**Fall Meeting 1990**

The Fall Meeting of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 14-15, 1990 in Washington, DC. The meeting, open to all interested members of AGLP, will be used to address interim business and prepare for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans in May 11-16, 1991.

The activities begin with a dinner at Jeff Akman’s house (use the reservation form on page 5) at 7:30 pm on Friday. Parking is limited in his neighborhood so participants may want to take a taxi to 1936 Calvert St., NW or take the subway (Red Line, Exit at Woodley Park-Zoo, go 1 block south and 1.5 blocks east).

The working session will be from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm on Saturday at the J.W. Marriott Hotel (1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202 393-2000). Ask at the desk for the room location or check with the APA meetings management services located in the hotel.

Members must make their own room reservations. The Marriott is convenient for the meeting but is somewhat expensive and not in any of the gay areas. Several nice hotels in the moderate to expensive range are located around the DuPont Circle: {1} **DuPont Plaza Hotel** (a standard hotel with wet bars in the room) 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, 202 483-6800; $75; {2} **Omni George-town (suites)** 2121 P St., NW, 202 293-3100, $125; {3} **Embassy Suites (suites)** 1250 22nd St., NW, 202 857-3388, $144; {4} **Tabard Inn (quaint, antiques)** 1739 N St., NW, 202 785-1277, $53-$80 without bath, $92-$120 with bath; {5} **Kalarma Guest House** (Gay); 1854 Mintwood Place, NW in Adams-Morgan District, 202 667-6369, $65-$80 per room, shared baths.

Because of drug traffic, Washington, DC has become one of the most dangerous cities in the world. Its murder rate is the highest in the nation. The DuPont Circle area is no exception to rising crime rates. Members who are use to walking around the area in the early morning hours may want to be more cautious this year.
Editor's Column

David Scasta, M.D.

I feel as though I have just gotten back from the Annual Meeting in New York but it is already August and in a few weeks it will be time for the Fall Meeting. I don't know whether time is accelerating because I am getting older or just busier. Since leaving private practice, I do not have the time and flexibility that I once had and I find myself always trying to catch up. To those of you whom I have not answered letters, I apologize. I have not forgotten and I will respond soon. Actually, the Newsletter has gotten easier over the last year. More people are contributing articles and contributing them on computer disks which saves me both composing and typing. Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D. has been particularly helpful with this regard. We now use a professional service to insert, seal, label, stamp, and mail the Newsletter, and I think we have gotten all of the bugs worked out of the system. A project that use to take me 40 hours is now down to a weekend of work. Despite the reduction in time demands, I still have not been able to reliably do all of the tasks I have taken on. Therefore, at the Fall Meeting, AGLP will be making some changes. Specifically, we will be asking for a volunteer to take over the responsibilities for answering inquiries about membership. The task would entail having one's address listed in our ongoing classified ad in Psychiatric News. My office, (1439 Pineville Rd.; New Hope, PA 18938) will remain the address for members to write to for information, paying dues, etc. Answering inquiries about membership is not complicated and, with a computer, at most, would entail two or three hours per month. If anyone is interested, please let Peggy Hackenbruck, M.D. know (1732 SE Ash; Portland, OR 97214), or, better yet, come to the Fall Meeting.

Speaking of membership, we currently have 356 members which is a gain of about 20 since the Annual Meeting. We still have about 80 members who have not paid their 1990 dues.

I want to express deep gratitude on behalf of AGLP to a member, who wishes to remain anonymous, who has meticulously saved AGLP newsletters since AGLP's inception and has donated them to AGLP. The old newsletters are very revealing. The quality of the Newsletter has varied considerably over the years. Some of the early newsletters were quite polished.

I was very pleased to see that an official high in the staff of the APA (not Dr. Hartmann) recently cancelled his Newsletter only subscription and became a full member of AGLP. He also asked to be listed in the non-confidential directory. I called him noting that listing himself in the non-confidential directory for AGLP might be interpreted as a coming out and asked him if he did indeed want to be listed. He responded, "Just for the record, I'm not (gay). If I needed to come out, I would come out and would be very happy to do so. Is there anyway I can be listed that would show I am sympathetic (to AGLP's cause)?" Support from straight psychiatrists at that level in the APA is indeed gratifying.

I want to add my thanks to Peggy's to Jeffrey Akman, M.D. for making his home available again this year to AGLP for the Friday night dinner at the Fall Meeting. If you are planning to come, please get your reservation (see form on page 5) in right away so that Jeff will know how many people to have his caterer plan for.

