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## OOPS! Mason Dupuy Is Full

The Mason Dupuy has proved so popular with AGLP members that the two dozen rooms we reserved have been taken. Mark Townsend, M.D. has come to the rescue by reserving a second block of rooms at the Dauphine Orleans. The Dauphine Orleans is actually closer to the Convention Center and is located in the French Quarter. The cost is \$90.00 for a single and \$10.00 for each additional person. Amenities include an "Enhanced Continental Breakfast," morning paper, a fully equipped fitness and exercise room, and cable TV with HBO. Pets are welcome. The motel is located at 415 Dauphine Street (Zip: 70112). For reservations call 1-800-521-7111. Again, reservations must be made by each member individually. Do not go through the APA Housing Bureau.

Medical students and residents only who want to share a room can contact Roy from Vanderbilt who is coordinating a "roommate service." His phone number is (615) 386-9780. Bob Bright, medical student liaison, is coordinating placement of medical students in physician's homes. He can be reached at (919) 933-9672. A limited amount of financial assistance is available for medical student travel through donations from the AGLP membership. For further information, contact Bob directly.



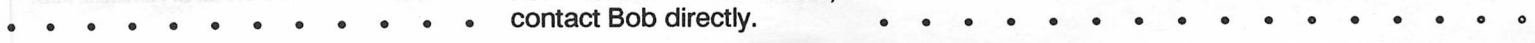
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## Editor's Column

David Scasta, M.D.

**How to Be Listed in the Directories:** Each of the last two years after the membership *Directory* and the *AGLP Referral Directory* came out I received three or four letters usually written in either an irate tone or one of deep disappointment that the writer was not included in one or both directories. Virtually without exception the reason that the writer was not included was that I have not received an initialled authorization. In order to be in either directory, you **must** initial the authorization on your invoice indicating that you understand that the directories are not confidential. We would much rather make the mistake of failing to include someone who wanted to be included than including someone who did not. Norman Hartstein, M.D. sent me his dues early with a note saying to "keep everything the same." He has been listed each year in both directories. Will our immediate Past President and long time member be listed in the directories next year? Not unless he sends me an initialled authorization for this year. Norm, of course, is compulsive and will send me his invoice back with the required initials even though his invoice will indicate that he does not owe dues. If he does not, the authorization will never be noted on his computer record and when the directory is printed the computer will skip his name. (Thank you Norm for letting me use you as an example). By the way, check marks don't count; only initials do. Admittedly, we have counted some initials that look suspiciously like check marks, but, if there is anyway we can interpret it as an initial, we do.

We do not list residents or medical students in the *AGLP Referral Directory*. We do keep in our electronic referral files the names of residents who will accept referrals. Residents should therefore continue to indicate whether they can accept referrals by asking to be listed in the referral directory, even though they will not actually be listed.

If you did not get the *Directory* and *AGLP Referral Guide* with the last issue and your 1990 dues were paid by the end of November, please let me know (1439

Pineville Road; New Hope, PA 18938). If you did not pay your dues, make sure to get them paid early this year and you will be guaranteed directories later in the year. We list people in the directories as long as they are registered as members - even if dues have not yet been paid for the year. If dues are not paid for over a year, the member is dropped from the membership roles and therefore is not listed.

Before you vote for APA President-Elect and APA Vice President, review the responses to the *Newsletter's* questions on pages four to six. And then advise your colleagues how to vote. AGLP does have an impact on election outcomes. Let's continue to have that impact by informed voting.

Diana Miller, M.D. and Bob Brite have been doing a bang up job recruiting new members. Bob sent a mailing out to the medical students through AMSA's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People in Medicine which has resulted in a dozen new medical students enrolled. Medical student membership is somewhat hard to maintain because of the medical students' high residential mobility making them easy to lose to follow-up. Diana has been going after former members who have let their membership expire. It is gratifying to see some old members back again. Diana is also handling the responses to our classified ad in *Psychiatric News* which has resulted in several new members. For an update on membership, see below. The drop in numbers between December and January of the following year reflects the annual weeding of the membership list of members who have not paid dues for a year.

	12/89	12/90	1/90	1/91
Full	213	228	215	228
Associates	9	14	12	11
Residents	64	80	56	72
Medical Students	29	42	39	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>347</b>
Newsletter	28	27	32	20
Exempt	26	32	31	32
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companied by a self-addressed and stamped envelope. The *Newsletter* reserves the right to make editorial changes and to shorten article to fit space limitations. Name, address, daytime telephone number, and a short biographical statement about the author should accompany the submission even if the author requests anonymity in publication (which is discouraged).

