WE WERE THERE!


Is This Your Last Newsletter?

If you have not paid dues or subscribed to the Newsletter in 1987, your name will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list on December 31st. Dues for 1988 will be billed in January and February and will rise from $50.00 to $75.00 for associates (i.e., non-APA members or non-psychiatrists) and full members. Dues will be unchanged for residents ($25.00), medical students ($5.00), and Newsletter subscribers ($10.00).

Full and associate members will receive a subscription to the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy free of charge (a $24.00 value).

To continue to receive the Newsletter make sure your dues are up-to-date. The amount of dues which you owe is listed on the upper right hand column of your mailing label. If "0.00" is indicated, you do not owe any dues for 1987.
EDITOR'S COLUMN  David Scasta, M.D.

I apologize for being a month late with this issue of the Newsletter. I have been loaded down with getting the first issue of the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy to the printers. You will recognize a number of the authors in the Journal (i.e., Robert Cabaj, M.D., Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D., Gary Mihalki, M.D., Stu Nichols, M.D., Robert Schwartz, M.D., and Terry Stein, M.D.). They provide a good, general introduction to the field of psychotherapy with gay and lesbian patients in the first issue. The second issue will have a major subsection on psychotherapy and AIDS. One of the exciting aspects of producing the Journal is that every full AGLP member will receive the Journal as a benefit of membership. This benefit helps to offset some of the pain of a dues increase.

Since I began editing JGLP, I have been inundated with books sent by publishers hoping for a review in the Journal. I cannot of course even read most of them, little alone review them. But I will take a short amount of space to plug a book which I have found very useful. Ronald Bayer recently completed an updated version of his book, Homosexuality and American Psychiatry: The Politics of Diagnosis (1987). It is a fascinating book that mentions many of the people we know through AGLP as it traces the development of psychiatric understanding of homosexuality. Although some who have read it do not agree with me, I found the book to be, on the whole, fairly well balanced in its approach. The updated version includes the effect of AIDS on thinking about homosexuality and describes AGLP's efforts to delete the diagnosis of Ego Dystonic Homosexuality from DSM-III-R. The book is printed by Princeton Paperbacks. Maybe next month I'll review the book I received describing lesbian S&M fantasies. Maybe not.

Speaking of S&M, did you see the article about the March on Washington in the Village Voice on October 20, 1987. I quote:

The best piece of theater turned up in the paring of a huge S & M/Leather contingent with a large band of the Radical Faeries. Glorying in their leathers, tribal inkings, fancy harness, and pierced nipples, such gay and lesbian sadomasochists as the Disciples of DeSade pounded the asphalt in jackboots, followed by the "Radicals," whirling and skipping as the wind pulled at their camouflage skirts and long braided hair. (Perhaps it was also theater that these two groups were at no great distance from another whose services they're beyond needing: Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists.)

I am almost afraid to say it (actually not, I love saying it), but the Newsletter is about to be upgraded again. Look for a more polished image beginning in 1988. The February issue will address questions to APA candidates as has been done in previous years. Don't vote until you have had a chance to peruse their answers. The issue will also give further information about the convention in Montreal. Look for it.

Membership continues to grow slowly. We now have over 350 people on the mailing list and over 300 members. The record of payment has been very good this year. Last year we dropped 170 people from the mailing list for not paying dues. This year only 69 are in danger of such treatment and I feel many of those will respond to final notices for dues before December 31st. I am particularly pleased to see that the percentage of new women members has risen in recent months.

I keep promising information about the Survey of Attitudes Towards Homosexuality. The survey of the general membership of the APA has been completed. I have not had time to analyze the data, but using the Intra-ocular Test (eyeballing the data), it appears that considerably less than ten per cent of psychiatrists responding to this survey admitted to any homosexual activity at anytime in their life. Interestingly, and disappointingly, almost all of the respondents were over 60 years old. Many of the views expressed in the survey were reminiscent of the 60's when most of the respondents were in the middle of their practicing years. I suspect that the retired psychiatrists with strong feelings about homosexuality were the only ones who had time and motivation to complete the survey, thus, biasing the data towards a more conservative heritage. Regardless, the survey emphasizes the need for education. (See Terry Stein's request for curriculum information.) Hopefully, sometime in the spring the data will be analyzed and ready for a full report.

The views expressed in the Newsletter are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists. The sexual orientation of any writer or any person mentioned in the Newsletter should not be inferred unless specifically stated. Mailing lists for the Newsletter are confidential, to be used only by the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, and do not imply sexual orientation.

Information for Authors

Persons wishing to submit articles for publication should send them to: Editor, The Newsletter of AGLP, 1721 Addison Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146. Submissions should be clearly readable and become the property of AGLP.

Submissions will not be returned unless requested and accompanied by a self addressed and stamped envelope. The Newsletter reserves the right to make editorial changes and to shorten articles to fit space limitations. Name, address, daytime telephone number, and a short biographical statement about the author should accompany the submission even if the author requests anonymity in publication (which is discouraged).

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last spring I proposed that we amend the by-laws of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists so that membership in the American Psychiatric Association would no longer be a prerequisite for full/voting membership. During the Fall meeting of AGLP, as we were surrounded by APA activities, I had an opportunity to think again about the relationship between the two organizations. While I am most appreciative of the support and cooperation of the APA and its staff, I still believe that it is appropriate for this association to be independent of the APA.