As I say every year (because its true), the Fall Meeting is one of the best meetings to become more actively involved in the structure of AGLP. We usually have about twenty-five members at the meeting. The primary task is planning for the Annual Meeting (in New Orleans this year). Usually, the group works as a large committee in the morning and breaks up into smaller task-oriented groups in the afternoon. Participants get an inside look into the workings of AGLP and develop the type of personal relationships with the officers of AGLP and other members that often prove to be long-lived. Meeting old friends makes any meeting of AGLP my favorite time of year.

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President's Column

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

Because of our community's tradition of celebrating Stonewall annually during the summer in many, many cities around the country, I have come to think of summertime as gay and lesbian pride time. However, I realized this summer that the gay and lesbian pride time now begins in May for me at our annual meeting of AGLP. This year was certainly no exception and I returned home feeling how wonderful it was to be a lesbian and to have such a vital, supportive, and rewarding organization to be a part of. In spite of initial trepidation because of the eleventh hour hotel changes necessitated by the Macklowe's failure to open its doors on time, the New York meeting was an undeniably great meeting. I want to thank wholeheartedly Ron Winchel who chaired the local arrangements committee, Ann Campbell who, with the assistance of Amy Hoffman and Denise Taylor coordinated the women's activities and the rest of the local arrangements committee for all of their efforts to make this such a successful meeting. Another thanks goes to Lenny Rubin for coordinating the Awards Banquet, including coping with last minute changes and audio visual equipment complications.

The Saturday educational program for our members focused on the issues of diversity, including racial, economic and gender diversity within our organization. I want to thank Debbie Carter, Gene Nakagima, Ken Ashley, Margie Sved, and Chris Carmichael for sharing their own experiences in our group, as well as experiences from their backgrounds which led them to both appreciate and function with diversity. In the open discussion time, which focused particularly on gender diversity, a number of issues emerged, including the discomfort that both men and women felt with the Opening Reception at times in the past because of the "cruising" and male dominated feeling that some experienced. Some men also expressed an interest in having all male activities similar to what the women now have for themselves. I think that the whole day gave us the opportunity to view the myths and stereotypes with which we bind each other as minorities or the opposite gender. Our ongoing dialogue about these issues I think is beginning to some fruition in terms of more diversity and mutual interest in the group as a whole.

Following the all day education meeting on Saturday, we held our annual memorial service for people with AIDS and those who have died from AIDS. I would like to thank Terry Stein, Bob Cabaj, Ron Winchel, John Fryer, Ed Nix, and Peter Byrg for their participation in the service. This year, as a visual reminder of those people who have died of AIDS, we wrote their names on the rainbow international gay and lesbian flag and hung it both at the memorial service and at the hospitality service during the week. Over ninety names were written on the flag this year. A number of people have expressed an interest in an ongoing visual commemoration which might include working on quilt panels or something like the international flag. This is an item that can be discussed at our fall business meeting or next year again. The attendance at this year's memorial service was quite low which raised, in my mind, the need for more input from membership about time, place and content. I would appreciate hearing from any of you who had ideas about the memorial service, either directly or through the fall business meeting. I believe that it continues to be an appropriate event for AGLP to sponsor as the epidemic continues all around the world.

At this year's Awards Banquet, we honored Evelyn Hooker, PhD, who was the pioneering research psychologist who published the first research on a nonclinical population of gay men indicating that homosexuality and mental health were not incompatible and that there was no psychological profile which could be called homosexuality. Dr. Hooker was unable to attend the banquet because of ill health and I would like to thank our past president, Norm Hartstein, for not only organizing and running the banquet, but also interviewing Dr. Hooker in California and being our representative to her.

The AGLP Hospitality Suite again this year had a very busy schedule of discussions on a variety of topics and I would like to thank Dan Hicks, David Scasta, Margie Sved, Chris Carmichael, Debbie Carter, Gene Nakagima, Bob Cabaj, Bob Kertzner, Joan W, Marshall Forstein, and Stephen Atkinson for leading these successful groups. The Hospitality Suite provides a more intimate setting for sharing about the interface between personal and professional issues. A number of members have expressed the wish for more discussion groups, especially on the topics of coming out personally and professionally, raising and having children, couple issues, and being single. A number of people have also mentioned to me that an ongoing discussion about the issues of men and women working together in AGLP would be a fruitful topic for our Hospitality Suite. In addition to all these formal activities, the Hospitality Suite has traditionally been available for rest and relaxation and meeting new people. At the fall business meeting, we can address the possibility of adding these other topics and this is another issue on which member's ideas are very important and I urge you to contact me or come to the fall business meeting if you have ideas about Hospitality Suite topics or usage.