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## President's Column

### Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

As I write this column, the war in the Middle East is a little over 36 hours old. I am thinking of our AGLP members, friends, and loved ones who are in the Middle East in the military. I am also thinking of the thousands of gay men and lesbians who are unknown to us, but who are also in the military there in the Middle East. On behalf of AGLP, I extend to all of them our hopes and prayers for their safety, their speedy return to the United States, and a speedy resolution to the conflict in the Middle East.

Another matter of serious concern to all of us has been the growing number of reports, both in the media and those known only privately, of physicians with HIV infection who have been terminated from their jobs. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has created a national program to assist doctors with HIV disease. The co-chairs of the AAPHR committee overseeing the program are AGLP member, Audrey Mertz, MD, and Yale University biology professor and former AAPHR president, Alvin Novick, MD. Both Dr. Novick and the director of the project, Benjamin Schatz, have contacted me about the participation of AGLP members in providing counseling services to the doctors who have been terminated from their positions or are concerned that that will eventuate for them.

The project which is being called the Medical Expertise Retention Program will be directed, as I mentioned, by Benjamin Schatz who is a noted AIDS civil rights attorney. The primary goal of the program is advocacy of sound, non-hysterical policy concerning doctors with HIV disease and provision of counseling, retraining and placement services to physicians who are unable to continue working in their fields of expertise. AAPHR has been receiving an increasing number of calls from physicians who have lost their jobs and the project wants to do all that it can to enable these physicians to continue working and utilizing their expertise, as well as being given the added support to handle this extremely stressful situation. At this point, AGLP has provided to the Project the referral directory of our organization so that individuals who call in can be given the name of AGLP members who might be available for counseling. However, the Project would like for AGLP to develop a coordinated approach in philosophy as well as service providers. In response to this request from AAPHR, we will consider their request at our Spring Meeting in New Orleans and form a committee to respond to this important need. If any AGLP members are currently aware that either they would be interested in being on the list to provide counseling services or they want to be on the AGLP committee to develop our arm of this project, please feel free to contact me at my office phone, (503) 235-7072.

We have also been contacted by gay and lesbian activists in the library and health care fields concerning the continuation of the homosexuality diagnosis in *ICD-10*. The continuation of this diagnosis has been of concern to AGLP and to CHIP and to the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues for a number of years. Contacts that we have been able to make within the APA, as well as the

World Health Organization have not led to a positive response concerning the possibility of eliminating homosexuality from *ICD-10*. Activists from the gay and lesbian health organizations, as well as the Library Association, are asking for our members to join in a letter writing campaign to any individuals involved in the *ICD-10* classification committee. I urge AGLP members to respond to this proposed letter writing campaign and in our next newsletter we will provide more information about whom and where to write. AGLP member, Dr. Dick Isay, who is currently on the board of the National Gay and Lesbian Health Foundation has brought it to the attention of AGLP members that participating in activities such as this is important, both for the issue involved, as well as our positive relationship with other non-medical gay and lesbian organizations.

This is our traditional APA election issue of the AGLP newsletter and it motivates me to mention again the importance of AGLP members being involved in APA at all levels. At this time, I would like to encourage you to read the materials sent by the candidates and be sure to vote. We are a large organization and, as such, we represent a significant number of voters in these elections. A number of candidates, both this year and in years past, have shown important sensitivity to our issues and it has been of great help to have all candidates respond to our questions. We appreciate the willingness of the candidates to answer our questions and have their responses published in our newsletter.

#### APPLICATION FORM

##### Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists American Psychiatric Association

*(CHIP is the official APA minority caucus for gay and lesbian psychiatrists. Membership lists are maintained by the APA; confidentiality is not assured. Membership is free.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

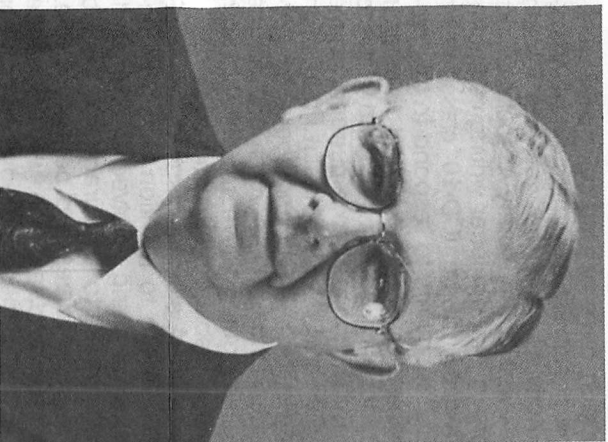
\* APA Membership Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists.