The requirement for membership in the American Psychiatric Association is a vestige from our predecessor, the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Members of the American Psychiatric Association. That caucus, as its name indicated, wished to clearly demonstrate the presence of lesbian, gay, and bisexual psychiatrists in the APA. That purpose is now served by the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists within the APA.

There are several reasons for removing membership in the American Psychiatric Association as a requirement for full participation in AGLP. First, there may be lesbian and gay psychiatrists—especially those who may be serving our community in low paying public service positions or those who are ill—who may be unable to pay the APA dues of over $500.00 yearly. Second, there may be instances when a local district blocks or delays an application for membership because of issues of "moral character" which really were disguised objections to the applicant's sexual orientation. Especially in an era when some state legislatures and medical societies have considered excluding individuals who are HIV-positive or all homosexuals from medical practice, I am reluctant to give another organization control over who can be an AGLP member. Third, I respect the right of any lesbian or gay psychiatrist to withdraw from the APA should the APA policies violate their personal conscience, without having to jeopardize their membership in the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists.

I am not advocating that we in AGLP reduce our participation in the American Psychiatric Association. On the contrary, I want us to be more active within the APA on both the national and local levels. We must work first to increase the number of APA members who join the Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists. At present, there are only 83 members in CHIP in contrast to over 300 members in AGLP. I propose that we strive to increase the membership of CHIP to 150 by the annual meeting in May. If you are a member of the APA but are not as yet a member of CHIP, you can join by completing the enrollment form printed in this newsletter.

These are not times when social activism is encouraged in Washington, D.C. There are some within the APA who would abolish all of the minority or underrepresented groups. Unless CHIP continues to grow and the voices of individual lesbian and gay psychiatrists are heard at all levels within the APA, then AGLP as an organization will not have much influence in the APA.

APPLICATION FORM
Caucus of Homosexual-Identified Psychiatrists
American Psychological Association

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

Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ ZIP: ___________

* APA Membership Status: ___________________________

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

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________

Send this form to: Carol Lehmann; APA Membership Services; 1400 K Street, N.W.; Washington, DC 2005.

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

For the past ten years a handful of gay and lesbian psychiatrists have been our voice within the American Psychiatric Association. Most of us have relied on Jim, Dave, Stu, Terry, Peggy, and Bob to write the letters and fight the battles for all of us. Let us not continue to expect our representatives within the APA to do it all. When we read articles in APA journals that merit a reply, we must generate many letters. When APA journals neglect to cover issues important to our community, then we must also write to voice our disapproval and offer to submit articles of merit. Whenever we write to an APA officer—even friends within CHIP or other committees—we should send copies to other persons within the APA hierarchy who we want to inform and to educate. Letters do make a difference.

The members of the Assembly of the APA represent local constituencies. If they have never heard from members of their local district branches that there are concerns regarding issues such as: the exclusion of gay and lesbian psychiatrists from the military, discrimination against lesbians or gays in residency training, AIDS-related discrimination, or the inappropriateness of holding APA meetings in locations that criminalize homosexual activities; then the delegates to the Assembly will be less inclined to be concerned about these issues. No matter how forceful and how eloquent the arguments of Jim Krajewsli, Bob Cabaj, or Stu Nichols may be, members of the Assembly are less likely to support our concerns unless we as local constituents have also raised our voices. Let us make a difference.
NOTES

The Advocate published a two part article by Henry Jay Mach on the relationship between gays and psychotherapists. While the article provided much valuable information, it displayed an unfortunate anti-psychiatry bias. Mr. Mach neglected to interview any lesbian and gay psychiatrists. He also failed to acknowledge the role played by gay and lesbian psychiatrists working within the American Psychiatric Association that brought about the changes in the diagnostic status of homosexuality.

It was during the week between the publication of the first and second parts of Mr. Mach's article that a contingent representing AGLP participated in the March on Washington. Thanks to David Scasta, AGLP had a really spectacular banner and our presence was noticed by many. Even before the March began, as we were walking from Lafayette Park to the Ellipse, our prominent banner attracted considerable attention. At first, spectators seemed surprised that there was in fact an organization representing lesbian and gay psychiatrists. Then they responded uniformly with warm and appreciative applause. What a wonderful feeling to be there for the March!

I hope that all Advocate readers read Terry Stein's letter regarding Mr. Mach's article. It is clear that we have to educate even our own community.

PLANNING FOR MONTREAL

I have received word that a workshop, "Organizing AIDS Support Programs," submitted by Dan Hicks, M.D. has been accepted for presentation Monday, May 9, 1988; 11 AM - 12:30 PM. The course "New Perspectives on Psychotherapy with Lesbian and Gay Men", submitted by Bob Schwartz, M.D. has been accepted for presentation on Sunday, May 8, 1988.

If your proposals for the annual meeting have been accepted, please let David Scasta, M.D. know so that he might include it in the AGLP schedule and also reduce conflicts in planning AGLP events. If you had a proposal that was not accepted, please consider making a presentation in the AGLP Hospitality Suite. It would be most helpful if you would think about these matters now so we might prepare accurate schedules of events for the pre-convention newsletters.

