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The Fall Meeting of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists will be held on September 14, 1991 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel (1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004; (202) 393-2000) from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. The meeting is open to all members and serves as a preconvention planning meeting for the Annual Meeting which will be in Washington, DC in May of 1992. A meeting for the Executive Committee only will be held from 8:00 am to 9:30 am in the bagel restaurant in the hotel on the same day.

The exact room in the J.W. Marriott has not been selected as of press time. The concierge often has trouble finding our group on his or her list. Look under AGLP, CHIP, Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, or Marshall Forstein. If all else fails, go to the APA Meetings Management office to get directions.

Jeff Akman and Steve Dixon are again hosting a dinner at their house (1936 Calvert St., NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 483-6092) the night before the meeting (September 13) open to all members and friends. If you are planning to attend, please send the form on page 4 with your check for \$25 (\$15 for residents and students) to Jeff immediately. We have had some problems in the past with people who forgot to pay leaving Jeff and Steve to pick up the short fall. This year we would like to get payments sent in advance of the meeting particularly since prepayment gives us an estimate of the number of people that will be attending. Payment can be made at the door however.

To Get to Jeff and Steve's house, take a cab or the Metro. Parking is virtually non-existent. To take the Metro, take the Red Line to the Woodley Park / Zoo stop. Go one half block south on Connecticut and 1.5 blocks east on Calvert Street. 1936 is on the right.

For lodging, in addition to the JW Marriott (which is expensive) other popular hotels in approximate descending order of costs are: **Embassy Suites** (1250 22nd St., NW (202) 857-3388); **Omni Georgetown Hotel** (2121 P St., NW, (202) 293-3100); **duPont Plaza** (Connecticut & Massachusetts Ave., NW, (202) 483-6000; **Skyline Motor Inn** (10 I St., SW (202) 488-7500, No metro connections but free parking).

Editor's Column

David Scasta, M.D.

Membership Breaks 400

The Annual Meeting at New Orleans was one of our most successful meetings ever. For the first time in its history, AGLP's membership soared past the 400 mark. We now have 445 members. Residents posted significant gains, now numbering 111. We have 268 full members, 50 medical student members and 16 associate members. At a time when other gay and lesbian organizations are experiencing membership declines, AGLP keeps on getting bigger. Many thanks to Diana Miller, M.D., who heads up the Membership Committee and responds to all membership inquiries, to Mark Townsend, M.D., who not only tirelessly worked as AGLP's front man but also arranged many of the resident activities during the convention, to Bob Bright, M.D., who enlisted medical students and made many of their arrangements, to Margie Sved, M.D., who "womaned" the front desk at the closing party twisting arms and signing up new members, to Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D., who made the recruitment of women a priority, and to Marshall Forstein, M.D. for his enthusiastic attention to membership. And, we want to particularly thank those of you who worked at the booth signing up members at the Exhibits Center. Do I hear 500?

With the growth in membership has come growth in the amount of material for the *Newsletter*. As you will note, this issue is full. I wanted to include some material from Margie Sved, M.D. and Terry Stein, M.D. on the Psychotherapy Book Club's selection of *Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality: A New Clinical Approach* by Joseph Nicolosi, Ph.D. Terry wrote a letter to the Club decrying the damage that featuring a "Change" book will have on gay men especially in light of the overwhelming evidence that such approaches rarely work but routinely create unhappy men. I had to put water on the letter twice—it kept threatening to burst into flames by sponta-

neous combustion. Terry is an erudite writer. I will try to get his letter in the next issue for you.

Shelly Klinger, M.D. sent me an item from the June 24, 1991 issue of the *Richmond News Leader* from the Washington Post News Service. It seems that Robert Mosbacher, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, was making a speech at Claremont McKenna College in California about free trade and a strong economy. His daughter, Dee Mosbacher, M.D., Ph.D., whom many of you know, was making a speech down the road. She opened her speech with the statement, "Dad and I had breakfast this morning. We had a look at each other's speeches. He would have used mine, but he's not a lesbian. I would have used his, but I am not a Republican." Dee went on to talk about her gay lifestyle and work for gay rights.

John Speigel M.D. Dies

John Spiegel, M.D., Past President of the American Psychiatric Association, and the recipient of the Second Annual Distinguished Service Award given by AGLP in 1988, died on July 17, 1991. Dr. Spiegel, along with Dr. Judd Marmor, were instrumental in moving the American Psychiatric Association towards its 1973 decision to remove homosexuality *per se* as a diagnostic category. AGLP deeply laments his passing.

AIDS Trials

Need the latest information on clinical trials for HIV and AIDS? Call the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services, a service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

1-800-TRIALS-A

(Monday through Friday, 9 am to 7 pm EST)

The service is free and provides up-to-date information about more than 200 federally and privately sponsored HIV and AIDS clinical trials and the drugs used in the trials.

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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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Presidents Column



Marshall Forstein, M.D.

This is my first column as President of AGLP. I remember back to the time when I was a resident in psychiatry and attended my first meeting. What I have gained from my relationship with this organization, and with the individuals with whom I have been fortunate to meet and call friends, is unmeasurable, but is clearly part of my definition as a gay person, professional and psychiatrist. I hope that I will continue to help AGLP provide for others what it has done for me.

