of Don Knutson, and the scientific exhibit entitled, "Homosexuality - A Decade of Research." I met many other lesbian and gay psychiatrists for the first time. I also recall that I invited my partner, Robert, whom I had been "dating" for several months to join me in San Francisco for the last few days of that convention in 1980.

Inviting one's lover/partner to attend a professional meeting can pose some problems. It can prove to be quite boring for the partner. In recent years, AGLP has been reaching out to involve significant others in both social and educational programs. This year we are planning to expand these activities. The all-day educational meeting on Saturday, May 6th will address issues of concern to gay and lesbian couples and families. Please include your lovers and partner when you make your plans to join AGLP in San Francisco.

AGLP needs your help to ensure that the meetings this May will indeed be a success. If you are participating in a presentation relevant to lesbian and gay issues, please inform David Scasta, M.D. (1721 Addison St.; Philadelphia, PA 19146) so that he may list the presentation in the AGLP Schedule of Events. If your proposal was not accepted for the official program and you are prepared to present or if you wish to lead a discussion in the Hospitality Suite, please contact Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D. (1731 S.E. Ash; Portland, OR 97214; (503) 235-7072) who will be coordinating the schedule of events in the AGLP Hospitality Suite.

We are planning to reserve a hospitality suite with two rooms available for AGLP events. It is our hope that here will be a place for AGLP members to meet and socialize at the same time that committee meetings or discussions groups are in session. We will need volunteers both to serve as hosts in the Hospitality Suite and to sit at an AGLP welcoming/information table at Moscone Center.

We especially need the input of our Northern California membership for ideas and assistance with our convention planning. Please contact Jim Paulsen, M.D. (720 Gough, #53; San Francisco, CA 94102; (415) 861-2603) who has been coordinating the local arrangements in San Francisco.

We will once again be requesting voluntary (non-tax deductible) contributions to a fund to cover travel expenses for medical students wishing to attend APA and AGLP events in San Francisco.

I cannot, however, think of returning to San Francisco, of the previous meeting in 1980, and of my years with AGLP without recalling with sadness those members and friends who have succumbed to AIDS. I feel that we must take time this year not only to mourn those friends and colleagues whom we have lost, but also to support each other. None of us who were in San Francisco back in 1980 could have anticipated the challenges that AIDS has brought us both personally and professionally.

I know that some of you have AIDS, ARC, or are seropositive. Some of you have partners, lovers, and other special friends who have AIDS, ARC, or are seropositive. Last year some of the participants in AGLP-sponsored AIDS-support sessions had the courage to share their personal stories and difficulties. It was suggested that AGLP sponsor a support group for sero-positive psychiatrists that might meet several times during the week in San Francisco. Please contact me (Norman Hartstein, M.D.; 851 N. Kings Rd., #309; West Hollywood, CA 90069; (213) 653-0206) if you be interested in facilitating or joining such a support group. I would also like to hear from any AGLP member or friend who wants to help out or who has some special needs that we might not otherwise address unless we hear from you. You are AGLP. The success of the organization and the activities scheduled during the annual meeting depends on your participation.

Reservation Form for the Fourth Annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet

Wednesday, May 10, 1989

12:15 - 1:45 pm

San Francisco, CA

(For 1989 - Honoring Past Presidents of AGLP)

Number of reservations _____ @ \$25.00 per person
(\$12.50 for medical students)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please send with a check made out to "AGLP" to: Larry Prater, M.D.; Treasurer, AGLP; 1110 N. Classen Blvd., #318; Oklahoma City, OK 73106-6808.

Elissa P. Benedek, M.D.
Candidate for
President-Elect



Robert Michels, M.D.
Candidate for
President-Elect



1. With the increasing concern about AIDS, a number of members of the American Psychiatric Association have been writing articles with themes to the effect that, "Gay is not OK." Please comment.

I am, of course, distressed by the letters and publications expressing an anti-homosexual viewpoint collected in Dr. Norman B. Hartstein's President's Column in last November's *Newsletter*. Frankly, I was unaware of "gay bashing" in the psychiatric media and am both surprised and dismayed by the increase in anti-homosexual attitudes revealed in the psychiatric press. As you know, I have supported the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists in the APA, and I have encouraged appointment of gay and lesbian identified psychiatrists to Councils and Components so that all the views and talents of our diverse membership can be accurately and adequately represented. In my role as Board Liaison to the Council on National Affairs, I have worked actively and constructively with the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues on issues of national concern, and most certainly will continue to do so if elected to a new leadership position. One of the strengths of the APA is its ability to respond to the needs and concerns of a diverse membership and to address them in a timely fashion. Therefore, while some members of the APA apparently are bent on suggesting that "Gay is not OK," I am convinced that the organization as a whole supports and will continue to support the interests of our gay and lesbian psychiatric members.

2. What role do you feel that the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists (CHIP) and the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists should play in the APA during your term of office.

The Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists and the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists have played a vital role by suggesting membership and agenda issues to the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Psychiatry, which is part of the Council on National Affairs. Those is-

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There is a strong consensus in American psychiatry that sexual orientation is not a psychiatric issue. That means that if a psychiatrist has an attitude about homosexuality, it should be regarded as a personal view rather than a professional one, and applauded or condemned as such. I haven't seen the articles in question, but if they are hostile to individuals because of their sexual preference, I would condemn them. However, to me even more important, I would see them as reflecting a deplorable personal bias, not an erroneous professional judgment. The link to AIDS is particularly confusing. Of course, there are some communities in which homosexual activities have been important in the transmission of the HIV virus, just as addictive behavior has been important in others, but certainly for any citizen, and especially any physician, this should lead to compassionate concern, not condemnation for members of such communities.

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All psychiatrists should participate in the affairs of the APA, and all groups within psychiatry should be welcomed by the APA, if they wish to represent their special needs and interests. As long as residual prejudices against homosexual behavior persist, there will be issues relevant to the APA that are of special concern to psychiatrists who join groups such as CHIP and the AGLP. As those prejudices diminish, I would hope that the agendas of the APA, CHIP and AGLP would become identical. I would work toward that goal.

**Irvin M. Cohen, M.D.
Candidate for
Vice-President**



1. With the increasing concern about AIDS, a number of members of the American Psychiatric Association have been writing articles with themes to the effect that, "Gay is not OK." Please comment.

We must not forget that it has not been long since medical students, and indeed residents in psychiatry, were taught that homosexuality was a form of sociopathy. Obviously this view continues to pervade the thinking of much of this country's population, and consequently remains a huge barrier to understanding and social progress. The belief also contaminates much of the medical profession, despite its supposed enlightenment. Within psychiatry, the concept of homosexuality as a disease entity, and therefore a target of the physician as healer, is psychiatry's transmutation of society's rejection. A very large segment of the psychiatric profession, perhaps the largest, grew up with psychoanalytic theories of the genesis of homosexuality, and believed them to be unquestionable. The continuing appearance of these ideas in articles is therefore understandable clinically. But when psychodynamics are used to justify anti-homosexuality it becomes professionally reprehensible. Fortunately, the threat of AIDS being converted into an anti-homosexual vehicle has always been recognized and fought by the American Psychiatric Association. As successively Recorder, Speaker-Elect, Speaker, and Immediate Past Speaker of the Assembly, and consequently directly involved in the governance of APA for almost four years, I have spoken out on this subject and will continue to do so. I strongly suspect that opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor and such, as reviewed by Norman Hartstein in the November, 1988 issue of the *AGLP Newsletter*, are seen generally as archaic, hence deserve little attention. They certainly will not influence the direction of APA policy if I have anything to do with it.

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**Fred Gottlieb, M.D.
Candidate for
Vice-President**

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Norm Hartstein's President's Column in November's *AGLP Newsletter* was compelling. It helps remind us that a) our profession is imperfect; b) prejudice wearing a civilized or scientific veneer is still prejudice; and c) we are always subject to contextual influences beyond our profession. For me to comment about those in this *Newsletter* may be like bringing coals to Newcastle. But your important question deserves some elaboration.

We like to think that we psychiatrists are smart and that by becoming more "scientific" we can overcome past prejudices. We do realize how science can be misused, e.g., by some Nazi doctors, some Soviet psychiatrists, or American enthusiasts for prefrontal lobotomy, or for sterilization for retarded patients, etc. "Certainly we would never do such things." But it's easy for us to overlook that science itself also is contained within the larger social crucible in which we function.

Gays, women, parents of schizophrenic patients and some patients themselves, minority group members, the Mental Health Law Project, etc., have reminded our profession that sometimes we have been singularly unhelpful. How can it happen? In the process of exploring normalcy and difference, we occasionally equated difference with deviance. And, we have confused deviance with "pathology." The latter is in an arena in which we physicians are differentially privileged, sanctioned to make "a diagnosis."

Diagnoses have extraordinary power within the social system. But our knowledge of intrapsychic and biological pathways is much better than our expertise about social networks. So we tend to confine ourselves more to our own narrow perspectives about individual bodies and psyches rather than more complex interpersonal and social system forces.

I don't know Drs. Tanay and Crummie. Even if I did, my own world view would make me reluctant to ascribe bad motives to their undoubtedly prejudicial statements.

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MINUTES OF THE FALL MEETING
ASSOCIATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS
WASHINGTON, DC
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 1988

Friday, 9 September 1988, 7:30 PM, Julio's Rooftop Pizza Restaurant, Dinner for those attending Fall Meeting.

Saturday, 10 September 1988, 9:00 AM, J.W. Marriott Hotel Ballrooms

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Norman Hartstein, M.D. and opening announcements were made. In addition to President Hartstein, Executive Committee members Stephen Atkinson, M.D., Robert Cabaj, M.D., Phillip Cushman, M.D., Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D., Larry Prater, M.D., and David Scasta, M.D. attended. All those attending introduced themselves and President Hartstein announced that he would be trying to get as much done during the morning as possible for those who would not be able to remain all day. He further described his hope that AGLP could become more of an "all year" organization with many members participating in AGLP business rather than only the President and the Newsletter Editor.

Minutes from the previous business meetings were accepted as printed in the AGLP Newsletter and distributed to the membership and minutes from the last Executive Committee Meeting were accepted as mailed to Executive Committee members.