Vice President's Column

Stephen Atkinson, M.D.

Plans for AGLP activities during the Annual Meeting, May 7-12 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada are already underway. We hope for a somewhat expanded AGLP program and many opportunities for members to meet each other and develop the friendships that some of us find the best part of the Association.

First, although we had hoped to be able to arrange independent hotel space with group rates for AGLP members, the APA has eaten up all the appropriate hotels. Therefore, and we urge you to make note of this so you can reply promptly when you receive your APA Housing Form. We are suggesting AGLP members try to stay at one of three hotels: the Delta Montreal, the Holiday Inn Downtown, or La Citadelle. Their rates are reasonable, their quality is high and they are directly next door to each other. If you put all of them as your three APA choices, you are virtually assured of getting one of them and of being close to your AGLP friends.

Second, the Fall Meeting Work Group of AGLP decided to institute an Educational Day just for gay and lesbian psychiatrists, separate from APA meeting days, to allow an easier schedule during those busy days. Saturday, May 7 at La Citadelle Hotel, 410 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal in the Bordeaux-Beaujolais Rooms will be a series of clinical discussions such as we have had in previous years in the Hospitality Suite. The times and topics will be announced later, but plan to attend now. This does not mean that such discussions will not be held in the Suite as before, but gives us a chance for better and broader discussions and getting acquainted earlier.

Our Hospitality Suite will be in the Sheraton Centre, close to the center of APA Annual Meeting activities and therefore more accessible during the day. We expect to have it from Sunday to Thursday mornings with a similar schedule of activities there as in previous years.

Finally, Montreal is a dynamic, growing, beautiful, friendly and slightly exotic city by North American standards with a well-developed nightlife scene. It is safe and clean as you expect Canadian cities to be, and is relatively compact, making getting about cheap and simple. Join us!

A bientot,
Stephen Atkinson
Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists

Gregory Herek, Ph.D.

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) presented its third annual Humanitarian Awards to Kevin Berrill and Carol Burroughs at its annual banquet in New York on August 31. Dr. Gregory Herek, president of the national organization, noted that the award is presented every year to one or more individuals "who have worked to advance the struggles of lesbians and gay men in the United States."

"Through the Humanitarian Award, ALGP tries to honor individuals who have worked hard for the welfare of lesbians and gay men, often without much recognition," Herek said. "Both Kevin Berrill and Carol Burroughs have played significant roles behind the scenes during the past few years."

According to Dr. Herek, Mr. Berrill was nominated for the award "because of his excellent work" as director of the Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Kevin has been a significant force in making legislators, government officials, and members of the general public aware of the problem of anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence in this country," commented Herek. "He has helped to document the incidence of homophobia and violence at the national level, and has pushed people to respond to it."

Herek credited Berrill with "leading the charge" that resulted in last year's congressional hearings on anti-gay violence, and he praised Berrill's current involvement with efforts to include sexual orientation in federal "hate-crimes" legislation requiring special attention by the criminal justice system to crimes motivated by bigotry.

Ms. Burroughs, an attorney, staffs the Office of Women's Programs at the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C. For the past three, she also worked for the American Psychological Association's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (CLGC).

"Carol has used her knowledge of the law and psychology to increase the American Psychological Association's effectiveness on lesbian and gay issues immeasurably," according to Herek. "She has tirelessly voiced the concerns of gay people to psychological practitioners and researchers."

Herek also cited Ms. Burrough's work in helping to shape American Psychological Association response to numerous public policy issues affecting lesbians and gay men, including the Washington, D.C. AIDS Insurance law, federal and state challenges to sodomy laws, and legislative and judicial attacks on gay and lesbian parents and families. "In the last few years, the American Psychological Association has emerged as the leading professional organization to challenge homophobia," he said. "Carol Burroughs has played a key role in helping to mobilize the organization in this area."

According to Herek, this is the first year that ALGP has presented two Humanitarian Awards, and also the first year that the award has gone to a non-psychologist. In 1985, the first Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Evelyn Hooker, who conducted pioneering research to establish that gay people are no more likely that heterosexuals to suffer from psychopathology. In 1986, the award went to Dr. Arnold Kahn, who helped to establish the American Psychological Association's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns.

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists was founded in 1973 as an independent national organization to address the concerns of lesbians and gay men as they relate to psychological research and practice. It now has more than 400 members.

"Shrinking Interest."

Editor's Note: The following is a Letter to the Editor by Terry Stein, M.D., printed in The Advocate November 10, 1887 on page 7.

Thank you for your article, "Shrink, Shrank, Shrunk" [Issue 483], which clarified many of the concerns that gay men and lesbians need to confront in approaching psychotherapy and other forms of treatment with mental health professionals, most of whom have been inadequately trained about homosexuality and who continue to have negative attitudes and approaches to working with gay people. You outlined the significant effort being made by the psychological profession to correct this situation, by doctors such as Alan Malony, Greg Herek, Steve Morin, John Gonsiorek, and Don Clark.