These are exciting times for our organization. We have grown enormously, becoming, I understand, the largest gay and lesbian physicians' group in the world. We have expanded our membership to be somewhat more inclusive of women, members in training and medical students. Our opening parties are so large that it is now impossible for each of us to really know every person well. We are moving from a close-knit, small group to a politically savvy, influential and respected organization in leaps and bounds. I hope that the humor, closeness, and personableness of the organization can be preserved in the process.

Even as we garner greater visibility and respect within the APA and the professional world, the political and social climate demands our increased work to safeguard the gains we have made in terms of human rights and privileges still outside our reach. The retiring of Justice Marshall, and the recent Supreme Court decisions which threaten to erode the choice women will have regarding abortion are but the first signs, I fear, of a more restrictive and prejudiced society. Court decisions which threaten the privacy of adults to conduct their lives safely and without interference from others are ominous. The constitution does not yet equally apply to us all. (So much for gentleness and light.)

AGLP has a felt presence within the APA. We are represented on many committees, task forces, commissions. Our parties and meetings are considered important politi-

cally for candidates and officers of the APA to attend. Thanks to the grace and interpersonal talent of our past president, Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, the Executive Committee, and those members who have worked within the APA and in concert with other gay and lesbian organizations and other professional and political groups, we have been able to push forward the agenda of inclusively, both within our own organization and by making ourselves felt elsewhere.

Through Peggy's leadership, and with the women who have been committed to AGLP, we have begun to reach out to women, residents and medical students. We have much to do in making AGLP a place that's increasingly safe and important for women, and for people of color. Our future as an organization, I truly believe, is in our attempt to do within AGLP that which our society, I fear with less success, has been struggling to do: to see the celebration and respect for diversity and difference as essential to the survival to our society. As medical students and residents are our future, we must affirm and celebrate their place within our organization as good parents (mentors) should.

I have a vision that AGLP will continue to grow and become an organization that not only serves lesbian and gay psychiatrists who are now members, but reaches out to those yet intimidated or afraid of joining our membership. We must also reach out to gay and lesbian psychiatrists who do not join because they feel we have little to offer. We have accomplished a great deal over the last decade, and before. Perhaps we need to tell people what AGLP has done. In preparation for our annual meeting, I hope we can begin to catalogue in some formal way the achievements of our group, and of the individual members within our organization.

At the heart of our stability and growth as an organization is our membership. Assessing and meeting the needs of members, while formulating a sound and future oriented agenda for the organization is our first task. I have tough shoes to step into; we have been fortunate to have had dedicated and talented people leading us over the years, setting the foundation for our next phase of growth and development.

My plan for membership is simple, and was stated at the Awards Luncheon in New Orleans. I would like each and every member of AGLP to make a commitment to recruiting (I know, that "word") at least one new member over the next year. Speak to your colleagues, your residents, your medical students. Tell them that whether or not they attend the fabulous parties, meetings, and committees we have in September at the Fall Meeting or in May at the Annual Meeting, AGLP has much to offer them simply by being a member. Tell them that AGLP has been instrumental in changing homosexuality from a disease to an issue of simple prejudice. Tell them that we have moved the APA to reject the advertising form the military at the annual meeting, and we are working with the APA to change the discrimination that occurs daily against lesbians and gay men in the military. Tell them that AGLP members were instrumental in establishing a task force on AIDS, a committee on AIDS, and now a commission on AIDS. Tell them that gay

and lesbian psychiatrists are now participating on committees and throughout the entire structure of the APA, moving the agenda of eradicating prejudice from our profession and using our profession to eliminate prejudice and discrimination from our society. Tell them that we are forging new relationships with other minority caucuses, and committees, showing that we have common ground for advancing equal rights and status at least within the APA. Tell them that we have pushed and supported the APA's pro-choice position, and the right for minority caucuses to exist. Tell them that AGLP is a place where lesbian and Gay psychiatrists, whatever stage of coming out, their geographic location, their isolation, can find others with whom to connect and share personal and professional concerns.

My goal is this: to each year double our membership by simply having each member bring along one other person. If even two thirds of us recruit one new member this year, we will reach 600 members or so. The following year, we could reach 1,000. Without necessarily even raising dues, we could begin to fund a paid staff person and an office to make it possible to do the work that is so important. As I take over the reigns of this office, I am awed by, and so appreciative of, the enormous time and energy that it takes for the Executive Committee and the APA committee members to keep the pressure on—while we try to make a living and practice psychiatry. I can only imagine what we could accomplish with a full time staff person to keep us moving ahead between meetings, and to be a link with the many other lesbian and gay organizations and civil rights groups with whom we share a common cause.

It was very exciting to me to see so many people at our May membership meetings. We clearly had double the participation from the preceding year. Members in training and medical students are rightfully demanding a greater role to play in AGLP. (You are our future leaders.) We have been willing to at least acknowledge and begin confronting our own prejudices, racism, and sexism that hurts us all. At a time when we are overwhelmed with sadness and grief over the people we have lost to AIDS, to homophobic violence, and society's institutional attacks on our self esteem as lesbians and gay men, we need to look even more to the future, to the celebration of and pride in who we are. In our work together, and in our play together, we remind others that we will not go away, nor be quiet. I ask for your ideas, your energy, your membership dues, and your guidance over the next two years.