FINANCIAL REPORT Treasurer Larry Prater, M.D. distributed a copy of the financial report for the year 1987, a preliminary report for 1988 and a suggested budget for 1989 based on the past two years. President Hartstein announced that he, too, was presenting a budget proposal for the coming year. Dr. Prater discussed problems which AGLP had experienced in paying bills from the Montreal Spring 1988 Meeting due to the bank refusing to honor checks written for Canadian currency. Efforts are underway to correct the problem. Dr. Prater also reported that AGLP is incorporated in the State of Oklahoma as a "not-for-profit" corporation and paperwork for 501(c)3 status is underway.

President Hartstein reviewed budget expenses and pointed out that the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy is now our second largest expense; we are committed to including it as a membership benefit for the current year but we may have to drop JGLP in the future. We would also have to greatly increase our income/dues before we can afford to pay for any more hired help than we presently have.

Terry Stein, M.D. pointed out that our San Francisco Spring 1989 Meeting expenses will probably be greater than previously because of the location and our not celebrating our Tenth Anniversary in Montreal as originally planned. Jeffrey Akman, M.D. suggested that members be asked to make a one-time special contribution for the San Francisco meeting. Dr. Stein concurred. Bob Cabaj, M.D. pointed out that the Asian Caucus is collecting money by contribution to pay for their special plans in San Francisco. President Hartstein asked that this be brought up later during discussion of the Spring Meeting since it would not be part of the budget.

Student Lanette Atkins pointed out that \$500 would not cover travel expenses to the Spring Meeting for medical students on the East Coast since the meeting is in San Francisco. President Hartstein nevertheless feels we need some cap on medical student expenses. Presently only airfare is covered. A special voluntary contribution raised additional money for medical student travel this year. Margie Sved, M.D. urged against having multiple voluntary contributions to cover non-budgeted expenses; rather, she feels that our budget should reflect what our actual expenses are. Steve Atkinson, M.D. agreed that our budget should cover the actual expenses of the student representative in AGLP but he felt perhaps we could solicit voluntary contributions to allow other students to travel to the meetings.

Continuing with discussion of his budget proposal, President Hartstein with Treasurer Prater pointed out that membership income would support the budget if we do as well in 1989 as in 1988. President Hartstein further suggested that any additional income over expectations be apportioned to the various categories by the same percentages as in the proposal. Dr. Stein suggested that additional income above projections should be partly allocated to a reserve fund and President Hartstein concurred. The President also pointed out that the Executive Committee is empowered to vote an amount from our treasury reserves to cover one time special expenses for something such as the San Francisco meeting. John O'Donnell, M.D. suggested that expenses of the "significant others auxiliary" be reflected in the budget, perhaps allocating a minimum of \$200. Expenses of the Womens' Group were also mentioned as not included in the budget. President Hartstein indicated that such expenses were covered under the miscellaneous category. Dr. Sved also reminded us that AGLP should be able to save on postage for the Newsletter under anticipated 501(C)3 status but the President preferred to budget for full first class postage.

President Hartstein asked that AGLP accept the Budget Proposal as a guideline for 1989 with an increase in the amount for miscellaneous expenses. Dr. Stein then moved "that AGLP accept the budget proposal guidelines for 1989, as amended to increase the miscellaneous category from \$250 to \$500, with the President and Treasurer to report at the next meeting on the utility of the various categories and with the Executive Committee having the power to make variations in the budget categories if needed." The motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Akman asked that the minutes reflect the spirit of the group's commitment to fund student expenses beyond the appropriated \$500 amount. Others agreed. President Hartstein pointed out that the only AGLP commitment in the past toward covering medical student expenses has been one to cover travel expenses for one medical student to attend the AGLP Spring and Fall Meetings. Dr. Sved suggested continuing to solicit contributions to cover medical student travel expenses above the amount budgeted for sending the one student representative.

OFFICERS President Hartstein proposed that AGLP amend the ByLaws to specify that there be two vice-presidents, one male and one female, to prevent the organization from ever again getting to the point where our stationery reflects all male officers. He also felt such a move would represent a real commitment to co-sexual representation. He also proposed that, in addition to our current student representative sitting on the Executive Committee, we also have a member-in-training representative. Dr. Stein suggested that gender parity was not going to be achieved by a "separate but unequal category." He preferred that women be in full positions and that AGLP should vigorously act to have women more active in the Association but not in an extra category. Dr. Sved suggested that AGLP might commit to never again approving a slate without a woman on it. She also expressed the opinion that AGLP will never achieve gender parity. President Hartstein mentioned that he was also concerned that most AGLP offices require a person to be computer-literate and he expressed the fear that that limited which members would rise to Presidency since most rise out of other offices.

Members continued to discuss the issues of why gay and lesbian psychiatrists do not join AGLP, how to increase the number of members of AGLP and particularly how to increase the number of women members. Dr. Sved and Debbie Carter, M.D. both offered suggestions including AGLP demonstrating more interest in presenting women's issues with perhaps more hospitality suite offerings related to women and to members-in-training.

