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2001 AGLP CONVENTION ISSUE



Annual Meeting: New Orleans, 2001

Mark Townsend, M.D.

Welcome to the AGLP Annual Meeting. It's all true, there's no city in the United States like New Orleans. It's Caribbean, it's European, it's Charleston. New Orleans is and remains a vibrant music town. But you're here during Jazz Fest; you can't miss the musical diversity. The Fairgrounds has never turned away a customer—although the place can get very crowded. Did you know that food is big here? We hope you've made restaurant reservations by now. But if not, don't be alarmed, we know how to feed thousands of visitors: thumb through the guidebook and head out and eat.

As for our fabulous meeting, the two AGLP hotels are both in the French Quarter. The Chateau LeMoynes is at the 301 Dauphine, at the corner of Bienville. This is where all the AGLP activities will be: pre-convention, business meetings, and the Hospitality Suite. Phone 581-1303. Walk two blocks down Bienville to the Omni Royal Sonesta and an APA bus stop. Our other hotel is The Holiday Inn French Quarter is at 124 Royal Street, 529-7211. Turn the corner, and it's two blocks down Canal to the Marriott, many APA activities, and, of course, an APA bus stop.

Our Hospitality Suite is actually the "Boardroom" of the Chateau. Next to the Boardroom is a larger space where we will have our Symposium. To reach these rooms, one proceeds through the lobby and straight out into the main courtyard.

The Opening Reception will occur Sunday May 5, between 7 and 9PM on the beautiful trading floor of the old Board of Trade, 316 Magazine Street, between Canal and Poydras Streets. The reception will start

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Editor's Column

Guy Glass, M.D.

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this, my last editor's column. I indicated last year that I would resign from this position if a good candidate agreed to be nominated in 2001; I believe that Dan Hicks, head of the nominating committee, has found such a candidate.

I began my tenure in 1994, in Philadelphia, which is fitting, since that is where I completed my medical education and residency training. At the time, although I had been attending AGLP meetings avidly since 1988 when I was a PGY-2, I could never quite figure out how to get more involved. A spur-of-the-moment decision to accept the nomination as newsletter editor proved to be just the thing. All of a sudden I was thrust right into a pivotal point in the organization. It was quite a learning experience!

I remember meeting with David Scasta at his home in order to find out how to put the *Newsletter* together. It was somewhat intimidating; I was completely computer illiterate at the time. David had already come a long way from the "cut and paste" method you see in the early issues of the *Newsletter* which I have in my archives, and was already using the excellent Roy Harker to do layout and to supervise the printing and mailing.

Sometimes people are not clear on exactly what the newsletter editor does. The answer is EVERYTHING (aside from Roy's important contributions). For example, all of the photos (unless otherwise credited) are taken by the editor. Aside from editing articles, I often contacted people to suggest that they write articles on particular topics. Throughout the years, I got to interview many of our annual awardees, in some cases at their homes.

Most of the book reviews we have featured through the years are the result of my actively searching out interesting titles, obtaining them from the publishers and mailing them out to our members for their perusal.

I was also personally in touch with all of the APA candidates that we profiled over the years, and also wrote the questions and decided which races to feature from year to year (Margie Sved was a big help here). Believe me, I could have influenced a few elections if I had revealed how illiterate some of those candidates were! By the way, I want to let AGLP members know how important our "election issue" is, even to non-AGLP members; several times I was contacted by APA officials to make sure that we were running this feature, saying that the candidates looked forward to participating in it from year to year.

I have a number of thank you's to say: I learned a lot from all four of the presidents who served during my term: Margie Sved, David Scasta, Dan Hicks and Phil Bialer. Roy Harker has been a great pleasure to work with; the first time I met him I showed up at his apartment right after seeing my optometrist to have my eyes dilated. He was not only kind enough to lend me a pair of sunglasses so that I could walk down the street after our appointment, he has also been helping me out ever since. He is one of AGLP's greatest treasures.

In closing, let me just provide a little update on my life and explain why I have decided to resign. Last year, my partner Lewis and I decided to make a major life-change and sell our coop apartment in Manhattan. In June, we purchased a large home in a tiny village near New Hope, Pennsylvania. I am currently making the transition from urban sophisticate to landed gentry with mixed success. Instead of looking outside at traffic lights and street people, we look outside at our own little creek and at flocks of wild turkey and herds of deer. I want to devote more of my time to making this transition, and setting up a new life for myself. I do plan to continue to give of my time to AGLP in some capacity. I also hope that other members who want to get involved and are not sure how, or who feel that AGLP is "cliquish" will take some inspiration from my story; AGLP can only flourish if there is "new blood." You surely have something to offer, and you can profit and grow from the experience.

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President's Column

Phil Bialer, M.D.

This is going to be a brief column as there are many other important reports appearing in this issue of the *Newsletter*. Most of the issue is devoted to our annual meeting at the APA convention. Mark Townsend and his small but very active local arrangements committee have gone all out to assure that we will be fully entertained and welcomed in New Orleans. This is such a great and festive city that I'm sure it made their job just a little bit easier. See his article for all the great happenings.

Beyond the social aspect, which is truly one of the great reasons for attending, just what is the annual meeting all about?

Our meeting is about education. Dan Karasic, our very able vice-president, has set up a provocative pre-convention symposium dealing with the meaning and fluidity of gender roles. In addition, he has set up a busy week of meetings and discussions in the Hospitality Suite. As always, there will also be a number of APA presentations throughout the week that will be of interest to our membership. I particularly want to point out the AGLP symposium (co-sponsored with the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues) on reparative therapy entitled: "Clinical and Ethical Concerns Regarding Attempts to Change Sexual Orientation." It will be taking place on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 – 5:00pm in the main convention center, Room 267-268.

The meeting is about business. We already have an active agenda to attend to at the business meeting. See President-Elect Mary Barber's article regarding proposed bylaws changes that would acknowledge our transgender members. We will also be holding elections for several offices. If you have any items to add to the agenda, you must contact me prior to the meeting.

The meeting is about support. There will be a number of small-group get-togethers and discussions arranged specifically for women, medical students and residents, HIV affected members and so on.

The meeting is about honoring our members and others who have contributed to our organization and the gay community at large. This year we will be honoring Marshall Forstein and Larry Hartman at our Awards Dinner on Wednesday night. Buy your tickets now for what is always a very special event.

And finally, the meeting is about participation. This may be the most important aspect; any organization can only survive with the participation of its membership. Sign up to help at the booth in the Exhibition Hall, help welcome people at the opening reception, join a committee, run for office. Talk to your friends who haven't joined AGLP yet and ask them what they're waiting for. There is so much for people to do if you want to help out.

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Vice-President's Column: Saturday symposium asks, "Who are 'we'?"

Dan Karasic, M.D.

The issue of transgender inclusion has been a focus of the AGLP business meetings for the past two years. Last year, the membership voted to have the president appoint a committee to propose bylaws amendments inclusive of trans issues and psychiatrists. The AGLP membership will vote on these bylaws changes at the New Orleans business meetings. In making these changes, AGLP will be following a path adopted by many other LGB organizations in the past decade.

Of course, trans issues are not new to AGLP psychiatrists. Issues of gender expression and identity occur in our gay and lesbian patients. As out LGB psychiatrists, many of us receive referrals of transgendered patients, as our colleagues may assume we have expertise in their care. We're aware that gay and lesbian youth exhibiting variant gender behavior have been diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder of childhood, and that this diagnosis has been used by "reparative" therapists. LGB and transgendered folks face similar issues, such as coming out, and similar foes, such as societal intolerance and the social conservative movement.