For all who can, AGLP will meet September 14, 1991 at the J.W. Marriot at 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be full, so let me know if there are concerns you wish to bring to that meeting. Much of the planning for the annual meeting will be reviewed at that time. Friday night, Jeff Akman and Steven Dixon have graciously offered to host a dinner at their home. This has always been a warm and wonderful time for us to play together and renew old ties and make new ones. Please let Jeff know ahead of time if you are planning to attend. Let me assure you if you've not attended before that the food—oh, and the company—is superb! I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to Washington in September.

Members-In-Training

Mark Townsend, M.D.

We have just about recovered from the APA Convention in New Orleans. Now it is time to plan for the coming year. . . But first, the introductions: We are Lanette Atkins, M.D. and Mark Townsend, M.D. and we hold the weighty and cumbersome title of: Member-In-Training Representatives to the AGLP Executive Committee. What this means is a matter of debate, but one thing is for sure, if you are a gay, lesbian, or bisexual resident, we aim to be your advocate. Please let us know how we can help. We are especially interested in your ideas for improving the resident wing of AGLP, both at the APA convention and throughout the year.

It was good to see so many residents at the convention in New Orleans. For the first time, AGLP sponsored a resident and medical students' lunch on the Sunday before the main convention. We turned it into a swim party and held it at an LSU resident's house. Back at the hospitality suite, the Annual Meeting was productive, with much discussion about the possibility of regional networking to bring more residents into the group. There was also acknowledgment of the many gay and lesbian residents active within the APA and in research, and encouragement for AGLP resident members who planned to become more active themselves.

We hope to see you at the Fall Meeting in Washington. A good many residents came last year, and their enthusiasm generated a lot of ideas. We have only begun to tap the potential of the national convention, and as for the other fifty-one weeks of the year—well, let us just say there is a lot we can do! If you cannot make to DC, please drops us a line: Lanette Atkins, M.D., 505 S. Walker, Columbia, SC 29205; (803) 765-1491 and Mark Townsend, M.D., 7526 Hurst, New Orleans, LA 70118; (504) 861-1271. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Friday Night Dinner Reservation Form

Name: _____

Number of reservations: _____

Send this form with a check for \$25.00 per reservation (\$15.00 per medical student or resident reservation) made out to "Jeffrey Akman, M.D." to:

Jeffrey Akman, M.D.
1936 Calvert St., NW.
Washington, DC 20009

AGLP BUSINESS MEETINGS

May 13 and 14, 1991
New Orleans, Louisiana

The meeting was called to order both nights by President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D. Executive committee members Margie Sved, Marshall Forstein, Shelly Klinger, Larry Prater, David Scasta, and Norman Hartstein were also in attendance.

1. Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of the fall meeting were accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report: Larry Prater distributed budgets and profit/loss statements and discussed the financial health of the organization with members.

3. Membership, Newsletter, Journal Report: David Scasta discussed:

Membership Membership will soon pass the 400 mark for the first time, making us the largest gay/lesbian M.D. group in the country. 80% of the membership is paid up. David reminded us that all mailings from other organizations come through AGLP, and that membership lists are always confidential.

Newsletter David called for submissions from members, preferably on IBM-PC compatible discs. A new desktop publishing system will improve the appearance of the newsletter within a few issues.

Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy David noted that it is behind schedule, but will pick up the pace.

4. Slate of Officers: Shelly Klinger presented the slate of current officers, all of whom were renominated. No new nominations were presented from the floor.

5. Current Meeting Announcements: Mark Townsend and his colleagues were given a rousing round of applause for their great work on the New Orleans local arrangements committee. Many members commented upon what a good meeting it was. Norm Hartstein was also applauded for organizing the exhibition booth, and volunteers were solicited. Margie Sved made several announcements about the hospitality suite and was praised for her role in organizing it. Phil Cushman and Jerry Patterson gathered names for the SO's mailing list.

Stu Nichols announced the formation of a Committee on Human Sexuality in GAP, chaired by Bert Schaffner. They are collecting anecdotes of anti-homosexual bias in practice, training, etc. for a monograph on homophobia in psychiatry. He urged members and their colleagues to give him reports, both of current and long-ago incidents. No names or phone numbers will go to GAP. Forms to report these were passed out.