VISITS BY DR. PARDES AND DR. FINK At this point, APA President-elect Pardes entered the room on prior invitation from President Hartstein. He described the process by which goals are achieved within the APA structure. Bob Cabaj, M.D. gave Dr. Pardes feedback on some issues which the APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues wants to promote within the APA. Dr. Pardes subsequently was joined by APA President Fink as Dr. Pardes suggested that groups such as AGLP must prioritize issues since not all issues can be acted on by the APA hierarchy. President Fink added comments on AGLP concerns about the slowness of the process within the APA and pledged that both he and Dr. Pardes wanted to expedite action within the APA but he pointed out that other minority or special interest groups were also wanting their special needs addressed. After further interchange with President Hartstein and other members, President Fink and President-elect Pardes left. Some discussion followed regarding ways of being of further help to the APA leadership and ways of eliminating archaic discussion of homosexuality within the APPI publications and the regular meeting resumed.

OFFICERS DISCUSSION CONTINUED Continuing the discussion of how to encourage continued increased participation of women in AGLP, Marshall Forstein moved "that AGLP not consider future officers slates complete unless at least one woman is on the slate." The motion was seconded and approved.

President Hartstein noted the need to have more women's material in the Newsletter as well as more discussion of lesbian and feminist issues.

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D. announced that she would meet during lunch with several of the women attending the fall meeting in order to prepare an Agenda to present to the Executive Committee. Further consideration of the slate of officers was therefore postponed until after that luncheon meeting.

President Hartstein feels several areas of the By-Laws need to be clarified, e.g. composition of the Executive Committee, medical student members, regional/local groups etc.

MEMBERSHIP David Scasta, M.D. reported on the AGLP membership as of 9 September 1988. As of that date there were 347 members of various status with only 78% current on dues. Approximately 50 of the members are women. Dr. Scasta announced that individuals who have not paid their 1988 dues by 31 December 1988 would be deleted from the rolls. Those members would have received four billings plus a letter reminding them that their membership was lapsing. President Hartstein proposed having the Membership Committee look into reasons for members not renewing. That committee will also examine what action to take when a member of AGLP is expelled from the APA since AGLP By-Laws currently require APA membership.

1989 ANNUAL MEETING David Kessler, M.D. began discussion of the San Francisco meeting scheduled for May 1989 by listing the members of the Planning Committee: Dr. Kessler will be joined by James Paulsen, M.D., Frank Rundle, M.D., James Krajewski, M.D., Robert Scott, M.D., and Ric Andrews, M.D. Dr. Atkinson was thanked for his work during the Montreal meeting. Much of the San Francisco planning will be based on the Montreal experience.

The location for AGLP Business Meetings is assigned by the APA shortly after the first of the year. The Committee is planning on an attendance of about 75 at the Business Meetings to be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Dr. Atkinson suggested that we pick our hospitality suite hotel and then ask the APA to assign our Business Meeting room in that hotel. The San Francisco Hilton will be the principle hotel for the APA Annual Meeting and therefore AGLP should probably plan to have its Hospitality Suite there. During the Montreal meeting we had a hospitality suite of about 400 square feet. We should expect a larger attendance in San Francisco and therefore should get a suite of at least 500 sq. feet. Dr. Scasta suggested that we should get a one bedroom suite and plan for no one to stay in the bedroom. That would allow us to use the bedroom for socializing even while the larger room is being used for meetings. If necessary, we can get a two bedroom suite and have a member stay in one bedroom while leaving the other one free. Someone from the Planning Committee needs to inspect the hospitality suites in the San Francisco Hilton and perhaps the St. Francis since some suites are laid out in ways that are unworkable for our needs. Based on that inspection, George Campbell, who is in charge of APA Meetings Management, should be advised that that hotel is our choice for the Hospitality Suite.

President Hartstein noted that Courses will be held in the Moscone Convention Center on Saturday and at the Embarcadero Hyatt.

Nanette Gartrell, M.D. and Dee Mosbacher, M.D. now live in San Francisco and they have offered to host the Women's Dinner on Monday night. The Women's luncheon today will discuss that offer.

The Planning Committee expects the Welcome Party to be on Sunday evening from 7-9 PM and we should probably expect 250-400. We will have a no host bar. The budget allocates \$3000 to cover food for the opening party and more can be requested if necessary. AAPHR has offered to contribute about \$1000 towards cosponsoring a function with AGLP during the meeting. It would work best to keep the Opening Party "APA related" and use it to highlight AGLP; the Closing or Farewell Party could be cosponsored with AAPHR. One of our members, Ken Everts, M.D., has a Penthouse party room available which could be used for our Closing Party. The view is beautiful and the location is only a ten minute taxi ride from the Hilton. The Committee has considered trying to get the City Hall Rotunda for a Memorial Service depending on availability. John Fryer, M.D. expressed concern that we keep the Memorial a more private opportunity to express our grief rather than a public meeting. We might propose a moment of silence at the APA Opening Meeting; it would likely be moving and powerful. (The APA will be sponsoring a free open bar cocktail party for all residents on Tuesday evening - we will need to keep that conflict in mind as we plan). The sense of those attending was to keep the Memorial a more intimate meeting in a non-religious setting on Saturday if possible. We will need more room, however, than the Hospitality Suite will provide.