I want to point out as well that the psychiatric profession has a growing and increasingly vocal minority - in addition to Dr. Richard Pillard, whom you quoted in the article - who are seeking to change outdated and frequently harmful approaches of psychiatrists working with gay persons. The Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists has been in existence for more than ten years now and has a membership of several hundred. Many of us have worked vigorously and consistently to eliminate any specific diagnostic reference to homosexuality in our manual of diagnoses. We are currently extending our efforts to include systematic attempts to alter educational approaches to homosexuality in psychiatry training programs, to challenge discriminatory recruitment and hiring practices within psychiatry, and to eliminate any further international diagnostic references to homosexuality. Along with our colleagues in other mental health professions, an increasing number of us in psychiatry look forward to a time when gay people can seek help with fear of being further harmed by the ignorance or prejudice of the "care giver."

Terry S. Stein MD
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ASSOCIATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS

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Viewing the Great Quilt memorializing victims of AIDS

Pennsylvania Avenue on the way to the Capitol

Staging Area at the White House Ellipse
MARCH ON WASHINGTON
David Scasta, M.D.

There is no way to describe what a spine tingling thrill it was to march behind the banner of AGLP onto the Capitol Mall filled with hundreds of thousands of gay men and women. Although the park police estimated the crowd at 200,000, it was clearly an underestimate. I was in Washington during the NOW march a year earlier. The Mall totally swallowed the estimated 80,000 marchers. With this march, however, the Mall was packed. March organizers estimated that over 500,000 people participated. CBS Radio reportedly estimated over 800,000. AGLP stood in line for three and a half hours before a position could be found in the line. We were joined by the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, the National Association of Social Workers, and the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights. Our numbers waxed and waned throughout the day as people left to visit friends in other groups. Many AGLP members marched with their city delegations and other local gay groups. Despite the dispersion, we had about 25 people under the banner. Several more split the distance between AGLP and AAPHRA since they belonged to both groups.

We arrived on the Mall in the late afternoon and quickly became tired of standing around. About 5:00, I resolved to leave and was on my way out when I saw the Philadelphia contingent swing onto the Mall. I decided to wait to cheer my home town on. I cheered...and cheered...and cheered and finally stopped but still they kept coming. Hundreds of yards of people waving pink flags with liberty bells on them. It took forever for the 3000 people to pass. I am sorry that I missed the sight of Los Angeles, with a delegation of over 30,000 people, parading into the Mall earlier in the day.

I will never forget the reaction of one black woman - with an obvious histrionic streak - who pressed her hands to her head, bent up and down at the waist, and delightedly shrieked, "Oh, my God! Psychiatrists too? I don't believe it!" But for me, nothing compared to the sense of camaraderie and pride that I felt at the beginning of the day when we entered with our banner into the staging area of the Ellipse to the applause and cheers of those all around us. We have been detached from our community for a long time. It was good to be welcomed home.

It was truly a magnificent march - covered on Nightline, "Person of the Week," and the front page of many newspapers across the country. It was probably the largest collection of gay people in history. We must not let the spirit die.

Fall Meeting

The Annual Fall Meeting of AGLP was held in Washington, D.C. on September 12, 1987. The Fall Meetings are composed of work groups of AGLP members who volunteer their time to deal with issues between annual meetings and to help prepare for the coming one. Participation is open to everyone. This year 25 people attended the Fall Meeting, making it the best attended meeting yet.

Participants met the night before to share (literally) dinner at Fasika's, an Ethiopian restaurant which uses communal plates and no utensils. It was an interesting experience for those who had not eaten at an Ethiopian restaurant before. The next morning the work group got down to business.

Reports were received from a number of committees including: GLB, AIDS, Membership, Treasury, Education, CHIP, Issues, Residency, and the AGLP History. A major portion of the day was spent on planning for the Annual Meeting in Montreal, May 7-12, 1988. Details will be provided in future Newsletters. Other issues which were discussed included efforts to strengthen ties with other groups, APA elections, the March on Washington, officers for next year, and a survey of residency training programs.

A serious and extended discussion was held regarding the need for a full time, staffed, centralized office. Some members advocated a major dues increase on par with other national medical organizations to staff such an office. The prevailing view, however, was that AGLP will have to grow significantly before such an office would be feasible. Plans were made to explore the feasibility issue further.
MINUTES of the
AGLP SPRING MEETING
CHICAGO, IL—MAY 9-11, 1987

Monday, 11 May 1987, 5:30 PM
McCormick Center Hotel, Room 15
AGLP Business Meeting

CITO AND VISIT BY APA PRESIDENT-ELECT, DR. FINN. The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Steve Atkinson, M.D. He welcomed the guests and introduced APA President-Elect Paul Finn, M.D. who came forward to speak. He mentioned his concern with recent open aggression of all kinds, politically oriented violence, and "pimping." He thanked AGLP for its support of his election and asked what issues he might be helpful with.

Stu Nicholls, M.D. mentioned our Memorial Service for members who have died of AIDS and suggested that the APA should make some greater announcement of those APA members who die of AIDS and should participate in a Memorial Service in Montreal. Dr. Finn was supportive and suggested that we carefully plan the Memorial putting it near the Convention at a time when APA members would be available and promoting the Memorial to the membership, the further mention that he and Jim Krajewski, M.D. will propose bringing together some of the "top thinkers" in and out of the APA to come up with a comprehensive approach to AIDS.