6. Reports:

a. MIT's: Mark Townsend noted a good turnout, with more medical students. He and Lanette Atkins will be MIT representatives for next year. Terry Stein asked for suggestions on how members could be more supportive of MIT's. Lanette suggested mentoring, helping MIT's to get more involved in APA submissions and presentations. Jim Krajieski suggested liaison between the AGLP members in training and the APA committee of residents. Peggy also suggested attendance at the Sunny Side Up breakfast to introduce residents to the APA, where she would be a guest.

b. Medical Students: Bob Bright announced that there were 6 medical students here with 49 medical student members in all. He noted much interest in residency programs and an interesting session that day. Members were thanked for their contributions for medical student travel. The new medical student liaisons will be Kew Lee and Donna Lohmann.

c. Significant Others: Chris Carmichael noted 30 SO's at the meeting including an all time high of women. Saturday's day long workshops was much appreciated by the SO's. A discussion group for couples is planned.

d. Women: A good turnout was noted at the lesbian psychiatrist's dinner and reception. Peggy noted her delight at the improvement in the number and enthusiasm of women in AGLP.

e. Minority Members: Debbie Carter announced that 8 people met in the minority committee, which is double last year, but stressed the need for more outreach. Changing the minority members reception to an evening, and an education event in APA or AGLP on minority gays and lesbians was suggested for next year.

f. APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues: Dick Isay is the new chair, replacing Bob Cabaj, and Debbie Carter is the newest member. It was noted that Dr. Hartmann was appointed several prominent AGLP members to other committee - e.g. Peggy is on the Committee for Religion and Psychiatry, Bob Cabaj on the nominating committee, Dan Hicks on the Committee for Military Psychiatry, Steve Atkinson on the Committee on Friends of the APA.

Among issues raised by CGLBI were a position statement on general right to privacy, the possibility of domestic partner health insurance options, and Marshall's efforts to review printed material on homosexuality, specifically the Merck Manual. Possible component presentations on gay and lesbian issues for next year's annual meeting were discussed.

g. Commission on AIDS: Jim Krajieski noted new position statements on HIV infected psychiatrists, occupational guidelines re: disability insurance, and approval of a position statement of the inappropriateness of HIV antibody screening or neuropsychological testing as screening for personal, social, or occupational impairment. He recommended an excellent review on the HIV infected Health Care Profession in the winter issue of *Law Medicine, and Health Care*. Jim noted that he will step down as chair to be on the Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and that a new chair is being sought.

7. Liaison Reports:

a. AAPHR Larry Prater described MERP (Medical Expertise Retention Program) to help HIV positive M.D.'s re: acute counselling, referral, retraining, and advocacy. AGLP members were asked to volunteer to provide *pro-bono* short-term counselling - a sign-up list was circulated. Bob Kertzner noted that the AIDS Commission has useful documents on this which he will share with members who sign up. Financial contributions would also be welcomed. Bob Kertzner has also volunteered to be available by phone for HIV positive psychiatrists and SO's. Peggy suggested a phone tree of members around the country and asked for people to indicate that on the sign-up list. Larry also encouraged members to join AAPHR.

b. NLGHF Jeff Akman and Dick Isay are on the board of this multidisciplinary foundation, lots of mental health people are involved but few psychiatrists. AGLP members were encouraged to become associates and come to the annual meeting.

c. American Medical Student Association (Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People in Medicine) Donna noted that more than 300 gay medical students are in this organization, and that the last two AMSA presidents have been openly gay.

d. American Group Psychotherapy Association Jerry Polansky noted a new special interest group with this association on gay/lesbian, and bisexual issues. He suggested a possible APA presentation on this in next year's meeting and asked for interested members to contact him.

e. American Academy of Child Psychiatry Norm Hartstein noted they are setting up a task force and are hoping to do a presentation on gay youth in next year's meeting in San Francisco.

8. AGLP Issues:

a. ICD-10 Terry Stein and Dick Isay discussed efforts to remove ego-dystonic sexuality from ICD-10, of note is that homosexuality itself has finally been removed. EDS was a compromise term to encompass anyone who is displeased with his or her sexual orientation. However, it is clear that this is aimed toward homosexuality and not heterosexuality. Dick noted that it is too late to do anything about ICD-10, we need to stay alert for the next edition in 4-5 years. Marshall Forstein then raised the issue of the

Merck Manual's two page section on homosexuality which begins with "Although homosexuality is no longer a mental illness..." then proceeds to discuss it as if it were. This is being pursued. Terry raised the issue of a book from APPI on childhood gender identity disorder which sees homosexuality as a gender identity disturbance. Ron Winchell noted that the *DSM-IV* work group is considering dropping gender identity disorder of childhood from the *DSM-IV* altogether, since homosexuality isn't pathological. It was also noted that Paulina Kernberg had a 2 day clinical case conference on gender dysphoria at this meeting which is clearly pathology oriented. Norm noted that there is on new gay-affirmative literature coming out on this topic. Dick proposed a motion to spend a letter to Carol Nadelson at APPI protesting the one-sided treatment of GID of childhood. This passed unanimously. David Kessler then noted that international University Press has prominently displayed Charles Socaride's new book on homosexuality, which propagates his unusual prejudicial ideas. He described an act of civil disobedience against his homophobic literature to universal cheers.

Jeff Akman noted that the Christian Medical Society has been homophobic in the past, and wondered if they still were. Peggy suggested members visiting their booth to check this out, as discriminatory exhibitors are prohibited, but there must be proof.

b. Sodomy Laws/APA Peggy noted that Mel Sabshin, the medical director of the APA has written a strong anti-sodomy law letter in the District of Columbia. It was noted that the difficulty in striking these laws from the books is that the US Congress has to approve it in the District.