Dr. Kessler asked to what extent AGLP might want to become involved in the Names Project. President Hartstein has already been in touch with the Project and also has communicated with George Campbell of the APA regarding sponsoring of the Project. Perhaps multiple quilts could hang in the entrance of the Moscone Center throughout the week with some mention in the official program explaining the meaning behind the quilts/Names Project. We could also participate through remembering individuals with a quilt. APA Meetings Management has also offered AGLP a low cost table if we are willing to staff it to hand out information on AGLP at the Convention Center.

The Luncheon is planned for Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:45 PM and should accommodate at least 150 to 200. (There were 118 at the Montreal meeting). The Meridian or Ramada Renaissance Hotels are closest to the Moscone Center. Dr. Atkinson suggested that we ask on the reservation form what kind of food restrictions the member has since he had no idea how many non-meat meals to order last meeting. That information should also be on the luncheon ticket.

A booklet will be prepared to include activity scheduling, attractions, and alternative housing etc. Perhaps some local medical students and residents can be contacted to do legwork in checking out some of the details. It would also be helpful if we could come up with non-hotel housing for some of the students who come to the meeting. Although the budget has an allowance for the San Francisco meeting, AGLP considers the location special and is prepared to authorize more funds if necessary.

The Committee has discussed the possibility of a booth at the meeting. The information table mentioned earlier in the meeting might be an alternative to a booth. Either would need to be staffed adequately to be effective. Pierre Luddington of AAPHR might be available to staff the booth at times but he would need to be paid for his time. President Hartstein expressed the hope that before the meeting ends later in the day someone will have been designated to follow up finding staffing for the table/booth.

Dr. Atkinson raised the question of whether to have a host or no-host bar at the Closing Party. In the past we have had a no-host bar at the Opening Party which is generally in a hotel but the Closing Party has frequently been in a private home with either an individual or group paying for the liquor. Some have felt that a hosted bar encourages alcohol consumption. No decision was made regarding the Closing Party bar but there did seem to be agreement that alcohol should not be provided in excessive quantities. The final decision will depend on location of the Closing Party and other related factors.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM to reconvene after lunch at 2:00 PM.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING CONTINUES Following the luncheon break the discussion continued. More time was requested for partners. Chris Carmichael, Ph.D. is the partners group coordinator. Girard can be the San Francisco contact. The Partners would like a couple of social events and perhaps some activity with their significant others. We need a meeting place even before the opening session so that contacts can be established early in the meeting; perhaps one of the rooms of the hospitality suite can be set aside for that purpose. Dr. Carmichael would also like to have a "Welcome:Sign-Up" for partners at the Opening Reception.

Several individuals were mentioned as prospective recipients of the AGLP Award which is given at the luncheon during the Annual Spring Meeting. Jeanne Spurlock, Evelyn Hooker, and Emery Hetrick (posthumously) were all mentioned. After much discussion no decision was made pending Committee work. President Hartstein noted that we could give two awards one year and none the next if we wished since no rules to the contrary have been established.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHIP CHIP has not met since the Montreal Annual Meeting and no further report is possible.

APA AIDS Committee Stu Nichols, M.D. reported that at the Annual Meeting many vital members had rotated off the AIDS Committee. The Committee felt that it needed to keep its old members and that the APA needed to make a much greater commitment to AIDS if work was to be accomplished. That recommendation was made and the President and Board of Trustees allocated funds for a special meeting at the end of July to develop a priority list for the Committee. Dr. Jim Krajewski joined them as an invited guest. They came up with an eight page document which was presented to the APA Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS recommending creation of a Commission on AIDS. A commission is just below the Board of Trustees and has far more clout than a committee etc. They also asked the APA to set up an office for the commission with two full-time staff. The Commission would meet five times per year. These recommendations were presented to the Board of Trustees and were approved in principle (pending budget review) with strong support. As a result of the formation of the commission, neither the Ad Hoc Committee nor the Committee on Psychiatric Aspects of AIDS exists anymore. The new Commission will examine AIDS as it relates to women, children, and other minority groups with the understanding that all psychiatrists will soon have a role in the evaluation and treatment of AIDS. President Fink has been very supportive and exact composition of the Commission will be up to him. A couple of papers will be distributed as "interim guides" to indicate an ever-changing picture of AIDS. One will discuss "Psychiatrists with HIV" and another will be a "Guide for Outpatient Psychiatric Services and AIDS." The NIH contract, which continues for another year, will continue to provide basic practical AIDS teaching with "hands on" experience.

Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues Dr. Krajewski reported that the Committee has six members: Drs. Bob Cabaj, Peggy Hackenbruck, Terry Stein, Dick Isay, and Margie Sved. Drs. Krajewski and Hackenbruck will be rotating off the Committee after this year.

Concerned over discrimination in Residency Training Programs, the Committee wanted to send a letter to all Directors of Residency Training Programs and Department Chairs reminding them of the APA position deploring discrimination on grounds of homosexuality. The letter was viewed as "too confrontive" and the APA did not want the letter mailed. Meanwhile, Dr. Stein developed a model curriculum in gay and lesbian issues on behalf of the Committee. It was approved by the Council on National Affairs and the Committee decided to take a less confrontive approach by writing the Chairs and Program Directors to advise that a Curriculum was available. The APA Position Paper on Homosexuality and Civil Rights was cleverly to be included with the announcement. Subsequently another Council has delayed the letter further. President Hartstein questioned whether AGLP might not send out a similar letter or a poll of programs. The Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues will continue pursuing the matter.