It was a great honor and pleasure to me to introduce Dr. Carter Heyward, a radical feminist theologian and the first openly lesbian major lecturer at the APA. Dr. Heyward gave a controversial and thought provoking speech focusing on the importance of *mutuality* in relationships, including the therapeutic relationship. Dr. Heyward sees mutuality as the trait which gives a relationship authenticity, therapeutic possibility, and spiritual meaning. Following her speech, Dr. Carter enjoyed participating at the Awards Banquet and the closing party where she had a chance to speak to a number of our members about the common concerns of theologians and psychotherapists.

At the Business Meetings, a new slate of officers was chosen which includes Marshall Forstein as President-
Elect, Margie Sved continuing as Vice President, Shelley Klinger replacing Phil Cushman as Secretary and Larry Thayer continuing as Treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Phil Cushman for his many years of dedicated service as our Secretary. Phil's minutes are dependable, prompt, and thorough. In all the years that I have worked with him, I have been struck with his solid, good natured presence. In the last year, I have also been impressed with his hard hitting letters of protest written to the AMA and others about discrimination against gays and lesbians. As an offshoot of Phil's dedication to and participation in AGLP, his partner, Gerry, has become in the significant others group and has taken on a leadership role there. So, I want to thank both of these men for their generous contributions to our organization, both in terms of the work that they have done and the people whom they are.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Barbara Sparret who is an internist in New York and graciously allowed us to have our version of the old game "sardines"... that is, our closing party. It was a warm and friendly farewell to New York, as well as to each other, and it felt like "we could have danced all night".

Looking forward to next year in New Orleans, our member, Mark Townsend, who is a member in training in New Orleans has, perhaps heroically offered as his first participation in AGLP to coordinate the annual meeting in 1991. Planning for this meeting is already underway in New Orleans and the bulk of it will continue at the fall business meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting this year will occur on September 15th from 9:30 until 5:00 pm in the Treasury Room at the J. W. Marriott Hotel. Jeff Akman and his partner, Steve Dixon, have graciously offered once again to host a dinner on Friday night at their home which is at 1936 NW Calvert Street. All AGLP members and their friends are invited to attend the dinner prior to the business meeting. A women's dinner will be held on Saturday evening at the home of one of the women AGLP members. I urge you to mark your calendar to attend the meeting to help plan for New Orleans, as well as other AGLP activities. I want to encourage you again to write to me with your ideas and feelings about AGLP. I think that it is important that we ask ourselves if the needs of our members are being met. So often an organization can move along from year to year without having some sort of common dream or vision of where we are moving. My vision has been that our organization would be one that is inclusive of men and women and of minorities, and that it will be responsive to the needs of the gay and lesbian people which are its membership, as well as proactive in relation to the pertinent issues which arise in our profession and in our communities.

Warmly,

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck
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Lesbian Physicians Conference
1990 and 1991

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

Two hundred fifty lesbian physicians attended this year's Lesbian Physician Conference sponsored by AAPHR which took place in early June in Provincetown. There were thirteen psychiatrists which was a much smaller percentage than in the past. AAPHR president, Audrey Mertz, MD, who is also an AGLP member, has invited a number of AGLP members to be on the program at next year's conference which will be held June 6-9 in Taos, New Mexico. The program which is always CME approved will focus on Native American culture, lesbian culture, topics in public health, AIDS, psychiatry and obstetrics and gynecology. There will also be a number of cultural events and some recreational opportunities, including rafting, biking and the Taos Spring Arts Celebration. All women AGLP members and their partners are encouraged to attend. For further information, write Lesbian Physicians Conference, PO Box 6103, Los Osos, California 93412.

AMA and Sexual Orientation Discrimination

Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

Following the defeat of Resolution 74 by the AMA House of Delegates in December, last year, a new resolution to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination by-law for membership was introduced in the AMA Section Councils on Medical Education, Young Physicians, and Residents. Dr. Mark Litwin, President of the Resident Physicians Section of the AMA wrote that, "I can assure you that we will argue fervently in the AMA House for the adoption of this long overdue bylaws change. Since this organization represents the interests of all physicians, it is implicit that the 10% of physicians who are gay and lesbian are included." He also noted that the resolution which was defeated in December suffered largely because of the homophobic biases of "several vocal speakers". A recent AMA News reported that a broad nondiscrimination bylaws amendment was passed by the House of Delegates in the June Delegates meeting. Apparently sexual orientation was not added to a number of other characteristics which could not be the bases for discrimination, rather the policy states that there will be no discrimination in AMA membership. It appears that this is a victory for our side. Thanks to all AGLP and APA members who have written letters and lobbied on this issues.
APA Responds to HHS Secretary About Youth Suicide Task Force Report
Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck, M.D.