Bob Cabaj put forth a paper in the assembly asking APA not to hold meetings in states with anti-sodomy laws. A compromise paper was passed saying APA would take this and abortion laws into consideration in further sites.

c. Election of Officers

Shelly read the slate of Officers:

President..... Marshall Forstein
 Vice-President..... Margie Sved
 Treasurer..... Larry Prater
 Newsletter Editor David Scasta

The slate was accepted and elected and Peggy transferred the microphone to Marshall.

Marshall gave a moving speech in which he thanked Peggy for her presidency and her personal contributions to AGLP. This was strongly applauded with a standing ovation by the membership. He spoke of his excitement over the growth spurt of AGLP particularly in regards to residents and students. He noted the need to continue to work on inclusiveness, increasing participation of ethnic minorities and women.

Marshall then asked people to report on what they were involved with in their home states. Many exciting projects were outlined which will not be repeated here for the sake of brevity.

9. 1992 Meeting: This will be held in Washington, D.C., Dan Hicks will be the local arrangements coordinator. Volunteers from the D.C. area were sought to help.

10. 1991 Fall Meeting: This will be held September 14 at the JW Marriott in Washington, D.C., Members were urged to attend. As usual, Jeff and Steve will host a Friday night dinner. Marshall reminded people to get copies of their APA submissions written and copied to him before then, as Sept. 5 is the due date.

11. Chip Meeting: 30 members of CHIP were present, several people joined. Marshall Forstein was elected president of CHIP unanimously.

CHIP Representatives Bob Cabaj and Jim Krajewski presented issues of relevance from the Assembly meeting.

1) APA will try not to meet in states in the future that don't follow APA Policies, including re: sodomy laws and abortion. This was a compromise position which does not actually prohibit it, but seems to satisfy most.

2) The APA published a statement condemning exclusion of gays and lesbians from the military on the basis of their sexual orientation in the 4/91 AJP.

Antihomosexual Bias in Psychiatry

Stu Nichols, M.D.

The Committee on Human Sexuality of GAP (the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry) is working on a report on anti-homosexual bias. This work would be facilitated by examples of homophobic practices or experiences that AGLP members and our friends have encountered. Names of individuals or institutions will not be mentioned in the report.

If written documentation of anti-gay practices (letters of rejection, institution policies and procedures, memos, failure to include protection from discrimination due to sexual orientation in patient or employee rights, etc.) is known, it would be especially helpful to the Committee.

In addition, descriptions of homophobic experiences (or "probable homophobic experiences") are also needed. Examples include, but are not limited to: problems with patient care or supervision, formal and informal teaching about homosexuality, off-hand and off-color or inappropriate remarks, problems with acceptance to training-employment and promotions, problems concerning partners and families, (e.g., limitations to social acceptance, inappropriate locations for departmental parties, insurance and other benefits), incidents that show a failure to recognize there may be homosexuals among departmental staff, etc.

Although the atmosphere has become less homophobic in some areas recently, the description of improvement may illustrate that there was a previous problem and that information may be useful. To document positive change where it has occurred, I need to know approximately when the described experiences happened. Therefore, I am also interested in events that occurred in decades past as well as recent experiences.

Please send your materials to **Stuart E. Nichols, M.D., 245 E. 17th Street, New York, NY 10003 (212) 420-2053.**

3) A statement condemning the Immigration policy on homosexuality and HIV infections is about to be approved.

4) Bob and Jim noted that Managed Care was the major topic of the Assembly Meeting. The APA is considering major legal action against managed care, and may assess members an extra charge for this. The potential divisiveness of this idea was noted. Within CHIP, members expressed strong opinions for and against this idea. Bob asked people to talk to him individually about this, a questionnaire was also considered.

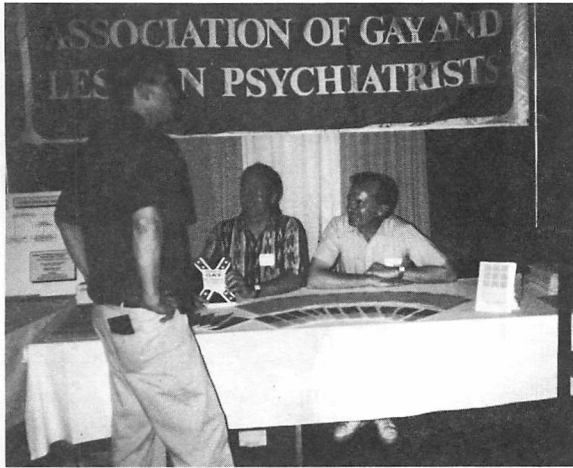
12. Conclusion/Adjournment:

Marshall charged each AGLP member to get one new member to join and pay dues by the fall meeting--this would double our membership. He expressed a hope of hiring an administrative person in D.C. at some point if our membership grows. He asked members to reach out to new people as we grow and make everyone feel a part of AGLP. Finally, he asked for the members' support and thanked them for electing him.