The Committee also continues to look into military recruitment at APA Annual Meetings. Dr. Krajewski spoke to the Committee on Advertisers and Exhibitors and requested that they do something about the matter. They wrote a Resolution stating that "Organizations that discriminate in recruitment or employment on the basis of gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation shall be prohibited from recruiting or offering employment in APA Exhibition Areas." That resolution was forwarded to the Council on Internal Organization where it was approved. Some in the Committee on Psychiatric Services in the Military opposed the statement for various reasons. Martha Kirkpatrick, M.D. suggested, however, that the Military Committee might be able to rewrite the statement in such a way that they could support it. That has apparently been accomplished and the Statement will probably move forward without further opposition.

Dr. Cabaj reported that the Component will do a workshop at the Annual Meeting on Ethical Issues and Homosexuality looking at the subject from three points of view: clinical interventions, teaching and research.

The Committee has also discussed, without resolving, several additional issues. One was how gay and lesbian residents can be persuaded to apply for APA Fellowships to participate in the Components. (AGLP might be able to publicize availability of such fellowships). Another was discussion of the article on homosexuality in the APPI Textbook as well as several other articles with inaccurate information in other publications. (No consensus was reached on how best to deal with such articles). The Committee also discussed DSM-IV and decided to suggest no changes. They discussed subspecialization in psychiatry and training in gay and lesbian issues. Finally, the Committee discussed whether there should be a minority group position on the Board of Trustees when it is enlarged.

The upcoming APA officer candidates were mentioned with brief discussion of known candidate attitudes toward our issues.

Dr. Krajewski indicated that the Minority Assembly people are beginning to work well together even though there may not be much cooperation between the Caucuses. The Assembly Committee on Minority and other Underrepresented Groups is attempting to sponsor a Symposium on Prejudice at the Annual Meeting. They hope to invite Desmond Tutu if he can come; otherwise, perhaps Jessie Jackson.

FUTURE MEETINGS President Hartstein read the Annual Meeting Schedule for the next several years: 1989 - San Francisco, 1990 - New York, 1991 - New Orleans, 1992 - Washington, DC, and 1993 - San Francisco.

Two of those states have sodomy laws on the books. If we are uncomfortable meeting in New Orleans, we have only a couple of years to act. No formal action was taken.

The AGLP Fall Meeting will be on Saturday 16 September 1989 and on Saturday September 15, 1990 if we continue to meet in conjunction with the APA fall committee meetings. Hopefully these dates will not conflict with other meetings as happened this year.

MISCELLANEOUS Dr. Scasta suggested allowing residents and medical students who do not pay full AGLP dues to purchase the new Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy from us at our cost of \$15. There was no opposition.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is sponsoring a conference on Creating Change: A National Conference for Gay and Lesbian Organizations from 18-20 November 1988 in Washington, DC. The conference agenda is planned to strengthen the gay community through fostering leadership skills at the local, state, and national levels. Dr. Scasta moved "that AGLP pay the \$75 per person registration fees for up to four persons to represent AGLP at the NGLTF conference." The motion was seconded and approved.

Here President Hartstein suggested that the assemblage divide into five groups to discuss and report to the Meeting later in the afternoon. Subsequently reports were presented as appropriate.

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS (ALSO ALL-DAY SATURDAY MEETING, AND AWARD SELECTION) Dr. Atkinson reported that the Meetings Committee had spent some time planning for the Saturday program at the Annual Meeting. The proposed theme for the day will be Gay and Lesbian Families with a presentation in the morning on "couple issues" including "singleness" as a couple issue. Partners may be included on a panel. A buffet or box lunch together where small group discussions could continue is also proposed. For the afternoon, a presentation on women and men working together in AGLP is proposed. The program might run from 10 AM to 5 PM with a registration fee charged, perhaps only to cover the cost of the lunch. In going on to discuss the AGLP Annual Award selection, the Committee recalled that AGLP had previously asked the Past Presidents to decide the recipient. They continue to feel that is a wise process and request that the Past Presidents make the selection(s) again. The Committee suggests that the Past Presidents designate two recipients if two seem equally deserving. Further, the Committee proposes that AGLP have an official winter meeting in conjunction with the meeting of the American Group Psychotherapy Association in San Francisco in February 1989, probably the weekend afterwards. Because so much expertise on AIDS treatment exists in the San Francisco area, the Committee is recommending that the Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting include some of the local internal medicine people in hospitality suite programming. The Committee also suggests that AGLP make the San Francisco meeting more elaborate than usual to commemorate both the twentieth anniversary of Stonewall and the beginning of the second decade of AGLP. Dr. Hackenbruck will coordinate planning of programs in the Hospitality Suite and she requests that anyone wanting to make a presentation in the Suite contact her. Dr. Carmichael will need to coordinate partners programming with Dr. Hackenbruck.

President Hartstein will send invitations to the Chairs of the various APA Minority Caucuses and other supporting organizations as well as appropriate dignitaries inviting them to the AGLP Opening Reception.