In June, Dr. Melvin Sabshin, Medical Director of the APA sent a response to Secretary Louis Sullivan, MD, of Health and Human Services regarding the omission of recommendations responding to the studies on the incidence of suicide among gay and lesbian youth and the need for targeting gay and lesbian as an important high risk population. Congressmen Dannemeyer and Dorman of the Health and Human Services Youth Suicide Task Force put pressure on Secretary Sullivan to omit recommendations and actions involving gay and lesbian youth. The letter from Dr. Sabshin states, "While certain members of Congress have asked you to eliminate or disavow the sections dealing with suicide and gay and lesbian youth, we would remind you that the Report itself states scientific data and research support that the problem of suicide attempts and successful suicides in gay and lesbian youth is two to three times greater than in the general youth population; this important information needs to be shared with all people concerned with youth suicide. As noted above, the American Psychiatric Association long ago studied research and data concerning homosexuality and clearly concluded that homosexuality was not a mental illness." The letter goes on to state that, "It is essential to appreciate that the American family has undergone tremendous changes in the last several decades, due to economic and social changes. Initiatives to assist gay male and lesbian youth will in no way undermine the institution of the family. Meeting the mental health needs of a segment of our society strengthens our whole society." The letter goes on to say that they have included a copy of the APA Task Force Report on Changing Family Patterns which discusses the changes in the family which have occurred in the last decades in our country. Finally, the letter asks for the Secretary to reflect on "how to provide critical leadership to medical and scientific concerns without regard to politically inspired controversy".

AGLP Secretary, Phil Cushman, Retires

Phillip W. Cushman, M.D., AGLP Secretary for the last five years, has passed his responsibilities to Shelly Klinger, M.D. Phil has done a yeoman's service by laboriously recording the activities of AGLP at its fall and annual meetings as well as the executive meetings. Without his detailed notes, much of the activity would have fallen through the cracks as memories of decisions made fade like dreams with the morning sun. Phil will be taking his parents to Hawaii for their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the time of the Fall Meeting. Unable to attend the Fall Meeting, he was able to persuade Shelly to take the baton. Shelly is now in the process of becoming IBM compatible and will soon be placing her mark on the minutes. In the interim, readers may review Phil's final work as secretary, the minutes of the Annual Meeting in New York on pages 9-11. We will look forward to Phil's gentle, self-deprecating humor in the future as he continues to involve himself with the activities of AGLP.

Reservation Form

**Friday Night Dinner**
Fall Meeting in Washington, DC
7:30 p.m., Sept 14, 1990
1936 Calvert Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Name: ___________________________
Number of reservations with wine: __________
Number of reservations without EtOH: __________

Send this form to the above address by September 7th. Enclose $25.00 for each reservation with alcohol and $20.00 for each without alcohol. Make checks payable to "Jeffrey Akman."
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

NEW YORK
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Contingent of New Yorkers involved in local arrangements: (left rear) Drs. Winchell, Drescher, Rubin, Blaler, Anpperle, Almeleh

Margie Sved, AGLP Vice President

AGLP Secretary, Shelly Klinger (l), with Larry Prater, AGLI at the AGLP booth in the Javits Center

Drs. Isay (l), Stein, Cabaj, McWhirter, & Hackenbruck lead the APA symposium on New Thinking on Sexuality and Homosexuality.
APA President, Larry Hartmann (r) and CHIP Representative, Jim Krajeski (l) at the Awards Luncheon.

President-elect, Marshal Forstein (r) confers with Bob Kertzner at the Awards Luncheon.
Announcements

Margie Sved, M.D., has become involved in the effort to unseat Jesse Helms, an outspoken, homophobic U.S. senator. She is working with Vote 90 (604 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701), a coalition of progressive organizations initiated by North Carolina's gay men and lesbians and with the campaign of Harvey Gantt (700 E. Stonewall St.; Charlotte, NC 28202), a liberal, black challenger and former mayor of Charlotte, NC to raise funds for his election. For further information, contact: Margie Sved, M.D.; 1001 Monmouth Ave; Durham, NC 27701; 919 682-6749.

The American Academy of Psychoanalysis has issued a call for papers on issues relating to aggression in health and pathology including such issues as gay bashing and crimes against women for its 35th annual meeting in New Orleans, May 9-12, 1991. Abstracts of 500 words should be submitted to the Academy by October 10, 1990.

The Academy passed a resolution condemning prejudice against homosexuals and noting that, "Sexual orientation, in and of itself, should never be a reason for rejection of an applicant from any educational or vocational institution."