Mr. Finn came to ask us to forward questions to the APA about "male churning" and other problems we have had getting through the red tape involved in setting up our meeting rooms etc. for these annual meetings. Dr. Finn pledged his cooperation prior to leaving our meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS The meeting resumed with President Cabaj introducing officers. Particular attention was paid to David Scassa, M.D. for his Newsletter work and to Past-President, Terry Stein, M.D. for work in behalf of AGLP. Announcements were made of changes in the week's programs. Concerns exist due to overlapping of programs we would like to attend. Members were invited to attend Committee meetings later in the week.

AIDS MEMORIAL Thanks were given to John Fryer, M.D., Ed Nil, M.D. and others who helped pull together the AIDS Memorial. A moment of silence was observed for our colleagues who were affected in the past year. Special mention was made of Ed Scassa, D.H.E. President Cabaj discussed our desire to name the Annual Award the "Emmy S. Heitck Award" and to make a donation to the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth (which will be renamed the Heitck- Martin Institute in honor of Emmy and her partner, Damien Martin). Bob also urged individual donations.

SUICIDE INCREASE PROPOSED The proposed dues increase was discussed. The Executive Committee has recommended raising the annual dues from $50 to $75 starting in 1988. We would propose including a subscription to the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy with membership in AGLP. We think that our fee structure would then be comparable to others. We have existed formally for 9 years and have never had an official budget but we will have a budget next year. Treasurer Jim Hartstein, M.D. gave his report. At the end of 1986 we had more money then revenue and a dues increase was clearly indicated. The improved financial situation during 1987 was partly due to the Membership Campaign Fund which was a one-time money raising project. Dr. Scassa discussed his desire for AGLP to do more than is presently being done. Much of this budget goes toward the convention expenses and Norm would like the Issues and Education Committees to have money to carry out projects.

David Scassa, M.D. wondered whether AAPF's 125th annual dues was in any way responsible for their limited membership. David then discussed the military and the psychology of suicide and of those people who see suicide as a problem and those who do not. Dr. Scassa, M.D. went on to discuss the Membership Campaign which was approved with the $7000.00 in carry forward is paid for the SATH (Survey of Attitudes Towards Homosexuality) which was sent to the membership and the advertisements which have appeared in the APA News promoting the organization.

ITEMS REQUIRING OFFICIAL ACTION President Cabaj proceeded to those items which must be voted at this meeting. At this point on Tuesday May 12, the Executive Committee has considered various individuals who would be willing to serve and has proposed the following state of officers for nomination:

- Vice President: Steve Atkinson, M.D.
- Secretary: Phil Cushman, M.D.
- Treasurer: Larry Palter, M.D.
- Newsletter Editor: David Scassa, M.D.

All nominations for the election to be held the following day were seconded.

PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS Norm Hartstein, M.D. read and explained proposed revisions in the By-Laws which would be read again and voted on the following day. Copies were distributed to those present.

Proposed Amendments of By-Laws:

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**Proposed addition**

Section 2: Duties of the Newsletter Editor: Edits and distributes newsletter at least 4 times per year. Edits and distributes other mailings as directed by the Executive Committee.

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**Proposed Revision**

1. A person who has graduated from or is enrolled in an approved Psychiatric residency training program and who supports the objectives of this society may become a voting member at the discretion of the Executive Committee by notifying the Secretary or Treasurer of the desire to join and by paying dues. Membership continues so long as dues to the Society are paid. Membership may be resigned upon request to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Society. Membership may be terminated by a 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee for conduct considered in opposition to the object of the Society.

Various members spoke out for and against the proposed ammendments. Dick Limoges, M.D. expressed his support of AGLP and asked if it was possible for him to handle any ethical matters concerning our members that might arise. Steve Atkinson, M.D. and Norman mentioned that any member requesting membership would be too valuable to the State. They also mentioned that there were no Canadian members. Frank Rundell, M.D., one of our founding fathers, no longer sees need for AGLP membership. Bob Cabaj, M.D. pointed out that CHF has become our AFA and transfers AGLP membership. The vote was taken and the proposed amendment defeated.

**Joint AGLP/AAPR Position Statement** President Cabaj discussed the meeting on Saturday of the AGLP Executive Committee with the AAPR American Association of Physicians for Human Rights Executive Committee. David Ostrow, M.D. who is a member of AGLP and is currently President of AAPR. The meeting was necessary in order for the two organizations to approve a Position Paper on involuntary mandatory HIV testing in hospitals. Marshall Forstein, M.D. discussed the possible ethical challenges of the change in policy. Bill Web, M.D. and Terry Stein, M.D. both added that there are positive effects. The draft proposal was further discussed in Committee the following day and will be told Ostrow, M.D. and Marshall Forstein, M.D. making any revisions necessary to meet with the approval of the membership.

Final housekeeping announcements were made regarding the scheduled awards lunch and the farewell party.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Tuesday, 12 May 1987, 5:30 PM
McCormick Center Hotel, Room 15
AGLP Business Meeting

CITO AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FELLOWS The meeting was called to order by President Cabaj. President Cabaj then introduced the following people: Joan Webb, M.D., Terry Stein, M.D. and Bert Schaffner, M.D. who became Fellows of the American Psychiatric Association this week.