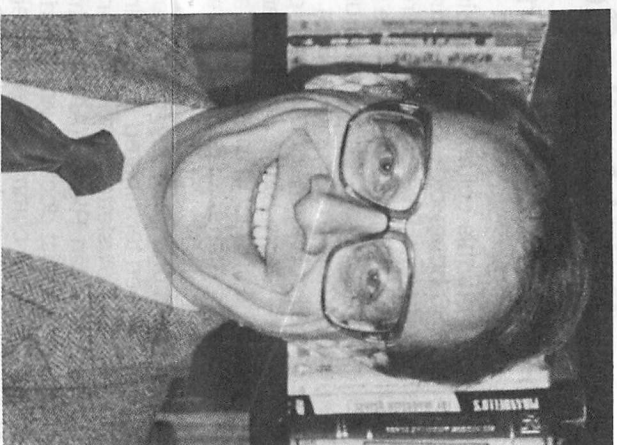
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to: **Carol Lehmann; APA Membership Services; 1400 K Street, N.W.; Washington, DC 20005.**

\* Member-In-Training, General Member, Fellow, Life Member, Life Fellow



*Candidates*  
*President-Elect*  
*American Psychiatric*  
*Association*



**Joseph T. English, M.D.**

**Fred Gottlieb, M.D.**

**1. New Orleans resides in one of 24 states with active laws prohibiting consensual sexual relations between same sex partners with penalties ranging from small fines to many years in prison. What should the APA do about these laws?**

As a resident of New York State, I note that we have no such laws. If elected, I would urge the APA to influence other state governments to follow the example of New York State in this regard. Relationships between adults should be private matters as long as no harm is done to either party.

**2. What working relationship would you expect to develop between yourself and both AGLP and the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists (CHIP) if you are elected?**

It is the duty of the APA President to insure contact and appropriate input for all constituencies of our organization. I would be delighted to meet with representatives of both AGLP and CHIP to review how the APA is doing in this regard, and to consider improvement if needed. I particularly appreciate being contacted during this campaign, being asked for my view, and being introduced to the AGLP newsletter. After eighteen years as Chair of Psychiatry at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of NYC, located in Greenwich Village, I am proud of the medical and psychiatric care we have rendered to the gay and lesbian communities and am most sensitive to the issues involved.

**1. New Orleans resides in one of 24 states with active laws prohibiting consensual sexual relations between same sex partners with penalties ranging from small fines to many years in prison. What should the APA do about these laws?**

1) Oppose them; 2) Work actively to change them. Such prohibitive laws ("illegalization") maintain society's primitive prejudices, compound personal distress, and potentiate symptom development.

We routinely use medications and psychotherapies to help reduce individual pain and to expand available coping strategies. But effective professional work also requires attention to **people in context** -- within powerfully relevant cultural, institutional and social systems.

Good physicians expanded our biopsychosocial role in health when forcing action to remedy 19th century contaminated water supplies. Physicians have emerged as important scientific / social / political exponents of concern about 20th. century nuclear hazards. Psychiatric physicians have challenged many aspects of racism and sexism with their derivative health disabilities.

Despite their effects upon health, it has been more difficult to combat social prejudice and legislation directed against homosexuals. Some years ago scientific data helped us take a more responsible position about diagnosis rather than perpetuating stigmatization. Although more data will help now, data alone rarely suffice. Action is needed to obtain remedial legislation and initiate judicial challenges, especially in those legal cases which can be precedent-setting and in those legislatures where we have reasonable opportunities to prevail.



## Candidates

### Vice President

### American Psychiatric Association

Leah J. Dickstein, M.D.