Georgia Browne, RN, a health sciences senior consultant with Upjohn is interested in providing funding by Upjohn for speakers and meals for any AGLP members who would like to form a local chapter in the Long Island area of New York. For information, contact: Georgia Browne, RN; Nassau West Corporate Center II; 50 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Suite 305; Uniondale, NY 11553; (516) 745-6100.

The Outreach Institute, an organization for crossdressers, will hold its 16th Annual Fantasia Fair in Provincetown, MA October 12-21, 1990. For information, contact: Fantasia Fair; Lincolnia Station.; POB 11254; Alexandria, VA 22312.

Christopher Looby, Assistant Professor of English and of the Humanities, announced that the University of Chicago has established an Interdisciplinary Gay and Lesbian Studies Workshop that is a forum for presentation of new work in gay and lesbian studies by advanced graduate students and faculty. For information, contact him at the Department of English; University of Chicago; 1050 E. 59th St; Chicago, IL 60637.

William J. Turner, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, is researching the relationship and genetic patterns of alcoholism in gay and lesbian extended families. He is interested in the family structure in at least the first, second, and third degree of relationships of gay or lesbian probands in whose first and second degree relatives there has been no alcoholism or drug addiction. He would like to interview gay or lesbian probands who are familiar with and willing to talk about family members. For information, write to: William J. Turner, M.D.; 186 Asharoken Ave.; Northport, NY 11768 or call collect after 9 pm, (516) 261-4194.

Genetic Systems has announced FDA approval of a test to detect antibodies to the HIV-2 virus. HIV-2 was first isolated in 1985 and has infected at least 17 individuals in the U.S. For information, Contact Gene Walther, Genetic Systems Corporation; (206) 728-4900.

Partners, Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples, announced that a national survey of 1750 lesbian and gay couples found relationships averaging nearly six years in couples whose average age was 35. A free summary of results may be obtained by sending a self addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Partners, Box 9685; Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 784-1519.

AAPHR (American Association of Physicians for Human Rights) has issued two policy statements about AIDS: one calling for all gay men at risk for AIDS to be tested, preferably anonymously, and one calling for all physicians and Persons With Aids to accurately report (in a confidential manner) all AIDS diagnoses to insure that governmental agencies have correct numbers on which to base monies for research. For information, contact Pierre Ludington, AAPHR, P.O. Box 14366; San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 255-4547.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., announced that sodomy laws in Kentucky and Michigan were declared unconstitutional. If the decisions hold in higher courts, the two states would be the 27th and 28th states respectively to remove sodomy prohibitions from its law books.

The organization also announced that a suit by four groups of New York physicians who were attempting to require that the New York State Department of Health permit HIV testing without consent and that it collect names of HIV positive individuals was dismissed by the New York Appellate Court.

The Iowa Supreme Court recently rejected a trial court's order that a gay father was allowed visitation with his children only so long as "no unrelated adult" is present in an attempt to ban contact with the father's lover.

For more information, contact: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; 666 Broadway; New York, NY 10012: (212) 995-8585.

An increasing number of requests for gay and lesbian affirmative - but heterosexually oriented - psychiatrists and psychologists, are being made to AGLP by lesbian and gay couples involved in custody suits. Therapists with forensic experience who are willing to perform psychiatric evaluations and testify in court may add his/her name to a referral list by writing to: AGLP, 1439 Pineville Rd., New Hope, PA 18938.

The Encyclopedia of Homosexuality, Wayne R. Dynes, Ed., has been released for $150 per volume. For order information call (800) 627-6273 or write: Garland Publishing; 136 Madison Ave; New York, NY 10016.
MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING
ASSOCIATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHIATRISTS
NEW YORK, N.Y.--MAY 12-17, 1990

Monday, 14 May 1990, 5:30 PM
Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Room 405-406

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by President Peggie Hanley-Hackenbruck with Executive Committee members Phillip Cushman, M.D., Norman Hartstein, M.D., Larry Prater, M.D., David Scasta, M.D., and Margie Sved, M.D. all in attendance.

Following a motion from the floor, the Minutes of the 1989 Fall General Meeting held in Washington, D.C. on 16 September 1989 were approved unanimously as printed in the AGLP Newsletter.

TREASURER’S REPORT Treasurer Larry Prater, M.D. distributed copies of a proposed budget for 1990-1991. He described the Annual Meeting as “by far our greatest expense of the year.” We are currently solvent but we must pay this meeting’s expenses from what we have on hand. Last evening’s Opening Reception cost AGLP $7,800 and several other expenses were greater than expected. We saved some money in other areas and a full report will be available by the fall meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT David Scasta, M.D. reported current membership statistics:

- Current Membership: 338
- Full Members: 222
- Associate Members: 12
- Residents: 66
- Medical Students: 40
- Newsletter Only: 30
- Exempt: 33

The grand total for Newsletter circulation is 401. President Hanley-Hackenbruck sent letters to those members who were delinquent and in danger of being dropped from our mailing list and responses were received from several. Members who have moved in the last year are asked to make sure that Dr. Scasta has their correct address for our records. Some individuals have written AGLP requesting some special category of membership for those who are, for various reasons, unable to pay. Several different name categories were discussed that might cover people including disabled, inactive and exempt.