BRIEF REPORTS FROM VARIOUS APA COMPONENTS: Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues- Bob Cabaj, M.D. reported that the Committee was changed to the Committee on Affirmation in an Amicus brief against the Michigan sodomy law in Michigan. There has been discussion of joining with the American Psychiatric Association to address the challenge of sodomy laws in Michigan. There has been discussion of joining with the American Psychiatric Association to address the challenge of sodomy laws in Michigan.

The Committee has been involved in discussion of the possible ethical bind that the Military places its psychiatrists in by requiring them to notify Authorities of information conveyed to them in confidence. Do military psychiatrists warn patients that what they say can be used against them? Does the military have a legal obligation to get a patient to read the draft? The Committee has been carrying on discussions with the Army's highest ranking psychiatrists and these discussions may end up being a Department of Defense and/or Congress. Members were asked to forward the Committee any reports of individual situations.

APA Task Force on AIDS. The APA has been awarded a grant for AIDS education. Chapters have been written and are being edited. Jim Krajewski, M.D. and Stu Nicholls, M.D. met earlier in the day with Mel Sabirsh, M.D. who is Medical Director of the APA. The Task Force meets only a couple of times a year on a limited budget and therefore there must be some rethinking of what it is capable of doing. A small planning meeting is needed with other involved components and that could begin at mid summer. Marshall Forstein, M.D. reported that the Task Force feels there is not enough information to make a position statement on the involuntary testing issue but nevertheless they are cooperating with HIV testing of hospital medical patients.

FUNDING PRESIDENT FRANK RUNDLE SPEAKS PLANS FOR MONTREAL. President Cabaj called our founding father and First President Frank Rundell, M.D. to speak as he had requested. In an emotional speech Frank gave a brief history of the beginnings of the parent group of AGLP, the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Members of the APA, as well as a history of the achievement of the APA Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual issues. Frank went on to propose that since the 1983 meeting in Montreal marks our official 10th Anniversary, we endeavor to make it "an occasion of observation of our tenth year, of our struggles, our trials, our achievements, of reunion and reunification and a celebration of our community of need and purpose" and that we launch a concerted effort to make it as "electric" as the 1976 Atlanta meeting. He then went on to coordinate the effort and proposed increasing the funds to $100 with an optional contribution of $20 earmarked for the Montreal expenses. Frank proposed that we again have an exhibition booth and wanted that they be a lot of work and cost a lot of money. He urged that we make intense recruitment efforts to include personal contacts with those who attended in Atlanta. Frank continued with an argument against naming our annual award for Emery Heitck. He also said that the Task Force feels there is not enough information to make a position statement on the involuntary testing issue but nevertheless they are cooperating with HIV testing of hospital medical patients.

President Cabaj described what AGLP is trying to offer members in order to increase the meaningfulness of AGLP. He and Marshall, M.D. discussed using the Montreal meeting as a special AGLP Day. Frank Rundell, M.D. supported trying to get CME credit for our educational programs and Dick Limoges, M.D. suggested that the APA should support CME credit.
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Jeffrey Alkind, M.D. remarked that he felt the best booth that AGLP could have was the "AGLP Banner" used at APA Workshops, Symposia, etc. at the Annual Meetings.

Dick Limoges, M.D. reminded us of our need to get a "watch dog" committee to respond to issues.

FALL MEETING INVITATION President Cabaj repeated the announcement that the Fall AGLP Meeting will be held the weekend after Labor Day this year. Peggy Hackenbruck gave a plug for using the Fall Meeting held each September in Washington, D.C. as a time to talk and get to know each other. Norm Hartstein, M.D. discussed the fall Lesbian and Gay March on Washington which will occur 10-11 October 1987. Because the AGLP Executive Committee needs to have our meeting coincide with the APA Committee meetings in order to avoid duplicate travel, we cannot meet at the time of the March.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1987-88 The slate of officers nominated the previous day was presented to the membership. Norm Hartstein, M.D., the President-Elect since last year, becomes President. Other officers elected were:

- Vice-President: Stephen Atkinson, M.D.
- Secretary: Philip Cushman, M.D.
- Treasurer: Larry Printz, M.D.
- Newsletter Editor: David Scasfa, M.D.

Outgoing President Bob Cabaj made some comments about his goals for AGLP in wanting the organization to be open to everybody, writing it to become more a formal and structured organization recognized by the APA, and other accomplishments which he has tried to see through during his presidency. Following warm applause, Bob turned over the Presidency to Norm Hartstein, M.D. who described his involvement with the Caucus and encouraged each of us to bring with us to Montreal one individual who helped initiate us into the organization as well as one additional individual. He spoke of his enjoyment being Treasurer keeping track of what members are doing and feeling he was getting to know the membership in so doing. President Hartstein gave special thanks to Terry Stein, M.D., Bob Cabaj, M.D. and to others.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS President Hartstein took up the issue of Bylaw revisions which have been gaining in interest. It was decided not to require APA Membership (Article IV, Section 1) and Indicated that he would return to the Executive Committee with a request to include APA non-members as affiliates while only APA members would vote. He then read the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and discussion followed. Motions were made to approve the amendments to Article III, Section 1 and Article III, Section 2. After seconds, both motions were approved by the membership. Further discussion followed on Article III, Section 5 regarding the reasons for the amendment. Allan Valgemae, M.D. moved to call the question and there was a second. The amendment was then approved by the membership.