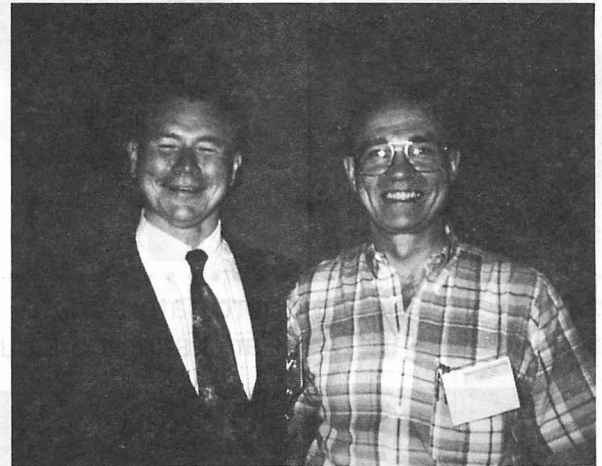
Peggy thanked the executive committee and the membership for their support during her tenure as president.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on 5/14/91.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rochelle L. Klinger, M.D.



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 Mark Townsend (l), Carl Clark and
 Larry Prater at the booth

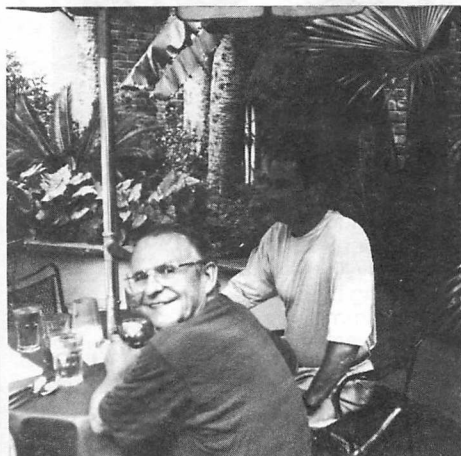


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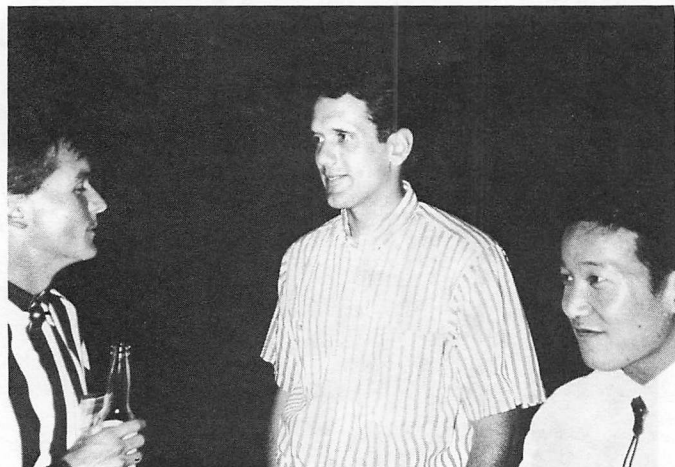
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 Jack Ahmeleh (r) talks with residents
 Mark Townsend and David Smith
 at a lunch break during the
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 Shelly Klinger,
 Secretary, confers with members



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 and
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David Smith (l), resident coordinator, chats with fellow residents Dan Parkinson and Doug Hasu.

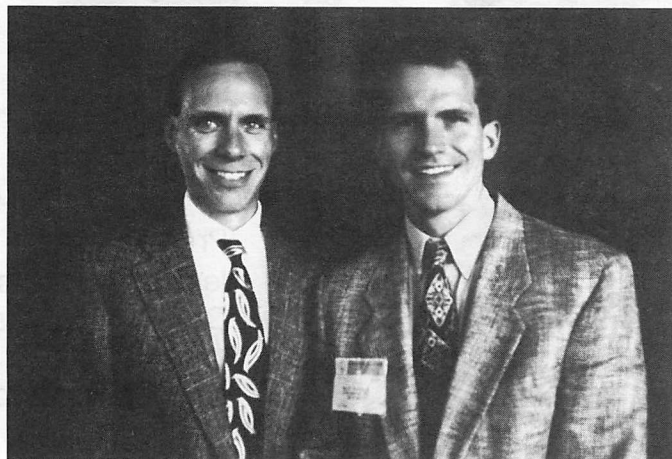


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Marjorie Sved (l), Vice-President and Norman Hartstein (c), Past President



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Executive Committee Meeting in the wee hours of the morning (8:00am). From left, Hartstein, Sved, Forstein, Hackenbruck, Klinger (hidden), Prater and Scasta (behind the camera)

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Mark Townsend (r), convention coordinator, and lover, Jeff

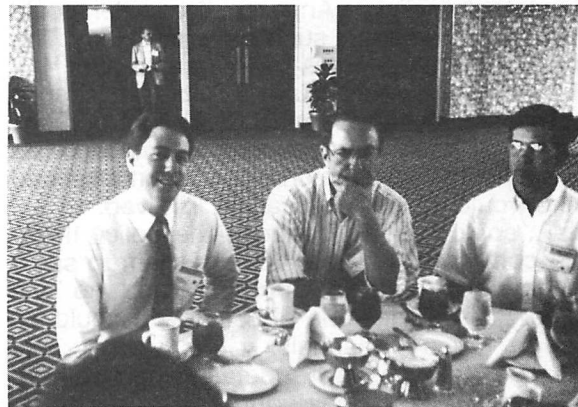




Peggy Hackenbruck receives the President's Award with a standing ovation passing the mantle on to Marshal Forstein.