AGLP prefers that retired psychiatrists continue to pay dues if at all possible. Dr. Scasta pointed out that each issue of the AGLP Newsletter costs $4.00 which is no small amount for the membership to absorb in order to include those unable to pay. James Krjeski, M.D. pointed out that the APA has a “waiver of dues” on an individual basis. After considerable discussion there was a consensus that we henceforth list membership fees with an asterisk and indicate that those fees can be waived, under special circumstances, by request.

President Hanley-Hackenbruck outlined some of the planned issues to be covered during the two scheduled general meetings.

AGLP PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS After considerable discussion, the Executive Committee has proposed a slate of nominees to be voted on at the General Meeting on Tuesday 15 May 1990. Richard Ivey, M.D. had been nominated to run for the office of President-Elect but President Hanley-Hackenbruck announced that he had removed himself from consideration. She explained that he was recently appointed to the Board of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation. He also serves on the APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues and he felt he should not take on additional responsibilities at this time. Therefore the AGLP Executive Committee proposes the following slate of Officers:

- President-Elect: Marshall Forstein, M.D.
- Vice-President: Margie Sved, M.D.
- Secretary: Rochelle Klinger, M.D.
- Treasurer: Larry Prater, M.D.

No nominations followed from the floor and the slate will be presented to the membership at the next general meeting for acceptance.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS GROUP REPORT Jerry Patterson reported that the significant others had met earlier in the day with nineteen present. Those attending felt the meeting went well. It was not a “bitch session” but focused on couples living together rather than on doctor and non-doctor living together. Since the book Permanent Partners came up in the discussion, Chris Carmichael and Jerry Patterson thought author Betty Berzon might be invited to present a symposium on Saturday afternoon of the AGLP Pre-Convention Program for those attending who are in partner relationships.

The Group feels it should meet on Sunday prior to the AGLP Opening Reception rather than waiting until Monday to establish initial contact. A Discussion Group would follow on Monday and some sort of social event could be planned for Tuesday (e.g. a boat trip on the Mississippi). Jenny Vogel has volunteered to write for the Newsletter to increase participation in the Significant Others Group. Anyone interested in being included on the Significant Others mailing list should contact Jerry.

MEMBERS-IN-TRAINING GROUP REPORT There was no MIT Report.

MEDICAL STUDENT GROUP REPORT Outgoing student representative Lanette Atkins thanked AGLP for the contributions toward student travel to the meeting and indicated that any funds not used this spring should be rolled over for the next meeting. She reported that students had met earlier in the day along with members-in-training and had discussed ways to increase student participation. She introduced Bob Bright who will be a new medical student representative and she indicated that she will continue her activity with AGLP as a Member-in-training.

President Peggie Hanley-Hackenbruck congratulated Dr. Atkins on her graduation from medical school and noted that two members-in-training had shown interest in sharing the position as representative to the AGLP Executive Committee. She introduced Mark Townsend, M.D., a Resident in New Orleans, who will be working with the Executive Committee in planning the next Annual Meeting.

Marshall Forstein, M.D. commented on the need for AGLP to hear from applicants to training programs to determine which ones are gay affirmative. David Scasta, M.D. indicated that he frequently receives inquiries regarding that matter. Medical student representative Bob Bright said that he hopes to work on this issue, perhaps conducting a survey of students and residents on their experiences with programs.

CHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO APA ASSEMBLY REPORT James Krjeski, M.D. reported that the APA Minority Groups are working together much better. They want better representation on the Board of Trustees but that does not appear to be likely in the near future. The Assembly, however, does seem to listen to what the Minority Representatives say. There likely will be minority input into the nominating process for APA office. Bob Cabaj, M.D.
commented on the move to put psychiatric treatment on an equal footing with other medical treatment by including all psychiatric treatments under the psychiatric medicine category. CHIP will nominate officers during the meeting on 15 May 1990. Election will take place by mail early next year.