Margery Swed spoke up in favor of an amendment next year to the effect that no member could hold more than two offices simultaneously.

FALL AGLP/AAPHR POSITION STATEMENT Marshall Forstel, M.D. spoke again about the need for the position statement. He pointed out that AAPHR wants to pass the paper at its June meeting and immediately begin using the statement. Dick Limoges, M.D. urged including the wording "mandatory and routine" since the military considers HIV testing to be "routine." Jim Krajewski, M.D. said that he does not believe that the APA Position Statement speaks against "mandatory testing." and he did not feel that the Joint Statement allows for circumstances where mandatory involuntary testing might be necessary. Marshall defended the proposal as necessary to protect the acutely ill patient. Jim repeated his feeling that the proposal opposes all mandatory testing. President Hartstein also felt that the statement was still not narrow enough. Marshall and others continued to defend and explain the need for the statement pointing out the limited usefulness of the HIV antibody test in situations such as that being discussed. After much further discussion both for and against the Joint Statement there was a motion to call the question which was approved. Then the motion to approve the Joint AGLP/AAPHR Statement was voted and approved by the membership.

ASSIGNED FINAL ITEMS Dick Limoges, M.D. asked that "the minutes reflect our official statement that there are no women officers."

President Hartstein adjourned the meeting at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip W. Cushman, M.D.

Secretary

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Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues
James Krajewski, M.D.

The Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues (CGLBI) met during the APA Fall Committee Meetings in September. The Committee met with Kevin Berrill, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Anti-Violence Project. The discussion focused on ways that the APA and the NGLTF might work together to combat violence against gay men and lesbians. The meeting proved to be a productive contact and an opening of communication between NGLTF and APA members. Early in 1987 the APA Board of Trustees had approved an action encouraging mutual lobbying efforts with NGLTF before Congress on the issue of anti-gay violence.

The Committee discussed issues related to residency training programs. Three areas of concern were identified: 1) Discrimination in admission to residency programs; 2) Discrimination in progression of psychiatrists within academic departments or departments of psychiatry; and 3) Deficiencies in residency curricula. The Committee recommended to the Council on National Affairs that a letter should be sent to all department chairpersons and directors of residency training programs that would include the 1973 APA Position Statement on Homosexuality and Civil Rights.

The Committee met with a high ranking Army psychiatrist to discuss ways in which the Department of Defense policies affecting gay men and lesbians might be changed. Other issues that were addressed during the Committee meeting concerned the development of questions for certification examinations in psychiatry and the provision of input into the forthcoming revision of the Psychiatric Dictionary.

The Council on National Affairs requested that all the minority committees provide model curricula to the Council by February, 1988. Dr. Terry Stein is coordinating this effort. He is seeking curricula on gay and lesbian issues from the membership of AGLP to use in preparing the CGLBI draft.

The Committee is always interested in hearing about issues that AGLP members feel are important for organized psychiatry to consider. Please direct any comments or questions to: Jim Krajewski at 2001 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94123 or to any Committee member (Bob Cabaj, M.D., Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D., Richard Issay, M.D., David Sanders, M.D., or Terry Stein, M.D.).

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Above: Where it all began - Stonewall, now Bagel-And
Right: Barbara Gittings and Michael Hardwick (of Supreme Court Fame) at a Philadelphia AIDS benefit
An Open Letter From the Gay and Lesbian Physicians of Chicago

Editor's Note: For the last year, the Gay and Lesbian Physicians of Chicago have waged a battle with the Chicago Medical Society which refused to run a simple advertisement about GLPC in its magazine, Chicago Medicine. The ad is displayed to the right. To date, the Chicago Medical Society has refused to even discuss the matter. When legal efforts were judged unlikely to be successful, GLPC began a public campaign to assail the anachronistic and bigoted stance of the Chicago Medical Society. Frank Pieri, M.D., president of GLPC and an AGLP member, has spearheaded the effort.

Gay and Lesbian Physicians of Chicago (GLPC) is a non-profit support group formed in 1983 for the mutual benefit of gay and lesbian physicians, dentists, students and the gay community. We have been active in gay community events, educating our members and the community at large about health care for gays and lesbians.

GLPC recently attempted to place an advertisement in the Chicago Medical Society (CMS) journal, Chicago Medicine, to inform other physicians of our existence and services. The advertisement was not only refused, but the CMS has steadfastly refused to discuss its placement with GLPC. After much effort, we have concluded that an underlying homophobic attitude at CMS is preventing them from meeting with us. In an attempt to show the CMS the unfairness of their position, we are asking area medical and community organizations to lend their support. We hope that supportive individuals and organizations will write to CMS objecting to their homophobic position and that CMS will rescind their previous decision and run our advertisement.

GLPC would appreciate supportive letters imploring the CMS to recognize GLPC as their colleagues, to withdraw their homophobic objections and to print our advertisement. Letters may be written to:

Robert Vanacco, M.D.  
President  
Chicago Medical Society  
515 N. Dearborn St.  
Chicago, IL 60610

GLPC would appreciate copies of any letters sent (GLPC; P.O. Box 14864; Chicago, IL 60614). We thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Darga, M.D.  
Vice President, GLPC

GLPC was established in 1983, as an organization dedicated to:

SUPPORT - For our members and our community  
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and the medical community at large.