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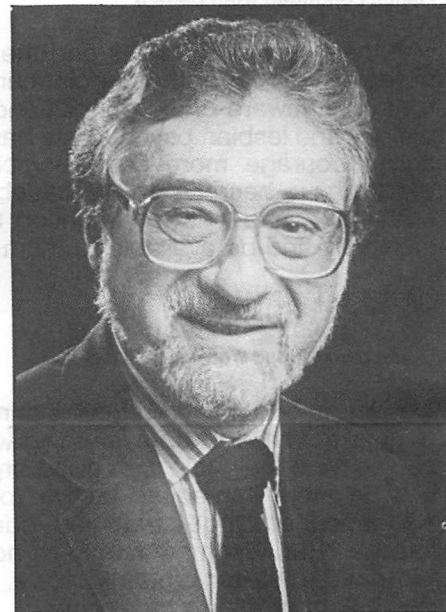
In 1973 the APA stated its clear policy regarding homosexuality; that it is **not** a sign or symptom *per se* of psychopathology. Based on APA's continued support of this correct policy, the APA should work to educate and strongly encourage state governments to rescind their laws which prohibit consensual sexual relations between same sex partners.

The APA's efforts should be directed through our superb and effective national and district branch public affairs systems and our Government Relations Commission (JCGR); professional health and mental health groups, consumer groups; (AMI, etc.) and of course to legislators. In addition, our Assembly and elected national and area leaders should join in these efforts with district branch executive councils and district branch legislative representatives, in particular the latter, who should already have close working relationships with their state legislators.

The APA should co-sponsor area and district branch conferences, as vehicles to present the data supporting our efforts to have these unacceptable laws rescinded. Clearly, the APA's efforts at **all** levels must continue until these laws are declared invalid.

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Gerald H. Flamm, M.D.

**1. New Orleans resides in one of 24 states with active laws prohibiting consensual sexual relations between same sex partners with penalties ranging from small fines to many years in prison. What should the APA do about these laws?**

I am unequivocally opposed to laws such as that in Louisiana which prohibits consensual sexual relations between same sex partners. Through my previous APA activities and my current role as Assembly liaison to the Joint Commission on Government Relations, I have gained experience in how effective action can be undertaken to oppose such laws. The APA, through its legislative and public affairs networks can mobilize necessary support if this issue is seen as a high priority. I pledge my support to make it one, and will utilize my personal knowledge of how these networks operate to help work towards your desired objective which is completely congruent with my own deeply held personal views.

**2. What working relationship would you expect to develop between yourself and both AGLP and the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists (CHIP) if you are elected?**

As regards my working relationship, you can be assured that I have always been in communication with members of the AGLP and the Caucus of Homosexually Identified Psychiatrists and will continue that practice. Your leadership has been very active in the APA, especially in the Assembly, and I know and appreciate their contributions which I have ardently supported. My personal style is to hear from as many people as possible on issues that concern them and I often contact people to ask what issues they would like to have carried forward. Having sat

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with the Board of Trustees and the Joint Reference Committee as well as for the appointment process as Speaker-elect, I am aware of the council and committees on which the gay and lesbian psychiatrists have been serving so well and encourage more such participation. The minority groups have become a very valuable and productive part of the APA and it is my intention to continue to support them fully and be available to them for assistance and advice.

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The APA's many professional priorities and tight budget make it hard to do everything which needs doing. Of course we should join with allied organizations, like AGLP, both in more immediate tactics (publicity, litigation) and also in longer range strategies (education, legislation) for change. But APA members must not assume the problem just can be left for others to solve. Like HI-Viruses, such laws create problems for all of us.

## 2. What working relationship would you expect to develop between yourself and both AGLP and the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists (CHIP) if you are elected?

My working relationship with AGLP and CHIP has been lengthy, strong, and effective. In Area Council, at the Assembly, and on the Board, we've worked in concert on many critical issues, reflecting genuinely similar values and perspectives.

As Chair of the Assembly Procedures Committee, I was instrumental in developing criteria which enabled CHIP to achieve Assembly representation. As assembly Speaker, I greatly expanded appointments of minority and under-represented members to Assembly Committees and initiated *de facto* participation of such members on the Assembly Nominating and Executive Committees.

On the Council of Children / Families and on the Board I helped draft the APA's statement critical of Massachusetts' arbitrary attempt to bar adoption by gays. While Trustee, I helped draft the APA's language trying to change some of the deplorable action of the military with regard to homosexuality. Of course I was one of a large chorus of voices supporting the Commission on AIDS.

Participation in relevant component presentations and working closely with leaders such as Stu Nichols and Jim Krajewski (the latter at Area VI Council, as well as nationally) has been pleasurable and professionally rewarding. CHIP and AGLP leadership know that during my terms as Assembly Speaker, Area Trustee, and APA Vice-President, we've communicated comfortably and very usefully.