COMMITTEE ON GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL ISSUES REPORT Terry Stein, M.D. reported that the Committee is currently composed of members Rochelle Klinger, M.D., Marjie Sved, M.D., Bob Cabaj, M.D., and Richard Isay, M.D. Dr. Hanley-Hackenbruck continues to be a corresponding member of the Committee. Dr. Stein has been appointed to the Council on National Affairs and will be leaving the Committee. Dr. Cabaj will assume the position of Chairman of the Committee. John McGrath, M.D., APA Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates, will be meeting with the Committee and they will discuss what response is possible to the AMA voting down Resolution 74. Phil Bashook, Ed.D. is Director of the APA Education Office and he will be meeting with the Committee to discuss possible actions on issues such as AMA Resolution 12, passed a year ago, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in residencies and medical schools. Responses to military and psychoanalytic group discrimination will be discussed also. The Committee will be meeting with APA Medical Director Mel Sabshih, M.D. and they will be reviewing the HHS Report on Youth Suicide. AGLP members were invited to bring issues to the Committee.

APA COMMISSION ON AIDS REPORT Stu Nichols, M.D. reported that he has resigned as Chairman of the AIDS Commission and that Jim Krajewski, M.D. will take over. The Commission was able to get the APA to issue a statement on mandatory name reporting of HIV positive people. Bureaucracy continues to be a major problem in getting work accomplished within such a large group. They will try to work in smaller groups. A subgroup will be working on the problem of early demential changes due to HIV and how that affects physicians and psychiatrists and their relationship with state licensing boards. Another subgroup will explore ways of using APA publications, primarily District Branch Newsletters and Psychiatric News, to put more practical clinical advice out to the membership. The NIMH funding for the APA AIDS Education Project ran out but there remains enough money to continue educational programs through another year at which time further NIMH funding may be possible. They would like to upgrade the AIDS Primer to standard reference level. The Project needs writers as well as a board of reviewers. Contact Dr. Nichols or someone at the Project's AIDS Resource Center if interested.

Carl Clark, M.D. said that the APA Statement on HIV Testing has been helpful in Colorado in the work toward anonymous testing sites. Dr. Nichols pointed out the great need for the APA to influence the AMA in HIV related matters.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES REPORT President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck has maintained contact with the women during the past year. Margie Sved, M.D. reported that the women had a dinner Saturday evening at a local restaurant. Ann Campbell, M.D. will be hosting a reception for AGLP women at her home later this evening. David Scasta, M.D. pointed out that of the relatively small number of new AGLP members, fifty percent have been women.

GENERAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck discussed her desire to have members more actively involved in AGLP and psychiatric issues. Members are invited to write the Newsletter if they have issues of national relevance or to write her. She continues to want more people on the Executive Committee. The original concept of Regional Representatives being part of the Executive Committee never got off the ground. President Hanley-Hackenbruck described current committees: Women, Issues, Fellowship, Members-in-Training, Medical Students, and Membership. Dr. Scasta has been serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee as well as Newsletter Editor. Perhaps another person should assume responsibility for the Membership would increase participation on the Executive Committee. President Hanley-Hackenbruck would like to see Issues, Education, and Membership Committees reactivated. Members were invited to express their views on increasing Executive Committee membership through Regional Reps and revitalizing of the Committee structure. Diana Miller, M.D. and Bob Cabaj, M.D. both spoke in support of the concept.

Most of the Regional groups mentioned in the 1989 ByLaw no longer exist. Bill Herz, M.D. suggested that regional reps might meet at the APA Hospital and Community Psychiatry meeting held each fall. Dr. Cabaj pointed out that we need to review the 1980 list of groups to see which ones still exist. President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck questioned why so many of the 1980 groups have "died." Marshall Forstein, M.D. suggested that perhaps many members have become active in AIDS Service Organizations leading to inactivity within the psychiatric groups. Discussion followed on how to get gay psychiatric groups functioning once again. Links with the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) already exist but there is no official liaison. Carlos Greaves, M.D. noted that a large Bay Area group exists composed of some 250 gay psychotherapists including psychologists, social workers etc. but only two psychiatrists are members. Stu Nichols, M.D. noted that the original reason for the Regional Reps was to let the reps keep track of what is going on within their own geographical area since the AGLP membership list is confidential. President Hanley-Hackenbruck may ask several members to try to come up with enticing ways of involving members. She would prefer to see "eager faces" rather than members doing what they do not want to do.

Larry Prater, M.D., who is Treasurer of AAPHR as well as of AGLP, reported on the AAPHR Meeting scheduled for Toronto in August 1990. Stephen Woot, M.D. and Stephen Atkinson, M.D. of Toronto have suggested that AGLP sponsor a Reception for psychiatrists attending the AAPHR meeting. AGLP is receiving some publicity through the AAPHR sponsorship of Sari Staver's reporting on this APA meeting.

The American Medical Student Association met in Boston this year and it was quite effective in support of gay and lesbian issues according to Marshall Forstein, M.D.