We have over 140 members, ranging from medical students to attending physicians at all major medical centers in Chicago.

For further information:  
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Request for Information about Teaching Regarding Homosexuality and Gay Men and Lesbians in Medical Schools and Psychiatry Residencies

The APA has requested a "model curriculum" from the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues for Inclusion in a proposal for teaching about minority and underrepresented groups in psychiatry residency programs. This request was discussed at the Fall Meeting of the AGLP. I have agreed to compile information about current courses or other instruction about homosexuality and about gay men and lesbians that individuals are conducting or are aware of in their settings. Bob Cabaj, M.D. and Richard Isay, M.D., other members of the Committee, have agreed to help me review this material. Based on what is currently being taught as well as on your suggestions for what should be included in the curriculum, we will propose a model teaching program to the APA.

Because there is a February 1, 1988 deadline for submission of the proposal, please send me any information you have at the earliest possible date. Specifically, we are interested in course descriptions, reference lists, and proposals for teaching relevant to gay men and lesbians. I would also appreciate knowing if the course or topic has actually been taught, how it has been received, and to what audience (medical students, residents, others) it is addressed. Finally, since it appears that there is generally a dearth of objective instruction in this area, we would like to know about your ideas for teaching even if the instruction has not occurred.

Please send descriptions of teaching experiences and suggestions to me at the following address: Terry S. Stein, M.D., A233 East Fee Hall, Department of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. I will describe the Committee's proposal in the Newsletter and at future AGLP meetings. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this endeavor.
AAPHR Conference in Minneapolis: August, 1988

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, the national lesbian and gay physicians' organization, held its annual conference in August following the 4th Annual Lesbian Physicians' Retreat, which was also sponsored by AAPHR and held in Minneapolis.

The local lesbian and gay physician's organization in Minneapolis was a wonderful host. Highlights included a riverboat dinner and excursion down the Mississippi River and a banquet honoring Matilda Krim, Ph.D. from the American Foundation for AIDS Research and Catlan Ryan of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation. In her remarks, Krim emphasized the need for making experimental therapies available to AIDS patients who are not qualified to participate in the small number of available research protocols. Ryan spoke of the need to recognize the contributions that lesbian health workers have made in the AIDS effort. Twenty medical students, mostly from the midwest, but some from as far away as France and England, attended the conference. An Ethnic Minority Committee was established with Gene Nakajima as chair to help recruit minority physicians into AAPHR and to hold sessions at next year's conference concerning racism and other issues.

David Ostrow, M.D., an AGLP member, presided over the conference as outgoing president. Elizabeth Harrison, M.D. was elected President-Elect, Margie Sved, M.D. continues as treasurer, and Dan Fast, M.D. continues as newsletter editor.

Next year AAPHR will be sponsoring the 2nd International Lesbian and Gay Physicians' Conference in Boston, July 23-26, 1988. Two years ago, AAPHR along with the Gay Medical Association of the United Kingdom sponsored the first international lesbian and gay conference in which participants came from 17 different countries. Our conference will be coordinated with a 2nd international lesbian and gay health conference sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation which will take place July 20-23. If anybody knows of health practitioners in other countries, please encourage them to attend one or both conferences next year.

For information about AAPHR contact:
AAPHR
PO Box 14366
San Francisco, 94114
(415) 558-9353

For information about the Ethnic Minority Committee contact:
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Gene Nakajima
AMSA Representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University of California, San Francisco AIDS Health Project, an AIDS Prevention and education program concerned with the psychological aspects of AIDS, is pleased to announce the start of its Volunteer Therapist Program. The Program is designed to gather therapists in private practice who are interested in volunteering at least one hour a week to see people with AIDS or ARC in San Francisco who are unable to pay for mental health services.

Laurie Yamamoto, M.S.W., has been hired at the AIDS Health Project to coordinate AIDS/ARC referrals to volunteer therapists in the community. In order to best serve the diverse populations affected by AIDS, the Volunteer Therapist Program is especially interested in drawing clinicians who are sensitive to the needs of gay and bisexual men, women, people of color, and those with substance abuse problems.

To qualify for the Program, volunteer therapists must have a valid license to practice in California and malpractice insurance. In appreciation for these services, the AIDS Health Project will offer ongoing AIDS and mental health programming for volunteer therapists. Grant support for the Volunteer Therapist Program was obtained by James W. Dilley, M.D., AIDS Health Project Director, through the Department of Health and Human Resources.

For further information, contact Laurie Yamamoto, Volunteer Therapist Coordinator at (415) 476-6430.

The New Jewish Agenda (NJA) has produced a 16 page pamphlet entitled Coming Out, Coming Home: Lesbian and Gay Jews and the Jewish Community. The booklet is designed to introduce gay, lesbian, and straight Jews to the Jewish gay and lesbian community. NJA is a national multi-issue organization with 4000 members working for lesbian and gay rights in addition to other causes. Pamphlets can be purchased for $.50 per copy by writing to: New Jewish Agenda, 64 Fulton St., #1100, New York, NY 10038 (212) 227-5885).
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