If elected, I'm confident the current strong positive working relationship would continue. I see CHIP and AGLP as resources which not only have supplied significant, information-based perspectives, but frequently have provided vital stimuli for all of psychiatry.

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In this role, and as a member of the *DSM-IV* Oversight Committee, I have attempted to represent AGLP and CHIP goals and concerns, have continued to discuss these concerns with APA members and the national leadership and have been available for consultation and discussion.

Currently the Assembly Committee of Minority / Under-represented Groups is working on curricula to teach residents (and medical students) about the issues we all consider vital to understanding all minorities and underrepresented groups so that our patients will all receive appropriate understanding and treatment. Two years ago I volunteered to assist in completing this important educational project by serving as editor; I look forward to its timely completion.

If elected vice-president, I plan to continue to cooperate with the AGLP / CHIP leadership in working towards the attainment of its important goals by assisting in the evaluation and development of APA policy to serve all our members and patients with understanding, respect and appropriate care.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women's Issues Committee of the Association of Physicians for Human Rights is sponsoring the **8th Annual National Lesbian Physicians' Conference** from June 6-9, 1991 at Kachina Lodge de Taos in Taos, New Mexico. For further information write to **AAPHR Women in Medicine, P.O. Box 6103, Los Osos, CA 93402.**

AAPHR and AMSA's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People in Medicine Task Force are compiling a list of **electives for lesbian and gay medical students and residents.** For a program questionnaire or further information, contact **Vince Silenzio at (215) 732-7417** or **Sarah Hendrickson, M.D. at (503) 687-0672.**

The **Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.** announced that a Federal Appeals Court reinstated a Naval Academy Cadet's suit challenging his forced resignation because he is gay. The Fund brought a \$13 million suit against United Press International and a conservative religious group after the religious group pressured UPI to dismiss a lesbian. In New York, a pharmacist which a hospital refused hire because he was HIV-infected was awarded \$30,000 and the hospital was required to hire him without restrictions. For information contact, Lambda at **666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012 (212) 995-8585.**

The Foundation for Integrative Studies announced that a documentary film, ***Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker*** is being completed for broadcast on PBS in 1991. The film is directed by Richard Schmiechen who won the Academy Award for *The Times of Harvey Milk*. Donations are being sought to complete funding of the project. For information contact the Foundation at: **123 West 44th St, Garden Level, New York, NY 10036** or call **(212) 354-6840.**

## MINUTES OF THE FALL PLANNING MEETING ASSOCIATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1990  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck. Executive committee members Marshall Forstein, M.D., Margie Sved, M.D., Larry Prater, M.D., Shelly Klinger, M.D., and David Scasta M.D. were all in attendance.

Attendees introduced themselves by name and geographical region. Peggy Hackenbruck presented the agenda and mentioned that the APA AIDS Conference was going on concurrently, necessitating many of our members coming in and out. She announced the expectation of several visitors from APA.

### 1. AGLP Business

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Minutes from the Spring General Meeting were accepted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Larry Prater, M.D. passed out a proposed budget and statement of income and expense. He noted that changes were likely, and noted changes from the executive meeting. It was noted that the annual meeting costs account for 75% of the budget. Ron Winchel reported that catering costs were extremely high in New York for the opening party and expected a 50% reduction in New Orleans.

Discussion then turned to whether to continue to contract with the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*. David Scasta explained that we had contracted for only one volume and would need to decide whether to continue this arrangement. He noted that AGLP support has helped to launch JGLP to a very successful first volume - it is presently the largest journal in the country on gay/lesbian psychotherapy issues. We have 300 of the 1200 subscriptions, with 2000 being the circulation goal. Therefore, we are not subsidizing it. Larry Prater and Margie Sved agreed that it is not a subsidy, but a service to our members. Terry Stein saw it as a scholarly contribution to the field and a very meaningful component of AGLP. David Scasta noted that it reaches members who don't come to the annual meeting. Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck suggested advertising it in our brochure as a bonus of membership, comparable to the *American Journal of Psychiatry* for the APA. Terry Stein made a motion to make JGLP a standard component of AGLP membership, it was seconded by John O'Donnell and passed unanimously.