Yet barriers remain in adding the "T" to "LGB." Many LGB psychiatrists are less familiar with literature pertaining to the care of trans patients than literature about lesbian and gay patient care. There is uncertainty and disagreement regarding the degree to which trans issues are linked to LGB issues. Difference can lead to tension, as it has at times between lesbians and gay men. Difference exhibited by trans people is highly stigmatized socially; it's not surprising that there has been tension at times between LGB communities and trans communities.

On Saturday, May 5, from 10a.m. to 1p.m. at the Chateau LeMoyné, AGLP will examine these connections and tensions. The AGLP Symposium, "Who are 'we'? Where sexual orientation and gender identity meet," features keynote speaker, Holly Devor, PhD. The symposium's goals are to improve our understanding of gender expression in our LGBT patients, our ability to care for transgendered patients, and our sense of how LGB psychiatrists and trans psychiatrists can work together within AGLP and the APA.

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Dr. Devor has written on gender expression in lesbians, on the lives of transgendered people, and on how lesbians and female-to-male transsexuals perceive each other. I'm excited that we will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Devor; several colleagues have told me that she's an outstanding speaker. Several of her papers may be read on-line at: <http://web.uvic.ca/~hdevor>



**Dr. Holly Devor,
Keynote Speaker at
the AGLP Symposium**

From Dr. Devor's website: "Dr. Holly Devor is professor of sociology at the University of Victoria, Canada. Dr. Devor specializes in the study of gender, sex, and sexuality in lesbian women, transgendered females, and female-to-male transsexuals. Her first book, *Gender Blending: Confronting the Limits of Duality*, in which she coined the phrase Gender Blending, examined the social construction of gender in society and its implications for the lives of females whose gender presentations mixed masculinity, femininity, and other characteristics to the point that their gender was not always recognizable to observers. Her second book, *FTM: Female-to-Male Transsexuals in Society*, provides a detailed, compassionate, intimate, and incisive portrait of the life experiences of 45 female-to-male transsexuals and suggests new theoretical frameworks for understanding the interplay of gender, sex, and sexuality. Her current research focuses on Reed Erickson, a transsexed man and founder of the Erickson Educational Foundation, who was instrumental in bringing issues of transgender and gay rights into public awareness. Dr. Devor is a renowned public lecturer and has made numerous appearances on television, radio and in print media."

Discussing Dr. Devor's presentation will be AGLP members Robin Dea, M.D., and David Seil, M.D. Drs. Dea and Seil are among the AGLP members most experienced in transgender care. At the conclusion of the symposium, informal discussion on this topic and on the week ahead can continue, as those interested take a group outing to Jazz Fest.

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AGLP Awardees to Be Honored in New Orleans

Dan Hicks, M.D.

It has been my privilege as past president to help select the persons who will be honored at our annual banquet on Wednesday, May 9th. I am pleased to announce that we are honoring two persons who have been on the forefront of breaking open doors for lesbian and gay people in the APA as well as fighting for the mental health of our community, and both practice in Boston, that hotbed of gay liberation.

Our Distinguished Service Award goes to Dr. Lawrence Hartmann, who served as President of the APA in 1991-92. In addition, Dr. Hartmann, along with Richard Pillard and others, was instrumental in helping to remove homosexuality from the DSM in 1972. Dr. Hartmann worked within the APA as chair of committees, Speaker of the Assembly, Trustee from Massachusetts, and Vice-President. By his presence and his influence, he helped change the thinking of many of our colleagues about homosexuality, and used his influence to help put lesbian and gay people on committees and in the Assembly, so that we had a voice to speak up on our issues. He also fought for representation and fair treatment for women, African-Americans, and other minorities, even before we had the Caucus. He also was instrumental in showing the American Psychoanalytic Association and others in the analytical community how their stance was detrimental to the mental health of our community, and so helped to change their stance on homosexuality.

Dr. Marshall Forstein will be receiving the James Paulsen Award for Distinguished Service to AGLP, but his influence goes far beyond our organization. Marshall served as president of AGLP several years ago, but continues to stay active in our organization, including helping to lead the symposium this year on the effects of reparative therapy. For many years, Marshall taught courses on treating gay and lesbian patients, as well as those with HIV. He has influenced many of us to become leaders and teachers in this area through his example. In Boston, as the Medical Director of the Fenway Center, he is acknowledged as an authority in these areas, and has not only provided good mental health care, but he has taught medical students, residents, social workers, psychologists, colleagues and everyone he has come into contact with how to treat their patients with basic human dignity and non-discrimination. As Chair of the AIDS Commission of the APA, he has been a tireless leader in speaking out about AIDS: prevention in vulnerable populations, treatment in substance abusers and chronically mentally ill, and treating the neuropsychiatric aspects of AIDS, culminating in publication of treatment guidelines last year. And now, through his personal life and his teaching, he has become the spokesmodel for gay and lesbian families, writing and lecturing on special issues related to gay and lesbian parents and children.

Please be sure to get your banquet tickets as soon as possible, and help me acknowledge these two friends and colleagues who are also internationally acknowledged leaders in mental health and psychiatry.

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Nominating Committee Report

Dan Hicks, M.D.

One of our tasks at the annual meeting is election of officers. I have been challenged to come up with several candidates, since many of our current officers have decided to step down in May. These include our Secretary, Richard Hire, our Treasurer, Howard Rubin, and our Newsletter Editor Guy Glass. Guy has been editor since David Scasta, our Editor Emeritus finally turned over the scepter. Guy has done an admirable job of keeping us informed and titillated for the past several years. Thanks to Guy, Howard and Richard for your service and jobs well done.

I have been pleased to report that many people when asked have taken up the challenge to serve AGLP by running for office next year. This is both an honor and an obligation, but a very important one. It really is gratifying to play a role in working toward improving the mental health of our colleagues, our patients, and society, through education and advocacy on lgbt issues.

President: Mary Barber (Current President-Elect)
 Vice-President: Dan Karasic (Current Vice-President)
 Secretary: Ellen Haller
 Treasurer: Jim Lettenberger
 Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Chessick

I hope you all plan to join us for work and play in New Orleans in May. Nominations will remain open until the annual meeting, so anyone else interested in serving can let Roy, Phil Bialer, or me know by then, or they can be nominated from the floor at our business meeting on Monday, May 7th.

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SCHEDULE OF AGLP EVENTS

New Orleans, May 5-9

COMPILED BY DAN KARASIC, M.D.

AGLP Hotel Headquarters:

Holiday Inn-Chateau LeMoyne
301 Rue Dauphine Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
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SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2001

8:30 - 9:30am **Breakfast meeting for Executive Committee**
Chateau LeMoyne: Boardroom

PRECONVENTION SYMPOSIUM:

9:30 - 10:00am **Welcome – Coffee and Pastries**
Chateau LeMoyne: Bienville/Dauphine Room

10:00am - 1:00pm **SYMPOSIUM**
"Who are 'we'? Where sexual orientation and gender identity meet"
HOLLY DEVOR, PhD
CHAIR: DAN KARASIC, M.D.
DISCUSSANTS: ROBIN DEA, M.D., DAVID SEIL, M.D.
Bienville/Dauphine Room
Sponsor: Pfizer

12:00noon **Hospitality Suite Opens**
Chateau LeMoyne: Boardroom

1:00pm Meet in Bienville/Dauphine Room after Symposium for group trip to Jazz Fest. Lunch at the Fairgrounds.