Paulette Goodman (c) and husband (r) receive the Distinguished Service Award from President Peggy Hackenbruck.



Bob Bright (l), medical student representative, at the Awards Luncheon.



No, they're not twins-they're lovers Lee Ecklund and Gary Gill from Madison who joined a number of the women at the Awards Luncheon.

Update: The Military Policy on Homosexuality

Daniel Hicks, M.D.

As in most institutions, change is very slow to come in the military. However, we are working within the system to change the discriminatory policies the military has against homosexual applicants and soldiers. There has been some movement in the last year, and many different factions seem to be converging to help in the struggle to impact this policy. There is the military freedom project of NGLTF, made up of representatives from the American Psychiatric and Psychological Associations, NGLTF, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Lambda Legal Defense, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans, and other interested parties all working together to share information and plan strategies. Individual court battles continue, as in the Joe Steffan case against the Naval Academy, but the climate of the conservative court seems to indicate that the courts will continue to rule on individual cases, but leave the military free to continue their policy. An executive order could change the policy immediately, such as when Harry Truman ordered that the armed forces be integrated after WW II. It is unlikely that President Bush would take such a strong and controversial stand, especially in light of many of his actions which seem homophobic. Some activists seem hopeful that Bush may take on this issue in a second term when there would be less political risk involved.

The military could probably change the policy themselves through command, but they always seem to say it needs to be changed through Congress, and no one seems to be very knowledgeable about how it could be changed through military channels. It is unlikely that Congress is ready to take on this hot potato, when we have been trying for years to get a gay rights bill passed to no avail. Pressure could be brought to bear from two recent changes however. One is the growing protest against ROTC on college campuses, involving student, faculty, and parents protesting the discriminatory policies of the military. As this grassroots effort grows, more and more of mainstream America will be putting pressure on Congress to take action as their sons and daughters begin to wrestle with this issue. Also, Congress has authorized a GAO (General Accounting Office) investigation of the military policy. The GAO is not merely financial accounting but the investigative arm of Congress which is involved in doing much of the information gathering that the legislators require.

Several AGLP members as well as corresponding members of the American Psychological Association have appeared before this investigation or given testimony to them, both verbal and written. These include Drs. Cabaj, Krajewski, Stan Harris, Rob Stasko, myself and others. Our testimony supported the stand that there is no valid psychiatric or psychological evidence to support the military's claim that changing the policy would be damaging to security, morale, or discipline, and that in fact maintaining these prejudices and fears is an unhealthy climate for all soldiers, especially gays and lesbians. This report is still being compiled, and it is unclear how much impact it may have

on Congress, but it is important to be asked to testify on these matters. The military even allowed two of its own active duty psychiatrists to testify, and chose persons who would be knowledgeable and objective about the issues involved.

Two recent publications, *Coming Out Under Fire* by Alan Berube and *Gays in Uniform* by Kate Dyer are excellent additions and support in our battle to overturn the policy. Berube's book chronicles the development of the anti-gay policy, which ironically began as a protective device by our colleague Harry Stack Sullivan prior to WW II. It also describes the stories of many who served well and were even decorated during the "Big One." Dyer, who was a staffer for Gerry Studds, has published the Perserec reports commissioned by the military and then suppressed, which verify that gays and lesbians can be and are serving as fit, competent and healthy soldiers.

In addition to these developments, I was appointed by APA President Hartman to serve on the Committee for Military Psychiatry. I approached my first committee meeting at the APA in New Orleans with trepidation. However, I knew most of the committee from my position at Walter Reed and found the members either supportive or at least reasonable. We spent much of the scheduled time discussing anecdotes from Desert Storm, Champus difficulties, and the Congressional mandate to Walter Reed to train psychologists to prescribe medication. About 10 minutes before the scheduled closing of our meeting, the chairman, Dr. Harry Holloway from Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences asked point blank "What are we going to do about this homosexual policy?" He had already "outed" me earlier in the meeting, so this opened the door for a lively discussion which continued for another hour.

The military psychiatrists are supportive of changing the policy; however, they say that the surgeon general has advocated changing the policy in the past and could not get it done. They see it as more of a legal issue than a medical one. At the same time, since it does not effect them personally, it is not really their issue such that they feel compelled to take a stand on. They feel that our pressure to ban advertising and recruiting at the annual meeting was an empty protest which did not open any doors or put any pressure on the appropriate places to get things changed, but instead may have angered some people who feel that we are attacking them. They pointed out that much of the changes in the military happen behind closed doors in private discussions and negotiations, and that their positions on key committees and panels can be used in our favor. Two examples were allowing supportive psychiatrists to testify at GAO with official sanction, and presenting a symposium on homosexuality at their Army-wide medical meeting this year.