Discussion then turned to the cost of the printed referral and membership directories which need to be updated. David Scasta raised the question of combining them. It was noted that this would preclude giving them out to nonmembers because of the confidentiality issue. All agreed we needed to continue to separate them. Margie suggested alternating the updates, so that each came out every two years. Ron Winchell questioned if the referral directory was used much. David noted that he gets calls from all over the country, especially in non-metropolitan areas. Marge suggested putting the year of printing on the directories. Larry Prater put forth a motion to appropriate \$1000 for both, it was seconded by Margie and approved unanimously. Larry Prater then raised the question of whether we should have a compilation of budget, which was described as a type of audit, to clarify for members that the budget is sound. Margie pointed out that this would be costly, and only proves that the math is right, not that the money is being well spent. David noted that he and Larry Prater cross-check all checks that arrive already. Larry Prater clarified that this was not a requirement under our nonprofit status. Marshall suggested deferring the compilation unless a member has a question or concern about finances. There was widespread agreement with this proposal. Debbie Carter then raised budgeting funds for a speaker on gay/ethnic minority issues. Peggy Hackenbruck asked her to defer this to the annual meeting discussion.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** - David Scasta reported continued growth in membership and in percentage who are paid up, with members-in-training continuing to grow fastest, as well as several non-gay members of APA who have joined. The newsletter has circulation of 418, with \$17,305.00 in dues collected.

Current AGLP Membership: Total Members: 357 (310 paid-up), Full Members: 230 (195 paid-up), Residents: 76 (63 paid-up), Medical Students: 41 (27 paid-up), Associates: 11 (8 paid-up), Newsletter: 28 (18 paid-up), Exempt: 33.

**WOMEN'S COMMITTEE** - Report deferred - has not met yet.

**STUDENT REPORT** - Bob Bright, the AMSA student liaison gave a report, noting poor student attendance in New York. He proposed budgeting \$150 for a mailing through AMSA's LGBPM list to solicit members. David noted that this is where much growth has been. Peggy Hackenbruck noted that this appropriation was ok'd at executive committee. Bob also noted that a new student co-liaison should be appointed. Gene Nakajima gave the MIT report, noting that MIT's had met in New York. He suggested an MIT trip in New Orleans - this was deferred to the annual meeting discussion.

### 2. Visits With APA Leadership

**VISIT WITH DR BENEDEK** The present APA president expressed support for AGLP's issues and concerns, opening the floor to questions. Margie Sved raised the issue of potential economic boycott of New Orleans due to their policies on sodomy and abortion. Dr. Benedek explained that APA can't boycott because the contracts were signed years ago and questioned the efficacy of economic boycotts. She promised that pro-choice positions would be well represented in the program, - e.g., the head of Planned Parenthood will speak at the convocation. She also noted that pro-life supporters will be given a chance to organize a program as well. Margie then tied in pro-choice and gay rights issues under the proposed right to privacy constitutional amendment and offered to write a presidential column for *Psychiatric News*. Marshall Forstein noted that anti-sodomy laws in her pro-choice speech. Dr. Benedek agreed to consider this. Debbie Carter raised the option of adding non-traditional families to the Mother's Day activities planned. Peggy Hackenbruck brought up the youth suicide report in which a high rate of suicide attempts by gay and lesbian youth was suppressed and its relation to the "Our Children/Our Future" theme. Bob Cabaj noted that we are submitting a component workshop on the theme of youth at risk.

Dr. Carolyn Robinowitz, Deputy Medical Director of APA then entered, expressing her pleasure to be here and asked for questions. Jim Krajieski asked about follow-up to previous movements to restrict APA meetings to states without anti-sodomy laws. There was much agreement that we should not hold meetings where some of our members are considered criminal. Dr. Robinowitz noted possible mechanisms of going through the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues to the council and Board of Trustees or generating an action paper in the assembly. Margie Sved mentioned the right to privacy tie-in as above. Terry Stein then asked about domestic partners insurance benefits, which have been raised in the past and are offered by the American Psychological Association. Dr. Robinowitz said she would bring it up with Harvey Bluestone, who is in charge of member insurance benefits.

Larry Hartmann, M.D., President-Elect of the APA entered, strongly expressing his support for AGLP and gay issues. He asked AGLP to generate issues of greatest importance. Margie Sved brought up discriminatory practices against gays and lesbians in the military and by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Terry Stein raised sodomy laws again in the context of right to privacy. Bob Cabaj raised the issue of a possible position paper on reparative therapy. Bob Bright mentioned gay youth suicide. Dr. Hartmann noted that all of these were important, but the interventions had to be carefully planned depending on the political climate of the country as a whole. Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck asked him to assess the present status of gay issues in the APA, and that there has been much improvement, wondering when APA would have its first openly gay or lesbian president. Overall, he felt that tolerance and decency is better, but there are still things to do. His visit inspired an optimistic air in the meeting. Members also noted Dr. Benedek's support of Women's Issues and how this may be helpful. Jim Krajieski reminded us that AGLP is seen as a powerful force by the APA.