6:30pm Meet at Chateau LeMoyne Hospitality Suite to go to Lesbian Psychiatrists' Dinner

7:00-9:00pm Lesbian Psychiatrists' Dinner, at the French Quarter home of a lesbian physician

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001

8:30-10:00am **Board Meeting and Breakfast**
Bienville Room

9:30am **Early Career Psychiatrists' outing to Jazz Fest**
(Residents and Medical Students welcome).
Meet at Hospitality Suite.

11:00am – 12:00pm **Women's Committee meeting**
CHRISTINA SEKAER, M.D., PH.D.
Hospitality Suite

1:00 - 3:00pm **Meeting for those affected by HIV**
Support group for positive psychiatrists, their partners, and for negative psychiatrists with positive partners.
President's Suite

4:00 - 5:30pm **"Body Culture and Party Drugs"**
PETROS LEVOUNIS M.D., STEVEN J. LEE M.D., AND JOSE VITO M.D.
Hospitality Suite

6:15 - 7:00pm **Women's Opening Pre-reception**
Board of Trade
316 Magazine Street, between Canal and Poydras Streets

7:00 - 9:00pm **Opening Reception**
Board of Trade

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001

9:00 -10:30am **Networking and support for GLBT child psychiatrists and trainees**
ROBERT PINNEY, M.D.
Hospitality Suite

10:30 - 11:45am **Significant Others' Discussion**
Hospitality Suite

12:00 - 1:30pm **Residents' Lunch**
Discussion on GLBT residency issues, networking and support
Early career psychiatrists and medical students welcome
DAVID SPIGGLE, M.D.
Hospitality Suite
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1:30 - 2:30pm **Medical student discussion, networking and support**
Residents welcome
Hospitality Suite

2:30 - 4:00pm **"Shame dynamics in gay and lesbian patients"**
UBALDO LELI, M.D., PSYCHOANALYTIC COMMITTEE
Hospitality Suite

4:00 - 5:15pm **Transgender issues discussion**
DAVID SEIL, M.D.
Hospitality Suite

5:30 - 7:00pm **AGLP and CLGBP Business Meeting**
Bienville/Dauphine Room

7:15pm **International and Minority Outreach Reception**
Hospitality Suite
Following reception, the group will proceed to a restaurant to be determined

AGLP 2001 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001

- 9:30 - 10:30 am** **International Committee Meeting**
KENN ASHLEY, M.D. AND GENE NAKAJIMA, M.D.
Hospitality Suite
- 10:00am** **Significant Others' Outing**
Meet in lobby of Chateau LeMoyne
Plans to be announced at Monday S.O. Discussion
- 10:30am-12:00pm** **Writers' Workshop**
JACK DRESCHER, M.D., AND OTHER EDITORS OF THE
Journal of Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy
Hospitality Suite
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm** **Psychoanalytic Committee Meeting**
UBALDO LEI, M.D.
Hospitality Suite
- 2:30 - 4:00 pm** **"LGBT issues in supervision"**
Supervisors, supervisees, faculty, residents welcome
ELLEN HALLER, M.D.
Hospitality Suite
- 4:00 - 5:15pm** **Parents and Kids Discussion/Play Time**
Those considering parenthood welcome
MARGERY SVED, M.D.
Hospitality Suite
- 5:30 - 7:00pm** **AGLP and CLGBP Business Meeting**
Bienville/Dauphine Room
- 7:30 - 9:30pm** **LAGCAPA (Child Psychiatrists) Reception**
Hospitality Suite



**Chateau LeMoyne,
New Orleans**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001

Hospitality suite open for meetings arranged after printing deadline and in New Orleans, and for informal discussion and networking

AWARDS BANQUET/CLOSING PARTY

*Riverfront
600 Decatur Street
4th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70130*

- 6:00pm** **AGLP Sponsor's reception**
- 7:00pm** **Closing Banquet Reception**
- 8:00-11:30pm** **Dinner, Awards, and Dancing**

Please purchase tickets in advance by mail, or at Business Meeting. Tickets available at booth and door only if space allows.

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**The Riverfront,
New Orleans**

APA Events of Interest to AGLP Members

Compiled by Dan Karasic, M.D.

Events of LGBT interest at the American Psychoanalytic Association meeting:

Fairmont Hotel:

Friday, May 4th, 5:15 - 6:30pm.

Plenary Address by Ralph Roughton.

"Re-thinking Homosexuality: What It Teaches Us About Psychoanalysis."

Saturday, May 5th, 9:00 - 12:30pm.

Panel Discussion: "On Being Gay and

Becoming a Psychoanalyst: Across Three Generations."

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SELECTED EVENTS OF LGBT INTEREST AT THE APA MEETING:

(Please see APA book for locations, descriptions, and full list of participants)

MONDAY, MAY 7

9:00 - 10:30am

Workshops:
CW7. Psychiatric Views on Talking About Homosexuality to Kids,
APA COMMITTEE ON GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL ISSUES
CHAIRPERSON: JACK DRESCHER, M.D.

IW5. Hospital-Based Program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and
Transgender Patients
CHAIRPERSON: DOUGLAS L. YORK, M.P.H.

9:00 - 11:00am

Media Sessions
Session 3. Psychiatry Goes to the Movies
3. Boys Don't Cry

11am - 12:30pm

Workshops:
IW24. Balancing Career and Family
CHAIRPERSON: MARGERY S. SVED, M.D.

IW25. Narcissism Below Sea Level: A Dutch View of Future Gay
Developments
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: NICOLAAS F.J. HETTINGA, M.D.,
AND RUDOLF A.M. FEJEN, M.D.

2:00 - 5:00pm

Media Session
Session 9. In Spite of Adversity: Healing By Challenge
14. The Remarkable Story of John/Joan

Symposia:
S10. Treating the Psychiatrically Ill HIV Patient
A. Treatment Approaches to HIV-Related Neurocognitive
Disorders
FRANCISCO FERNANDEZ, M.D.

B. Mood Disorders: Depression
STEPHEN J. FERRANDO, M.D.

C. Complications of Drug-Drug Interactions
MILTON L. WAINBERG, M.D.

D. Psychotic Disorders
FRANCINE COURNOIS, M.D.

S29. Group Therapy for Breast Cancer: International
Randomized Trials

A. Australian RCTs of Group Therapy for Breast Cancer:
Outcome Data
DAVID W. KISSANE, M.D.

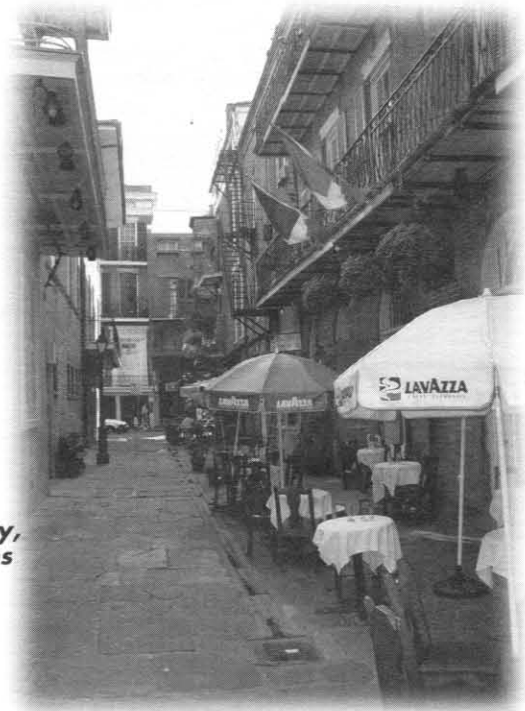
B. Group Therapy for Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Randomized
Trial
DAVID SPIEGEL, M.D.