PUBLICITY, PUBLIC INFORMATION, AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS No formal report.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES, (INCLUDING PUBLICIZING AGLP AND ADDRESSING MINORITY REPRESENTATION) Dr. Scasta reported for the Membership Committee. He will develop a new computer file for partners information. New categories of membership are being proposed. A "Contributing member" would be a voting member of AGLP who has paid dues of \$200 or more and is willing for that status to be publicly known. A non-voting member paying the same dues would be called a "Friend of AGLP." The Committee recommends sending AGLP News Releases to the gay press but not actual copies of the Newsletter. A list of appropriate gay media will be prepared. To further publicize AGLP, the Committee suggests advertising in journals in addition to the APA News, perhaps News for Women in Psychiatry, The New Physician, and others. Membership would like to find means of publicizing the organization more to women and other minorities. Dr. Prater suggested that AGLP might announce our Annual Meeting in publications such as the Advocate to reach potential members who do not see our current ads.

LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL ISSUES No formal report.TRAINING AND EDUCATION No formal report.

CONCLUDING MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS Dr. Hackenbruck announced that the women would like to nominate Margie Sved, M.D. to be Vice President of AGLP next year. Also, Cheryl Clark, M.D. will be Chairperson of the AGLP Women's Committee as well as a contributor of information on women's issues to the Newsletter.

Medical Student representative Lanette Atkinson will funnel information on discrimination in residency training programs to Dr. Krajewski.

Many members have expressed a desire for AGLP to publish a listing of other gay psychiatrists with addresses etc. President Hartstein indicated that he opposed spending the estimated \$675 just to let us know who is where. After additional discussion with several more

voicing support for such a directory, Dan Hicks, M.D. moved "that AGLP publish a directory of those members who have agreed to be so listed." The motion was seconded and approved.

President Hartstein asked for more information on student and resident matters to be submitted for publication in the Newsletter.

Finally, President Hartstein clarified the AGLP ByLaws regarding the authorizing of expenditures. All expenditures must be approved by the Executive Committee and not merely be presented to a Business Meeting for approval.

No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM. Members were invited to a Cocktail Party later in the evening at the home of Jeff Akman, M.D.

Respectfully Submitted, Phillip W. Cushman, M.D. - Secretary, Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists

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issues have then been brought to the attention of the components of the APA. Most recently, because of the concerns of CHIP, the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and the Council on National Affairs, a new Commission on AIDS has been established and, moreover, each of the District Branches has been encouraged to establish a component on HIV. It is critical that all our member groups articulate their points of view to the APA leadership, and that the leadership give due consideration to this input in their deliberations regarding practice and policies of the APA. I had the good fortune to be a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS Policy, composed of members of the Board of Trustees, the Assembly, and the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Psychiatry, and have had the opportunity to work closely and constructively with the leadership of CHIP and the Association in developing APA policy. CHIP and the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists must continue to impact APA decisions. If I am elected President, I, in turn, will continue to pay very close attention to their concerns.

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The leadership of the Homosexually-Identified Psychiatrists in the Assembly and the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues on the Board side is highly respected. I have never personally seen it fail to obtain the attention and consideration it deserves either on homosexual issues or in matters of broad consideration. The interests of gay and lesbian psychiatrists will be sustained if the quality of leadership is maintained at this outstanding level. The Caucus and the AGLP should continue their advocacy function, and also must remain deeply involved in APA's extensive role in AIDS policy and education. Finally, from a politically pragmatic point of view, it is self-evident that the more participation in APA issues generally - at all APA levels, the faster will the walls of prejudice that divide us disappear.

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But I think their and other such writings suggest, unfortunately, that psychologizing and sophistry are still issues for our whole profession, whether or not they are issues for those two individuals. The net effect of such sanctimonious psychobabble is indeed that "Gay is not ok." They can create quite serious harm. And, they disrupt the united efforts needed at this time of unparalleled crises.

2. **What role do you feel that the Caucus of Homosexually-Identified Psychiatrists (CHIP) and the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists should play in the APA during your term of office.**

For many years I have been in the forefront of those seeking better representation for all APA members and sub-groups. As Assembly member I fought for minority representation. As Chair of the Procedures Committee, I drew up and presented the criteria which enabled us to go beyond the first five identified groups, *i.e.*, to include CHIP. As Assembly Speaker, my committee appointments went very far beyond the usual stereotypes.

On the Council of Children/Families, and then on the Board, I was instrumental in drafting APA's statement on the Massachusetts foster parent case imbroglio. As a Trustee I also helped draft APA's language on the deplorable actions of the military with regard to Gays. I know all the AGLP's past-presidents, am a colleague (at UCLA) of your current president, and have been pleased and honored over the years to work quite closely with Stu Nichols, and of course, with Jim Krajewski at Area Council as well as nationally. Your leadership knows how much I have valued, and have acted upon, input from the Association and CHIP. I see the importance of AGLP and CHIP continuing, very actively, to provide both information and perspectives, which benefit all of us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second edition of **The Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care** is now available from the **National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation (NLGHF)**. Containing 42 articles on lesbian and gay health issues as well as over 2,000 listings of health care providers and clinics specializing in lesbian and gay health care, the **Sourcebook** is a comprehensive directory and resource book. Articles cover such topics as AIDS, substance abuse, mental health, and lesbian and gay parents. The **Sourcebook** (\$14.00) may be purchased in book stores or by contacting **NLGHF, P. O. Box 65472, Washington, D.C. 20035 (202/797-3708)**.

