

## **AGLP Medical Student Committee Constitution**

### **Constitution History:**

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Ratified by Committee 8/29/2021, 6 members present including the Chair

### **Purpose Statement**

- I. The AGLP Medical Student Committee exists to bring together LGBTQIA2S+ identified medical students with an interest in psychiatry for education and collaboration.
- II. The Medical Student Committee activities include educational seminars, guest panels, social hangouts, mentorship, and guidance with the psychiatry match process.

### **Membership**

- III. Eligibility: Medical Student Committee members will be members of AGLP: The Association of LGBTQ Psychiatrists and students who are actively enrolled in medical school (MD or DO programs). Medical students who are taking a leave of absence, doing a research year, engaged in a dual degree, are also eligible.
- IV. How to become a member: Join AGLP as a student member at no cost by filling out the application at <https://www.aglp.org/Pages/join-renew.htm> .
- V. Renewing membership: Current Medical Student Committee members may renew their membership after a 1-year term by completing the AGLP membership form <https://www.aglp.org/Pages/join-renew.htm> .
- VI. Membership entitles student members to a role in planning and hosting events relevant to students at all levels of training. These events include seminars, guest panels, and presentations.
- VII. Membership entitles student members opportunities to socially connect with peers and future colleagues across the country and internationally.

### **Expectations**

- VIII. Medical Student Committee meetings occur monthly on the last Sunday of the month at 2pm PST / 5pm EST on Zoom. Members will be expected to attend at least 80% of meetings. If there is a scheduling conflict, members will be expected to notify the Medical Student Committee Chair before the meeting.
- IX. Serving on the Medical Student Committee is for a 1-year term, starting from the APA Annual Meeting in May until the following meeting the next May.
- X. Roles and Responsibilities - be involved in leadership of at least 1 event or initiative yearly. This could include: planning a panel, leading a discussion, or organizing a meeting or event.
- XI. This Constitution should be revisited for review and revision at least once annually.
- XII. The Committee Chair, hereafter referred to as "Chair," will run a monthly Medical Student Committee meeting, or have replacement communication if no meeting is held. The Chair will serve as the liaison to the AGLP Executive Board, and attend monthly Executive Board meetings. The Chair is responsible for communicating the details of

medical student programming to the Executive Director for publication on the AGLP website. The Chair will send email communications to members. The Chair may delegate any of these responsibilities to designated Committee members, at the discretion of the Committee.

- XIII. If any of the above expectations are not met, Committee members will enter a probationary period of 3 months. The Committee Chair will notify the Committee member of their probationary status. Members can appeal their probationary status by emailing the Committee Chair. If they fail to meet expectations a second time during the probationary period, their role on the Committee will be terminated.

#### **Benefits**

- XIV. Medical students will have opportunities for networking and learning about the resident application and interview process.
- XV. Early access to AGLP and AGLP Student Committee programming and initiatives
- XVI. Free student membership to the AGLP with access to the quarterly *AGLP Newsletter* and the quarterly peer-reviewed journal, *The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*
- XVII. Opportunity to apply for *The John O'Donnell Student Grant Fund*, which will reimburse students for up to \$500 travel or lodging expenses related to attendance at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.