C. Supportive-Expressive Group Therapy for Women With
Breast Cancer: A Danish Experience
ANDERS BONDE-JENSEN, PH.D.

D. Support Group for Women at Genetic Risk for Breast and
Ovarian Cancer
KATHRYN M. KASH, PH.D.

E. Psychosocial Distress and Group Intervention Among Breast
Cancer Patients
LUIGI GRASSI, M.D.

F. Group Therapy for Primary Breast Cancer: A Randomized,
Multicenter Trial
CATHERINE CLASSEN, PH.D.



**Pirate's Alley,
New Orleans**

TUESDAY, MAY 8

9:00 - 10:30am

Component Workshops
CW26. How to Launch a Successful Private Practice:
Part I APA Assembly Committee of Early Career Psychiatrists
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: WILLIAM E. CALLAHAN, JR., M.D AND KEITH W. YOUNG, M.D

11:00am - 12:30pm

Scientific and Clinical Report Sessions:
Session 17. HIV-Related Issues
50. College Students' Perceptions of Self and Others' Risk for HIV
RANDOLPH J. CANTERBURY, M.D.

51. Seriously Mentally Ill Persons Who Are HIV Positive
GREER SULLIVAN, M.D.

52. HIV, Health Care, and Mental Health Outcomes of Childhood
Disruption
CHARLES T. ROBINSON III, M.D.

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Component Workshops:
CW31. How to Launch a Successful Private Practice:
Part II APA Assembly Committee of Early Career Psychiatrists
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: WILLIAM E. CALLAHAN, JR., M.D AND KEITH W. YOUNG, M.D

12:45 - 2:00pm

The Psychiatrists' Program, the APA -endorsed Professional Liability Insurance Program, sponsors luncheon for early career psychiatrists and residents in their third or fourth year attending "How to Launch a Successful Private Practice" at Aquarium of the Americas, #1 Canal Street.
Advance reservations required:
1-800-245-3333, ext. 398.

2:00 - 5:00pm

Symposia:
S50. How to Launch a Successful Private Practice: Part III
APA COMMITTEE OF EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS AND APA ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE OF EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS

A. Personal Factors Leading to a Successful Private Practice
ANN S. MALONEY, M.D.

B. Office Location and Design for Efficiency and Success
BARRY W. WALL, M.D.

C. Streamlining Overhead and Managing Your Business in Private Practice
KEITH W. YOUNG, M.D.

D. Marketing Your Unique Private Practice
WILLIAM E. CALLAHAN JR., M.D.

S52. Psychotherapeutic Aspects of HIV

A. Epidemiology: Shifting Populations, Shifting Cultural Concerns
WARREN M. LIANG, M.D.

B. What Role Do Psychiatrists Have in Providing Baseline and Continuing HIV Counseling and Testing?
ROBERT S. TASKO, M.D.

C. Psychotherapy With People Living With HIV
MARSHALL FORSTEIN, M.D.

D. Therapeutic Interventions With the High-Risk Patient
KENNETH B. ASHLEY, M.D.

S59. Body Image Disorders in Men

A. The Prevalence of Body Image Disorders Among the Male Population
DAVID CASTLE, M.D.

B. Body Image in Males
ARNOLD ANDERSON

C. BDD: An Underrecognized Body Image Disorder in Men
KATHARINE A. PHILLIPS, M.D.

D. Body Image and Muscle Dysmorphia in Men
ROBERTO OLIVARDIA, M.A.

E. Illicit Anabolic Steroid Use: Risk Factors and Psychosexual Effects
WILLIAM R. YATES, M.D.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

8:00am - 12:00pm

Course
84: Treatment issues for women in minority groups
D. Unique Issues for Lesbians and Bisexual Women
ELLEN HALLER, M.D.

9:00 - 10:30am

Component Workshops:
CW34. Transgender Issues: Female to Male
APA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY'S COMMITTEE ON
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES
CHAIRPERSON: DAN H. KARASIC, M.D.

11:00am - 12:30pm

Lectures
L19. Quills: The Marquis on the Marquee
DOUG WRIGHT
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: PETROS LEVOUNIS, M.D., AND DAVE McDOWELL, M.D.

2:00 - 5:00pm

Symposia:
S66. Women's Resiliency to Adversity
D. Attributions of Cause and Recurrence in Long-Term Breast Cancer Survivors
DONNA E. STEWART, M.D.

E. Challenges for Women in Academic Medicine
KATHERINE L. WISNER, M.D.

S67. Clinical Issues and Ethical Concerns Regarding Attempts to Change Sexual Orientation: An Update
Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues
Room 267-268, Level 2, Convention Center

A. Overview of the Research Problems and Ethics of Therapy to Change Sexual Orientation
MARSHALL FORSTEIN, M.D.

B. Subjects Who Claim to Have Benefited From Sexual Reorientation Therapy
ROBERT L. SPITZER, M.D.

C. Clinical and Religious Attempts to Change Homosexual Orientations: An Empirical Study
ARIEL SHIDLO, PH.D.

D. Ethical Issues in Efforts to Ban Reorientation Therapies
MARK YARHOUSE, PSY.D.

E. Ethical Concerns Raised When Patients Seek to Change Same-Sex Attractions
JACK DRESCHER, M.D.

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THURSDAY, MAY 10

9:00 - 10:30am

Component Workshops:
CW47. Finding Common Ground: Gays and Lesbians Together
APA NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT BRANCH'S COMMITTEE ON GAY AND LESBIAN
ISSUES
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: STEVEN T. WOZNIAK, M.D., AND JULIE K. SCHULMAN, M.D.

CW49. The Use of Anabolic and Androgenic Steroids in HIV
Disease
APA COMMISSION ON AIDS
CHAIRPERSON: MARSHALL FORSTEIN, M.D.

11:00am - 12:30pm

Component Workshops:
CW54. More Alive Than Dead: Changing Strategies in HIV
Psychotherapy
APA NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT BRANCH'S AIDS COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRPERSONS: KRISTINA JONES, M.D., AND KENNETH B. ASHLEY, M.D.

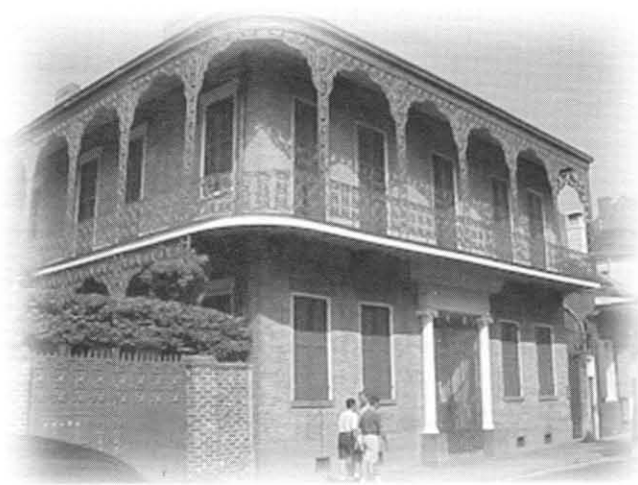
12:30 - 2:00pm

Media Program:
Session 30. Coming Out: A Struggle for Acceptance
CHAIRPERSON: DAN H. KARASIC, M.D.
DISCUSSANT: SUDHA PRATHIKANTI, M.D.