The 4th annual **10% Conference** will be held at John Jay College in Manhattan on April 28, 1989. The conference will deal with helping lesbian and gay clients overcome homophobia, alcoholism, and other addictions. Professor Carter Heyward of the Episcopal Divinity School will give the keynote address on "The Force of Healing and Empowerment in Overcoming the Self Hate of Addictions and Homophobia." Contact **Bill Feldman (212/399-6900)** or **Trish Knightly (212/935-7075)** for more information.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) named **Caitlin Ryan**, a longtime lesbian and gay health activist, **National Social Worker of the Year** at its annual conference in Philadelphia. According to the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, Ryan was honored for her pioneering work in developing a local, national, and professional response to AIDS. She was also honored by NASW's National Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues. Ironically, Ryan was initially rejected from social work school 10 years ago for applying as an open lesbian.

UCLA will host the second **Conference for Homophobia Educators** on June 30 - July 3, 1989. The focus of the conference will be on developing more effective strategies for educating the public about homophobia in education, religion, public health, and the media. For more information, write to **The Campaign to End Homophobia, P. O. Box 819, Cambridge, MA 02139**.

A lawsuit brought by four physician groups that sought to permit HIV antibody testing without consent and the collection and reporting of the names of those testing positive was dismissed by the New York State Supreme Court, **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund** reported. The Court agreed with the New York State Commissioner of Health that forcible testing and name reporting would be counterproductive to the public health. Lambda also reported that it won a preliminary victory in an insurance discrimination lawsuit. A U.S. District Court ruling will allow a lawsuit to proceed against United Services Life Insurance Company for marital status and sexual orientation discrimination. The insurance company required the plaintiff, who is heterosexual, to submit to special tests and pay higher premiums for life insurance because he was perceived as gay. In another development, the 15 year old le-

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gal organization dedicated to the rights of lesbians and gays, announced that it had filed suit against the U.S. Naval Academy for forcing a highly commended midshipman to resign less than two months before he was to graduate solely because he was gay. **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund** may be contacted at **666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012 (212/995-8585)**.

Longtime gay activist, **Alan Malyon, Ph.D.** died of cancer this Fall. He was instrumental in persuading the American Psychiatric Association to remove the diagnosis "Ego Dystonic Homosexuality" from *DSM-III-R*. Dr. Malyon was a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles and was a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*. His presence will be missed sorely.

W.B.

Letters to the Editor

I was disappointed at your failure to mention Terry Stein's and my book in your list of useful texts. Given our struggle to have the quality of our book recognized within the larger APA auspices, it is painful to find that even AGLP is not promoting our work. Since I believe our book is clinically useful and theoretically sound, I would wonder what your criticisms or reservations are.

This is an awkward letter to write - and also to receive, I'm sure - but I trust you can appreciate my disappointment at not finding support where I would most expect it.

Carol J. Cohen, M.D.
Berkeley, California

EDITOR'S REPLY: Mia Culpa! Look for a full review of *Contemporary Perspectives on Psychotherapy with Gay Men and Lesbians* (1986), edited by Stein and Cohen, in the April *Newsletter*. After talking with Terry Stein, M.D., the publisher, Plenum Publishing Corporation, has agreed to offer the book to *Newsletter* readers at a discount. The normal price of the book is \$29.50. It may be purchased for \$22.12 by writing to: **Ms. Charlotte Galper; Senior Medical Editor; Plenum Publishing Corporation; 233 Spring Street; New York, NY 10013** and asking for the above book using item order number: ISBN 0-306-42161-5. Enclose a check with your order. Major credit cards are accepted. This offer expires March 15, 1989.

Congratulations on the *AGLP Newsletter*! It is consistently timely, informative, and vigorous.

I am particularly grateful to Dr. Hartstein for noticing and continuing to reply to anti-gay psychiatric letters and articles.

Opinions and biases take time and effort to change. Crummie, Hochman, Tanay, Wiggs, et. al. do need to be rebutted - repeatedly. I have been doing some of that for many years. In fact, Dr. Tanay, who is rather fierce, recently proposed to sue me for cheerfully puncturing him in print. I hope additional readers of the *Newsletter* will continue to add their rebuttals whenever homophobic letters and articles appear.

Clinical Psychiatry News, by the way, in which one of the notable anti-gay articles appeared, is independent of APA. *Psychiatric News*, on the other hand, is published by APA and has, I think, been relatively sensitive and sensible on gay issues.

Lawrence Hartmann, M.D.
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Membership grew approximately 13% over 1988. The drop in membership between 12/31/88 and 1/30/89 reflects the yearly removal of former members who did not pay dues in 1988. Growth was seen primarily in the resident and medical student category. The slight drop in Full membership represents a shift of some members formerly listed as members of the APA to Associate status due to inactive or never activated APA membership. Overall, the number of full members has been static for 1988, the first year of the new dues increase.

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