### 3. Committee Reports

**MIT REPORT** (Gene Nakajima) - Members-In-Training met in New York. Gene suggested asking people to identify themselves as ethnic minorities if they wish on their membership forms. David Scasta agreed that it could be an optional checklist on the form.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch for one hour.

**COMMISSION ON AIDS REPORT** (Jim Krajewski) - Several important proposals were put forth by the commission. In relation to professional issues they included: opposition to mandatory HIV testing in psychiatrists, a stand against discrimination towards psychiatrists who are seropositive, that HIV related impairment should be handled in the same way as other impairment, and supporting education of psychiatrists regarding avoidance of HIV exposure and protocols for needlesticks. Other issues included education regarding HIV and children/adolescents, and chronic mental illness, and a proposal with the Council on Addiction Psychiatry regarding a needle exchange program with a strong evaluation component. Jim asked for specific issues to bring to the Commission.

**COMMITTEE ON GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL ISSUES** (Bob Cabaj) - Bob described action items to the Council on National Affairs regarding military discrimination, immigration discrimination, and a broad position statement on the right to privacy. He also noted that the AMA did not add sexual orientation to nondiscrimination, but removed all the other categories instead. The Committee continued to pursue implementation of the Curriculum written by Terry Stein regarding residency education by meeting with the Committee of Residents and Fellows.

CHIP - no report.

#### 4. Annual Meeting Planning

Ron Winchell and his able committee were applauded for setting up the New York meeting. A report then followed from Mark Townsend, our sole New Orleans representative regarding all of his hard work towards the 1991 meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that the Doubletree Hotel seemed ideal in proximity, atmosphere, and price for the opening reception, luncheon, and hospitality suite. (Hospitality Suite - \$250 / night, luncheon - \$14 - \$18 range, ballroom for opening party - \$2500 - \$3000). Discussion then ensued about where to reserve the AGLP rooms, ending up with a hotel in the French Quarter, the Maison Dupuy for the block of rooms and the Saturday program. (Saturday room and luncheon - \$7.50 per person with 60 people minimum, rooms \$84 double, & 105 Quad. for 40 rooms.) We will try to lower the minimum number of rooms. Finally, the closing party will be held at the large French Quarter home of a New Orleans psychiatrist, Rick Henderson. There will be a charge for non-members at the closing party, with Marge volunteering to staff the door. The booklet will be done by Rick Henderson and is due by 3/15/91.

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS PLANNING** (Chris Carmichael) - Chris suggested SO's meeting at a table before the opening reception. There will be a program of SO activities including discussion groups for partners and couples, and a social trip to the Zoo. Ginny Vogel will do a newsletter write-up regarding SO activities.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** (Dan Hicks) - Dan was not present, but Peggy Hackenbruck will pass on plans to him. The consensus was still strongly against any kind of church Christian or otherwise, for the site. An outdoor site was favored, or the patio at the Doubletree.

**SATURDAY PROGRAM** - This will be held all day Saturday, May 11. Discussion centered around a program that would complement the "Our Children/Our Future" theme. Several people stressed the need to be inclusive, that families doesn't just mean partners and children in our community, e.g. gay community houses. Suggested titles included "Our Future: Children, Networks, and Alternatives," "Families: Given & Chosen," and "Gay Life Cycle." A committee was appointed to plan the program consisting of Margie Sved(chair), Roy Sanders, Terry Stein, Shelly Klinger, Marshall Forstein, Leon Handlesman, and Gene Nakajima.

**BOOTH** - Larry Prater noted that a booth in the scientific area is costly, but membership agreed that it was worthwhile. David Scasta asked for volunteers to help in coordinating, organizing, and staffing the booth. We need to apply for the space, send sample literature, and supply tables, chairs, thumbtack, tape, magic markers, table cloths, a bulletin board, and people to set up and staff the booth. Mark Townsend said that he will get someone from New Orleans to do this. John O'Donnell suggested a slide show on aspects of gays' and lesbians' lives. Peggy Hackenbruck volunteered to look into rental of a n automated slide projector and screen or shadow box, and contact Rob Pinney, who apparently has such a slide show. David Scasta will make a new sign, and we already have an easel. Literature will include the referral directory, pamphlets, old newsletters, pink triangles and perhaps AGLP logos to wear on APA registration badges. Larry Prater agreed to order these.