52. Looking for Common Ground

53. Summer in My Veins

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**French Quarter,
New Orleans**

AGLP MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

THE *NEWSLETTER*, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, IS GOING TO START FEATURING MEMBER PROFILES IN EACH ISSUE. LEARNING A LITTLE ABOUT EACH OTHER, THROUGH THIS FORMAT, IS A GREAT WAY TO STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS AS MEMBERS OF AGLP AND OF THE PSYCHIATRIC COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE.

PLEASE WRITE UP A SHORT PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOURSELF, INCLUDE A PHOTO IF YOU CAN, AND MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX YOUR PROFILE TO ROY HARKER AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

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Transgender Task Force Submits Proposal

Mary Barber, M.D.

Last September, Phil Bialer charged me with heading a task force to come up with a proposed change to the AGLP bylaws that would include more welcoming language for transgendered members. This followed the defeat of the previous bylaws proposal that was thought to be too broad and perhaps ambiguously worded.

Through invitation and volunteering, the task force was formed, and included Jack Drescher, Dan Karasic, Wynelle Snow, and myself. We are all members in favor of trans inclusion, which had not been my original intent for the task force. However, my efforts to recruit members with a broad range of opinions on the subject, through invitation and solicitation of volunteers, were unsuccessful. We reached a proposal which would represent a substantial change for the organization, but is also specific and unambiguous.

One criticism of the previous proposal had been that the bylaws were changed in too many places, perhaps representing too big a shift for some members. We considered adding a statement of transgender inclusion to the first part (Object section) of the bylaws, while leaving the rest as is. However, the consensus of the task force was that such a change would give a mixed message to potential transgendered members (and to those of us not identifying as transgendered as well). Since a large number of the references to "LGB" in the body of the bylaws deal with educational issues, it would also seem logical to change these to reflect the educational activities we already undertake at our annual meeting.

Below are the proposed changes, underlined throughout the bylaws. We expect that this proposal may generate some controversy, and we welcome any member's comments in support or dissent. The proposal will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Meeting this May in New Orleans, during the AGLP business meetings on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Any AGLP member may attend the meetings to participate in the discussion, and any member may submit written amendment proposals or comments to be read at the meeting in the event she or he can't attend.

Change in any organization can be uncomfortable, even painful. However, I think that AGLP is a strong enough organization to handle some growing pains as we wrestle with this issue. I would much prefer a lively debate about this proposal in May than silent acceptance with bitter feelings, or the slipping away of valuable members. I also remain mindful of the effect that more explicit transgender inclusivity in AGLP might have on lesbian-only events, and the potential need to advertise such events specifically as such in future programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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AGLP BYLAWS CHANGE PROPOSAL

We propose changing "gay, lesbian, and bisexual," to "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender" everywhere this phrase occurs in the bylaws. Additionally we propose changing "homosexuality" in the places where it occurs in the Object section (Article II, Section 1). Note that the name of the organization would remain the same.

The specific changes are underlined below:

Accepted by the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association, May, 1980, San Francisco, CA
Amended by the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association, May, 1984, Los Angeles, CA
Amended by the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association, May, 1985, Dallas, TX
Name changed to the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, May 1985, Dallas, Texas
Amended by the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, May 1987, Chicago, IL
Amended by the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, May 1989, San Francisco, CA
Amended by the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, May 1996, New York, NY
Amended by the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, May 2000, Chicago, IL

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists.

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Article II. Object.

Section 1. The goals and objects of the Association are:

To provide a professional, social and educational group for psychiatrists who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered and/or engaged in the treatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgendered patients,

To promote greater understanding in the members of this Association, our colleagues, and the public in matters related to sexual orientation and gender identity,

To promote fair and equitable treatment of all people without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity,

To diminish stigma, intimidation, and physical violence directed towards gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered persons,

To promote the development of improved mental health services for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons,

To promote and encourage research in areas related to sexual orientation and gender identity,

To promote the scientific education and training of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals involved in the treatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people.

Section 2. This organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

Article III. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers of the Association as described above. The Office Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Duties. The officers shall perform duties prescribed by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association. The Executive Committee may determine duties of officers beyond those designated in these bylaws. Duties of the officers include:

A. President: Functions as the executive officer of the Association in principle, planning, and operation; presides at general meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee; speaks for and represents the Association, and keeps the Executive Committee informed of developments and proceedings.

B. Vice President: participates with the President in all matters of policy determination and decisions; presides over general membership and Executive Committee meetings in President's absence; collates and sets the scheduling of all the Association activities during the Annual Meeting as may be required by the President, Executive Committee, Board of Directors or individual members of the Association.

C. President Elect: participates with the President in all matters of policy determination and decisions; familiarizes her or himself with the history, purposes, goals, and ongoing activities of the Association.

D. Past President: participates with the President in all matters of policy determination and decisions; serves as historian and consultant to newly elected officers in affairs of the Association and aids officers in achieving continuity in the affairs of the Association and archiving of important historical documents; with the approval of the Executive Committee, annually selects person(s) to be recognized for distinguished service to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities both within and without the Association.

E. Secretary: Collects reports of all activities of various elements of the Association and keeps the Executive Committee informed of these activities; takes minutes at general membership business meetings, Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings and makes these minutes available to members through the *Newsletter* of AGLP.

F. Treasurer: Collects, disburses, and keeps accounts of funds of the Association; maintains, with the help of the Office Director, records of dues owed and paid and ensures that members are regularly informed of membership expiration and dues to be paid; keeps the Executive Committee informed of the financial state of the Association and makes a financial report to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting; constructs a budget annually as approved by the Executive Committee; along with the President authorizes all disbursements of budgeted moneys; along with the President, authorizes all disbursements of non-budgeted moneys in cases of small disbursements or in cases of emergency such that there is insufficient time for authorization by the Executive Committee; and audits the expenditures of the national office.

G. *Newsletter* Editor: Edits and distributes a newsletter at least 4 times per year; edits and distributes other mailings as directed by the Executive Committee; publishes the minutes of the Association.

Section 3. Election of Officers.

A. All officers, since they must be readily available to members, to media and to American Psychiatric Association officers and committees, must be prepared to openly and publicly identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered.

B. Time: Elections shall be held either by mail before the Annual Meeting or at the membership meetings of the Association during the Annual Meeting.

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C. Nominations: The President shall appoint from three to five members of the Board of Directors in good standing to nominate officers for the Association. Nominations shall be presented to the Association at the first membership meeting of the Annual Meeting, or by mail if not otherwise feasible. The president shall at that time accept additional nominations from the floor (or by mail if the election is by mail). All nominations from the floor or by mail must be seconded by a member of the Association in good standing. In no case may a member be nominated for office who is not in good standing with the Association.

D. Balloting: Balloting shall be at the second membership meeting of the Association during the Annual Meeting (or, if by mail, around the time that the Annual Meeting usually is held). Signed ballots of members unable to be present at such a meeting may be submitted to the Secretary at a prior time. Counting of ballots shall be by the Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President Elect who shall serve as a Board of Tellers. This count shall be accomplished immediately after balloting and results announced at the meeting at which balloting occurs. In the case of uncontested offices, an oral vote may be taken if there are no objections.