I feel that my presence on the committee will help to raise their consciousness and sensitivity about the painful consequences of continuing this policy, both for the military and for society in general. In other words, I see my role as helping to raise their consciousness about the seriousness of this problem, so it becomes their issue and they can work harder to effect changes in the system. Working in a military environment has certainly changed my perception that the Armed Forces are totally insensitive and reac-

tionary. The HIV program is an example of how they learned from their experience and mistakes, and have set up an excellent program of medical and psychological support for HIV-infected soldiers, despite the fact that many are still getting infected by homosexual behavior. They are being cared for instead of being rooted out or discriminated against. I am hopeful that this bastion of prejudice which continues to preserve much of the homophobia in our society can be brought to light and altered by the current efforts on many different fronts. If you have any information that may be helpful or would like to be more involved in this effort, please contact me. (Dan Hicks, M.D.; 1309 T Street, NW, # 2; Washington, DC 20009-4438)

Announcements

The Annual Meeting for the Institute for Hospital and Community Psychiatry will be held in Los Angeles from Oct 20-24, 1991. AGLP members attending the conference are invited to a no-host dinner at a local restaurant on Monday, Oct. 21st. For information contact: Norman Hartstein, MD; 851 N. Kings Road, #309; North Hollywood 90069 or call (213) 653-0206.

Partners, Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples, reported that a nonrandom survey of 1266 same sex couples revealed that 91 percent of female couples claimed monogamy versus 63 percent of male couples. For more information, Contact Stevie Bryant or Demian, Box 9685, Seattle WA 98109 (206) 784-1519.

The journal, *Women & Therapy*, is soliciting manuscripts addressing mental health issues associated with women and aging for inclusion in a special issue of the Journal that will be published in hardback. For information, write to Ellen Cole, Ph.D., Psychotherapy Associates, 143 N. McCormick, Suite 103, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Daniel Smartt, of Swarthmore College, announced that the 4th Sager Symposium in Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Studies will be held on March 27-29, 1992 at Swarthmore College on the topic "Constructions of Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Identities in the Popular Media." Papers (due by Nov. 20, 1991) on bisexual identities are encouraged. Presenters will receive lodging, meals and a \$200 honorarium. For information, write to Sager Fund Advisory Committee, c/o Daniel Smartt, Art Department, Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081-1397 (215) 328-8119.

The Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues (American Psychological Association Division 44) is seeking papers for the first volume of *Contemporary Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Psychology*. For information, contact Dr. Beverly Green 26th St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 638-6431.

From the APA

March 20, 1991

The Honorable Wilhelmina J. Rolark
Chair, Judiciary Committee
Council of the District of Columbia
Washington, DC

Dear Madam Chair:

On behalf of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), a medical specialty society representing over 37,000 psychiatrists nationwide, I am writing in support of Councilmember James Nathanson's bill, the proposed "District of Columbia Right to Privacy Amendment Act of 1991." in seeking to decriminalize consensual, non-commercial sexual acts between persons 16 years—the age of consent in the District—or older, the bill, if enacted, would be an important step in removing the stigma of criminality from those members of our community, heterosexual and homosexual, whose consensual sexual behavior is branded unlawful by the District of Columbia Code.

It is the position of the APA—and has been since 1973—that "existing legislation making criminal offenses of sexual acts performed by consenting adults in private should be repealed." (Relevant APA position Statements are attached.) While under the District's sodomy statute oral sex and anal sex are felonies for all persons, the APA is particularly sensitive to and concerned about the insidious impact of such laws on gay men and lesbians. For example, in security clearance determinations sodomy laws are often convenient pretexts for labeling lesbians and gay men as law-breakers and therefore, because of prejudice and ignorance, judged to be unfit to have security clearances. Further, the criminalizing of lesbians' and gay men's sexuality is an unwarranted governmental intrusion into the private lives, and intrusion that threatens all citizens.

I urge you to support the proposed "District of Columbia Right to Privacy Amendment Act of 1991." Should public hearings on the bill be held by the Judiciary, the American Psychiatric Association would welcome the opportunity to testify.

Thank you for your consideration, Mrs. Roark.

Sincerely,

Melvin Sabshin, M.D.
Medical Director
American Psychiatric Association.

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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: **Gail Nelson, Office of Minority / National Affairs, American Psychiatric Association, 1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

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

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. announced the following judicial decisions on issues affecting gay and lesbian people:

In the course of the lawsuit by Joseph Steffan against the U.S. Naval Academy's for his dismissal from the Naval Academy due to his admission that he was gay, an Army document surfaced indicating the Army was considering eliminating its ban on gay people in the Army. In a related announcement, Lambda filed an appeal of Judge Gasch's refusal to disqualify himself in the Steffan case because of repeatedly referring to Steffan as a "homo." A similar case is being waged against the Air Force for dismissal of an Air Force ROTC cadet at Washington University. Washington University branded such dismissals as "indefensible, illogical, and irrational."

The New York Court of Appeals ruled that a lesbian non-biological parent does not have visitation rights to maintain contact with the child, whom she helped raise for many years, of her former lover.

Lambda filed suit with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations against the University of Chicago for prohibiting unmarried domestic partners of registered students from having access to university recreational facilities and libraries. Since gay and lesbian couples cannot marry, the policy effectively bars their use of university facilities.