**AWARDS LUNCHEON** - Peggy Hackenbruck proposed honoring Paulette Goodman who is giving an address at the APA, and her organization P-FLAG. The consensus was very positive towards this, especially with the meeting theme. Peggy Hackenbruck said she would ask Paulette about requesting a letter of support of P-FLAG from Barbara Bush.

**WOMEN'S/MEN'S ACTIVITIES** - Two women's dinners will be held this year, on Saturday and Monday nights. Men's dinners seemed to be greeted with a positive response, even though these have never formally been held before. Mark will try to appoint dinner coordinators.

**PROPOSED ANTI-SODOMY LAW PROTEST** - A heated discussion then ensued regarding possible constructive responses to Louisiana's anti-sodomy and potential anti-abortion laws. Suggestions from the Executive Committee meeting of a protest, rally, political action, press conference, or educational activity were raised by Peggy Hackenbruck. Deb Carter noted that AWP is going to hold a pro-choice forum that hooks up with local groups, and that we might get in on this, or hold something similar ourselves with local gay/lesbian groups. Roy and John O'Donnell raised the idea of using our booth as a forum for this right to privacy focus, e.g. having a press conference/forum there, giving out a list of states with anti-sodomy laws. This idea drew a positive response. Marge asked Mark to set up a local committee for this, which Mark thought sounded exciting. Deb volunteered to try to get a lesbian speaker onto the AWP program, and Marge and Peggy Hackenbruck agreed that they would address the right to privacy aspects of pro-choice. However, not all members agreed with tying the two issues together. Peggy Hackenbruck asked for a consensus, and found good support for a poster and fact sheet at the booth, and a discussion in the hospitality suite to which we invite local groups. David Scasta volunteered to make the poster on states regarding sodomy laws, Roy will do a fact sheet, and Rob will get the NLGTF information to draw from.

**MINORITY RECEPTION** - Deb Carter asked for money for a minority reception at the meeting. Peggy Hackenbruck stated that the Executive Committee had approved this.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary,

Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists



# 1991 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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# The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists

*Invites You to New Orleans to Participate in its 13th Annual Meeting*

**May 11-15, 1991**

## Tentative Schedule

May 11, Sat.	Preconvention: "Children, Families, and Alternatives"	10:00-5:00 pm
May 11, Sat.	AIDS Memorial Service	6:00-7:00 pm
May 11, Sat.	Lesbian Dinner	8:00-10:00 pm
May 12, Sun.	Opening Reception	7:00-9:00 pm
May 13, Mon.	Lesbian Reception	7:30-9:00 pm
May 13, Mon.	Membership Meeting	5:30-7:00 pm
May 14, Tue.	Membership Meeting, CHIP	5:30-7:00 pm
May 15, Wed.	Awards Luncheon Honoring Paulette Goodman, P-FLAG	12:45-2:00 pm
May 15, Wed.	Closing Party	7:00-9:00 pm

## Some of the Specialty Groups Meeting in the Hospitality Suite:

- \* Circumspect Psychiatrists
- \* Significant Others Group
- \* Minority Issues
- \* AIDS Issues
- \* Trnsgender Issues
- \* Resident Group
- \* Medical Student Group
- \* Alcoholics Anonymous

The Preconvention will be held in the Toulouse Room of the Hotel Mason Dupuy. David McWhirter, M.D. and Andrew Mattison, Ph.D. will give a workshop in the afternoon on couples and intimacy. The AGLP Hospitality Suite and the Opening Reception will be in the Hotel Doubletree. The Lesbian Dinner will be at Petunia's Restaurant (817 Rue St. Louis). For reservations, contact Margie Sved (919) 682-6749 (by April 30th). The Lesbian Reception will be at a private home at 1235 Decateur St. The AIDS memorial will be at 1022 Dumain St. in the courtyard. The awards luncheon will be in the Ballroom on the 16th floor of the Hotel Doubletree. The closing party will be at 1229 Chartres St. For exact times and locations, consult the April *Newsletter* or stop by the AGLP Hospitality Suite or the AGLP Information Booth at the APA Exhibits Center.