Section 4. Eligibility, terms, vacancies and succession to office.

A. Any member of the Association defined as a full and voting member, who is not a member of the Board of Directors, and who is prepared to openly and publicly identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered, is eligible to become an officer of the Association as defined in Section 2A above. A Board of Directors member may become an officer by resigning his or her post upon election to office.

B. The term of office for the President shall be for two years. The term of office for all other officers, including the Past President, shall be for one year (or, from the date of election to the date of the next subsequent election of officers).

C. The President shall not hold office for more than two consecutive terms. Other officers shall not hold the same office for more than four consecutive terms.

D. A vacancy of the office of President shall be filled by the President Elect becoming President. A vacancy in the office of President Elect shall be filled by nomination by the Executive Committee and a mail ballot of the voting membership. Other office vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

E. Recall. Recall of an officer may be accomplished by: a petition to the President signed by 20% of the voting members followed by vote, which may be by mail, of a simple majority of the voting members. In case of emergency, as defined by the President, any officer may be removed immediately by two thirds vote of the Executive Committee. If the potential object of actions is the President, the Vice President may declare an emergency and call for action by the Executive Committee.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Any member in good standing with the American Psychiatric Association who supports the objectives of the Association may be a general member at the discretion of the Executive Committee by notifying the Executive Committee or the Office Director of his or her desire to join and by paying dues. Membership continues so long as American Psychiatric Association membership is maintained and dues to the Association are paid. Members may resign upon request to the Secretary of the Association. Membership may be terminated by 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee for conduct considered to be in opposition to the objects of the Association.

Section 2. Affiliation. Any person who does not qualify for general membership but who supports the object of the Association may become an associate member by notifying the Executive Committee or Office Director of her or his desire for affiliation and paying dues. Such associate member may not vote or hold office in the Association.

Section 3. Dues. The Executive Committee will determine the amount of dues and their time and method of payment. Changes in dues charged to members by the Executive Committee must be approved by the Board of Directors or, in emergency, by mail ballot of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Responsibilities. Members may not speak for or otherwise represent the Association without knowledge and consent of the President.

Section 5. Membership List. The membership list of the Association shall be confidential and available only to members of the Executive Committee and Membership Committees for use in activities of the Association. Relevant portions of the membership list may be released to Board of Directors Members listing their respective constituencies. Failure to maintain confidentiality of the membership list shall be grounds for removal from membership and/or office under the procedure outlined in Section 2 above. In the event that the President has been charged with an unauthorized release of the membership list, the Vice President will adjudicate consideration for removal.

Article V. Meetings.

Section 1. Two business meetings of the Association shall be held during the Annual Meeting at such time and place as designated by the President. Business meetings shall be open to anyone desiring to attend who supports the goals of the Association and does not interfere with, or is disruptive of, the meetings. Members who wish to introduce items of business at the meetings are encouraged to inform the President in advance of the Annual Meeting. The President will chair the business meetings. All actions taken during the business meetings shall be noted in minutes taken by the Secretary of the Association. Each officer of the Association shall report on his or her respective activities on behalf of the organization. The Treasurer will report on the financial affairs of the Association at this time. The Treasurer shall respond, within reason, to any questions about the finances of the Association from any member of the Association. Additional reports from Board of Directors members and others designated by the President will also be heard at this time.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Association is the general meeting at which officers are elected and the business meetings are held, usually in conjunction with educational, professional and social activities for the general membership.

Section 3. Board of Directors Meeting. Each year, generally in the fall, the President of the Association shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to plan for the Annual Meeting and plot future directions for the Association. The President shall select three to five members of the Board of Directors to serve as a nominating committee for the officers of the association. The nominating committee shall be prepared to present a slate or slates of officers at the first membership meeting of the Annual Meeting (or, by mail if not otherwise feasible).

The Executive Committee shall meet separately from the Board of Directors meeting to address the designated concerns of the Executive Committee and other issues as the Executive Committee may feel appropriate. The Executive Committee will then join the Board of Directors for a joint planning meeting. The joint planning meeting will be chaired by the President of the Association. Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting will be taken by the Secretary of the Association. The Executive Committee may present to the Board of Directors at this time (or, alternatively, at the Annual Meeting) a request to approve changes in the dues charged to members of the Association. After discussion the President shall poll the members of the Board of Directors for approval or rejection of the Executive Committee's request to change the dues. A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be sufficient to authorize the change. Except in an emergency (which may be declared by majority vote of both the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors), changes by the Executive Committee in dues which have been approved by the Board of Directors will be announced at the next Annual Meeting with the change to become effective on the first day of the January following that Annual Meeting. Additional Association business may be acted on at this time with each member of the Board of Directors and each officer having one vote, except for the president who votes only in case of a tie vote. The Board of Directors is an advisory body to the Executive Committee. Ultimate administrative responsibility for the Association lies with the Executive Committee. In cases of serious division between the Executive Committee and members of the Board of Directors (with the exception of matters relating to dues), the President may call the Executive Committee into executive session and if, after discussion, the division remains, the wishes of the majority of the Executive Committee shall prevail.

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Section 4. Additional Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors meetings shall be held at times and places determined by the President. These may be by telephone conference call or other forms of electronic or written media.

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the President for the specific purposes of urgent nature which cannot wait for a general meetings.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section 1. Members. The officers of the Association shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Powers and duties. The Executive Committee shall have supervision and policy direction of the affairs of the Association between membership meetings and fix the time and place of those meetings. The Executive Committee interprets the bylaws, but shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Association. The Executive Committee shall determine all disbursements of moneys made by the Treasurer and may authorize disbursements up to a specified amount without specific approval. Investment of Association funds in investments other than bank and insured money-market funds must be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet during the Annual Meeting of the Association, in conjunction with the Board of Directors Meeting, and additionally as determined necessary by the President; such meeting may be conducted by phone or other electronic media. Meetings may be initiated by any member of the Executive Committee with the approval of the President. In the event the President does not approve, a meeting may be called with the agreement of any three members of the Executive Committee.

Article VII. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of officers of the Association, representatives of constituency committees, chairs of standing task committees, and up to 5 Directors appointed by the President for specific purposes. The number of Directors may fluctuate from year to year. A substitute representative may fully participate in the Board of Directors meetings when the designated representative is unable to attend. In cases in which the official representative for a Board of Directors position is disputed, the President shall decide the dispute. In cases in which a Board of Directors position is unrepresented, the President shall endeavor to assign a representative. Although a Board member may be a member of more than one constituency group, directorship or task force, no member may represent more than one position on the Board of Directors. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President or her or his designate, and at least 6 additional Board of Directors representatives. The Office Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. General members of the Association may attend the Board of Directors Meeting and may, if time permits and the President approves, speak during Board of Directors Meetings.

Section 1. The constituency committees represented by a Director may include, but are not limited to, the following: women members, medical students, psychiatric residents and fellows, early career psychiatrists, ethnic minority members, psychoanalysts, child and adolescent psychiatrists, and HIV-affected members. Each constituency shall yearly select a representative to serve on the Board of Directors, by whatever manner it deems appropriate. Each constituency must chose a Director and notify the President of their choice prior to the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association. Any contingency of the Association which meets in conjunction with any Association meeting must send a representative to the Board.

Section 2. The standing task committees represented by a Director shall be a Journal Editor, appointed annually by the Executive Committee; and a Local Arrangements Director, a Membership Director, and a Preconvention Director who shall be appointed annually by the President.

A. Journal Editor. Publishes and distributes to the membership and others, a professional and scientific journal at least semi-annually, containing studies, expertise and observations relating to the equitable and affirming treatment of psychological and psychiatric issues affect-

ing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people.

B. The Local Arrangements Director shall coordinate the arrangements for the Annual Meeting. The Director shall live in close proximity to the Annual Meeting site. The Director shall appoint a committee to advise and aid the Director in this task. The committee must also carry out the following tasks: design, fabricate and execute publicity displays such as the Association Educational Exhibit at the Annual Meeting; and compile and publish a guide and other information about the Annual Meeting and the Annual Meeting site.

C. The Membership Director shall develop policies, media coverage and programs to expand the membership of the Association. The Director shall appoint a committee to advise and aid her or him in membership development. The Office Director shall work closely with the Membership Director to promptly answer letters of inquiry about membership.

D. The Preconvention Director shall design and coordinate an educational program for members of the Association addressing current and relevant topics on gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender matters to be presented prior to the Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

Section 3. Up to 5 special task force chairs shall be selected each year by the President to address special issues and tasks chosen and assigned by the President. The President may appoint or disband special task forces at any time during the year as he or she sees fit. More than 5 task forces may be appointed, but only 5 may be selected by the President to serve on the Board of Directors. Article

VIII. Office Director.

Section 1. The Office Director shall be a paid employee of the Association who staffs and clerically administers the national office of the Association. The Director shall report to the president and may be hired or fired by simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall determine compensation of the Director. The Director shall be bondable and shall personally support the goals and objects of the Association.

Section 2. The duties of the Office Director shall be as follows:

A. The office director shall maintain an office and provide regular continuous staffing of that office such that letters, telephone calls and other forms of inquiry from members or the public are responded to promptly and directed to the proper source for resolution or response. The office director shall purchase routine office supplies, services, equipment and furnishings to maintain the office within budgetary constraints set by the Executive Committee.

B. The office director shall provide members with clerical help to accomplish tasks ordered by the Association officers, Board of Directors or membership body. The Director shall remind, in a timely fashion, members of tasks that need to be accomplished and insure follow through on all formally approved actions of the Association.

C. The office director shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors, the membership meetings, and where feasible, the Executive Committee meetings. The office director shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

D. The office director shall attend the Annual Meeting and shall provide logistical and clerical help to the officers and directors of the organization at that time. The Director will insure that contracts for the exhibits booth and furnishings, meeting rooms, entertainment, etc. are completed in a timely fashion and sent to the appropriate officer for approval.

E. The office director shall receive submissions for the journal of the Association and shall refer them to the Journal Editor. The office director shall provide clerical support to the Journal Editor throughout the process of selection of articles for the journal and shall communicate with the authors of submitted articles on behalf of the editor. The office director shall insure that copyright agreements are signed for all journal articles prior to publication.

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F. The office director shall receive submissions for the newsletter of the Association and shall refer the submissions to the Newsletter Editor. The office director shall insure that the newsletter is properly laid out, printed and distributed to members in a timely fashion.

G. The office director shall maintain the mailing, dues and membership lists and shall fastidiously guard the confidentiality and privacy of those lists. Under no circumstances is the list to be released to any party except as defined in these bylaws.

H. The office director shall collate and publish a membership directory listing only those members of the Association who ask to be included in a non-confidential membership directory. The Membership Directory shall be distributed only to members of the Association in good standing.

I. The office director shall collate and publish a referral guide listing the Association members who are full or associate members in good standing who have asked to be listed in a non-confidential referral guide for patient's seeking therapy from a therapist who is affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. The Referral Guide may be distributed, within reason, to anyone requesting such a guide and shall automatically be sent to all members of the Association in good standing.

J. The office director annually shall prepare a financial report of all office expenditures for the Treasurer.

K. The office director shall perform additional tasks as may be directed by the President or Executive Committee providing such tasks do not conflict with these bylaws.

Article IX. Parliamentary authority.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules or order that the Association may adopt. The rules may be informally applied if there are no objections.

Article X. Amendment of the Bylaws.

Petition to amend these by-laws may be made in writing to the Secretary if signed by 10 general members, and suggestions for changes in these bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Committee. These bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted to the Secretary in writing at a previous general meeting. During the Annual Meeting, bylaws changes may be proposed at the first business meeting and approved at the second business meeting.

Article XI. Distribution of assets on dissolution.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The nonprofit organization shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall have goals consistent with the object of the Association.

Proposal submitted by the Transgender Task Force,

- Mary Barber, M.D.
- Jack Drescher, M.D.
- Dan Karasic, M.D.
- Wynelle Snow, M.D.

Letters to the Editor...



Dear Editor:

We are happy to inform the AGLP members that the Norwegian Psychiatric Association (NPA) finally passed a statement against reparative therapy during the Annual Meeting on October 13, 2000. Last August we wrote here in the *Newsletter* about the ongoing struggle. In 1999 we put forward a similar statement, but after a discussion uncovering much disagreement and anti-homosexual bias, it was decided to let the board work further on the statement. This year the discussion was much more focused and our colleagues more accepting. The statement was presented by the board and got 66 votes pro and 6 contra and 4 were blank. It uses the Norwegian term homophile (meaning gay and lesbian) instead of homosexual. This reflects the dominating essentialistic view of the psychiatrists in Norway regarding homosexuality.

The statement says:

Homosexuality is no disorder or illness, and can therefore not be subject to treatment. A `treatment` with the only aim of changing sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual must be regarded as ethical malpractice, and has no place in the health system.

Homosexuals have, as everyone else, of course, a right to help and treatment that follow recommended guidelines, whether this is related to their sexuality or not.

This statement - short and to many people self evident today - is rather important and fills the gap left by the NPA-statement in 1977 that resulted in the removal of homosexuality as a diagnosis in Norway. It emphasizes ethical arguments and is important in preventing some Norwegian psychiatrists who mix up their religious interest or psychoanalytic orthodoxy with professional ethical standards.

We are very grateful to AGLP and the work of its members making it possible for APA to pass their statements. We especially thank the AGLP International Committee with Kenn Ashley and Gene Nakajima and the distinguished authors Jack Drescher and Richard Isay for their support and inspiration.

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with a Women's Pre-Reception at 6:15. The event will feature a light buffet with creole and Acadian food. We want to make sure everybody enjoys themselves, so please show non-members around.

Women members may remember the Saturday lesbian dinner, at the home of Dr. Nikki Kearby, a New Orleans ENT. She has a striking 1830's townhouse, in classic French Quarter style, and she's throwing it open again. Petunias, a lesbian-owned and run restaurant, will be catering the event as before, and we're inviting women from around the area. It was great fun, and friendships were made that have lasted ever since. The reception/buffet will start at 7PM.

The Closing Banquet will be at the Riverview Room, the fourth floor of the Jackson Brewery Millhouse, 600 Decatur Street, in the French Quarter. The beer making has stopped, and the view from the terraces is wonderful! The room will be in linen summer dress, with rose petals and candlelight. The dance floor looks out over the River. The menu will be nouvelle creole.

We on the local arrangements committee hope that everybody has a wonderful time. We know New Orleans is a great town to visit, and we want to see you again. We also want to see you in Philadelphia, next May!

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HIV-Affected Psychiatrists Column

Marshall Stiles, M.D.

As we approach the New Orleans APA Meeting and, more importantly to me, the meetings, both formal and informal, of the AGLP, I ponder how the majority of HIV-positive psychiatrists whom we never officially meet at our annual support group meeting are getting along. Are you receiving the support you probably need in your home towns? From your friends, from your partners, from local support groups? It is a difficult path to follow, to be a practicing psychiatrist, to have HIV, and probably to be taking often toxic antiretroviral drugs. Please consider joining us as we have our own unique support group in New Orleans for positive psychiatrists, their partners if they wish, and for negative psychiatrists and their positive partners. I unfortunately will not be in New Orleans to facilitate the group, but someone who attended last year has assumed the responsibility this year. As of the writing of this column, the day and time have not been firmed up, but due to the kindness and understanding of our AGLP President, Phil Bialer, we will have the meeting in the President's Suite. Please check at the Hospitality Suite as soon as you can to find out the location of that suite, and the day and time of the meeting. We have stopped meeting in the Hospitality Suite because it has become such a popular gathering place, and does not offer the probability of anonymity to those attending the support group.

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If anyone would like to be on an email list, either known only to me as chair of this committee, or possibly distributed to any and all HIV-positive psychiatrists who wish to be on a more broadly distributed roster of positive psychiatrists so that there can be the possibility of more supportive dialogue among those of us living with the virus, please let me know. I will respect each person's wishes as to complete anonymity (except to me or my ultimate successor,) or any degree of outness among others who are positive. If you at least get on the anonymous list, you will have the opportunity to receive an occasional email from me, and, perhaps, have emails from anonymous others forwarded on to you. As you can tell, this business of confidentiality and anonymity gets incredibly complicated, but the fact remains that there is still a wish on the part of most positive AGLP members to remain anonymous within our organization. I look forward to a time when all of us can proudly stand up and be counted and speak up as openly positive psychiatrists, similar to the gradual process I have experienced in the AGLP of members gradually coming out as gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons in the 23 years I have belonged to this organization and its predecessor caucus, and this coming out could start with the AGLP and progress to the APA if that is where people want to take it. But

know this: I do not wish to impose any agenda of mine on the rest of you, for each of us is in a different situation. I am retired, and find it much easier to be out as positive.

I hope everyone has a fulfilling and great time in New Orleans. You can reach me in the following ways:

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The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) announces a one-year consultation-liaison fellowship position available for PGY-V level or higher at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center (SFVAMC), starting July 1, 2001. Exciting opportunity to gain expertise in inpatient and outpatient C/L work, acquire advanced teaching and leadership skills, and develop clinical research interests in an academic setting. Responsibilities include serving as consultant and liaison in the primary care clinics, supervising psychiatry residents and medical students, teaching medicine residents and staff, and assisting in leadership of the inpatient and outpatient C/L teams. Opportunities exist to develop a liaison focus with such specialty areas as HIV/infectious disease, women's health, geriatrics, and oncology. Supervision is available for group and individual psychotherapy in the consult setting. Position is particularly suited to those who would like to work in the context of a unique primary care program that promotes interdisciplinary training among medicine, psychiatry, psychology, and social work. Approved by the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine. If interested, please contact Kewchang Lee, M.D., 4150 Clement Street #116N, San Francisco, CA 94121; e-mail: kewlee@itsa.ucsf.edu; Phone: (415) 221-4810, x3141; FAX: (415) 750-6648.

International Committee Column
Gene Nakajima, M.D.

CHINESE HOMOSEXUALITY DEPATHOLOGIZED.

The most exciting news recently has been the Chinese Psychiatric Association's (CPA) decision to delete homosexuality as a mental illness. The 1994 edition of the CPA's official nosology of mental illness stated its opposition to the World Health Organization's ICD-10 position that homosexuality is no longer a mental illness. Chinese gay activists approached AGLP for help, and I wrote an article encouraging AGLP members to write members of the CPA. In addition, I asked Ellen Mercer of the American Psychiatric Association's International Affairs office to write a letter requesting the Chinese Psychiatric Association to stop classifying homosexuality a mental illness. When the APA president met our Chinese colleagues at an APA-CPA co-sponsored conference in Beijing a couple of years ago, he raised this issue in his conference talk. The Los Angeles Times article concerning this change stated, "Part of the task force's [assigned to overhaul China's classifications of mental illness] research included contact with the American Psychiatric Association, which urged the Chinese group to change its stance." It is significant that a mainstream newspaper mentioned the APA's specific role in fostering a change in the world's views about homosexuality. A few years ago, the APA was also instrumental in helping the Japanese Psychiatry and Neurology Association publically state their depathologization of homosexuality.

WPA CONFERENCE IN YOKOHAMA, AUGUST 2002

The WPA will be holding its next conference in Yokohama, Japan from August 24-29, 2002. I hope to have several gay and lesbian symposia at this conference, similar to our program in Hamburg. Yokohama is Japan's second largest city, about 45 minutes by train from Tokyo. The abstract deadline is early-- July 1, 2001. If you are interested in presenting, please let me know your topic by May 20th and send me the abstract form by June 1st. I will organize abstracts into workshops and symposia. To obtain Conference information, please look at the conference website at <http://wpa2002yokohama.org> or call 81 (3) 5770 5549 or fax 5770-5580. The following WPA conference will be in Cairo, Egypt in 2005! For those people who are interested, I will organize a post-conference trip to Kyoto and perhaps to Hiroshima, and Kyushu (the southern island). (I am also suggesting people stay in Tokyo during the first weekend of the conference, switching to Yokohama during the week). During the International Committee meeting this year in New Orleans, we will discuss preparation for the Yokohama meeting.

AGLP INTERNATIONAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY RECEPTION DURING THE APA

We will have a small reception after the AGLP business meeting on Monday night and then go out to dinner. (Please see the conference schedule for details.) All gay/lesbian/bi psychiatrists from outside the US/Canada as well as AGLP members are welcome to come to the International and Ethnic Minority reception. We also encourage Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Latino/a and Native American gay and lesbian psychiatrists to attend. The International committee will also have a meeting on Tuesday morning.

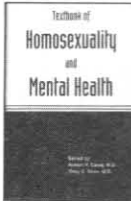
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Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health

Edited by Robert P. Cabaj, M.D., and Terry S. Stein, M.D.
American Psychiatric Press



Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health brings together in one volume the entire range of material and variety of perspectives concerning homosexuality and mental health. With more than 50 chapters written by leaders in the field, this book is the most complete review of the topics of homosexuality and mental health and treatment of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transsexuals to date.

Starting from the belief that homosexuality is a normal variation of human sexuality and not a mental illness, this revolutionary book presents current information on homosexuality from a mental health and medical perspective. Sections focus on demographic, cultural, genetic, biological, and psychological perspectives; development throughout the life cycle; relationships and families; psychotherapy; multi-cultural identities and communities; professional education; and medical care. A variety of special issues, such as sexuality, substance abuse, violence, suicide, religion, and HIV/AIDS are discussed. Also included are several unique chapters that cover material not readily available elsewhere, among them transsexuality, minority gay, lesbian, or bisexual people, the impact of the sexual orientation of the therapist, latency development in prehomosexual boys, and clinical issues specific to psychotherapy with gay, lesbian, and bisexual patients.

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Analytic Press

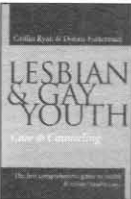


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Caitlin Ryan & Donna Futterman
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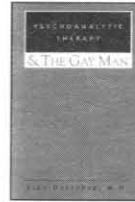
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