David Scasta, M.D. reported that the fourth issue of the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy is ready to go to press. The Journal is doing very well. AGLP will need to decide soon whether to continue the subscription as a benefit of membership.

President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck asked members to think about plans for the coming year's meeting: what kind of opening reception, what kind of memorial service, which gay-lesbian lecturers for recommendation to the APA etc.

Marshall Forstein, M.D. reported that gay and lesbian people can no longer be discriminated against under Massachusetts foster parent law as a result of recent court action.

Following additional "housekeeping" announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Tuesday, 15 May 1990, 5:30 PM
Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, Room 405-406

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM by President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck with Executive Committee members Phillip Cushman, M.D., Norman Hartstein, M.D., Larry Prater, M.D., David Scasta, M.D., and Margie Sved, M.D. all in attendance.

President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck moved directly to the Election of Officers for the 1990-91 term. The Slate of Officers nominated at the previous general meeting was read. No further nominations had been made and on a motion from the floor which was seconded and carried by the membership, election of the slate was made unanimous.

President-Elect..................... Marshall Forstein, M.D.
Vice-President..................... Margie Sved, M.D.
Secretary......................... Rochelle Klinger, M.D.
Treasurer......................... Larry Prater, M.D.
Announcements were made regarding coverage of the Exhibit Center Booth and regarding the Wednesday Luncheon in the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Broadway Room.

President Hanley-Hackenbruck requested that various members report on issues of relevance to AGLP.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MEETING REPORT Norman Hartstein, M.D. reported that twenty-eight people showed up at a meeting of gay and lesbian psychiatrists during the Academy of Child Psychiatry meeting last fall. Dr. Hartstein thanked Bob Pinney, M.D. for his work in organizing that meeting. They hope to have a similar meeting this year in Chicago. A meeting of child and adolescent psychiatrists during this AGLP meeting brought additional people together. Some forty-five to fifty people are now on their mailing list. The group has discussed the Health and Human Services report on Youth Suicide which suppressed publication of the information on the effect of gay and lesbian sexual orientation on youth suicide. The group would also like a Symposium or Workshop at next year's APA Meeting on gays and lesbians as parents.

Jeff Akman, M.D. asked what action the APA is taking regarding the HHS Youth Suicide report and how we can be more effective. Terry Stein, M.D. reported that the Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues is taking an Action Item to the Council on National Affairs tomorrow. President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck has already written several letters regarding the issue. Several APA components have been considering the issue as well. Drs. Stein, Cabaj, and Hanley-Hackenbruck hope to meet with Mel Sabshin, M.D. regarding the Youth Suicide issue as well as discrimination within the military, advertising etc. Marshall Forstein, M.D. suggested that members take up the matter with other national groups and President Hanley-Hackenbruck suggested that members also write HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan protesting the situation. Jeff Akman, M.D. suggested that if New Orleans has any sort of gay youth organization it might be useful to try to present a program featuring a panel of local gay teens to allow APA members to interact with gay teens.

REPORT ON AMA RESOLUTION 74 In June of 1989 the AMA House of Delegates passed a resolution for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to add sexual orientation to their non-discrimination clauses for medical schools and residency training programs. At the November AMA House of Delegates Meeting the Washington, DC delegates introduced a similar resolution urging that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation be prohibited in AMA membership. This was soundly defeated. A number of letters have gone out protesting the action. Several members received patronizing letters from the AMA in response. Marshall Forstein, M.D. suggested that one of the letters should be published in the Psychiatric News with a response from AGLP. Bill Herz, M.D. was able to get a rather elegant supportive resolution through the Oregon Psychiatric Association but he thinks the Oregon Medical Association has elected to take no action. John Fryer, M.D. described a recent experience going onto the AIDS Committee of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He quickly discovered that he was dealing with a relatively hostile bureaucracy. John McGrath, M.D. has presented the APA strategy for pursuing the matter of sexual orientation nondiscrimination. President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck read the resulting resolution titled "Strengthening the AMA's Tradition of Nondiscrimination." The general strategy will be for the Young Physician, Resident, and Medical Student Councils to, all three, introduce the resolution to the House of Delegates. Action must be taken prior to the late June meeting.

President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck pointed out the need to document examples of discrimination to the AMA. James Krajeksi, M.D. noted the example where the Chicago Medical Society has refused to carry an advertisement in their Journal for a gay group. This is an ongoing instance of discrimination. Several commented on the more conservative attitude of the AMA toward issues in general. The AMA has few women or minorities in leadership positions. Norman Hartstein, M.D. spoke of the need for physicians to know gay physicians in order to facilitate their changing opinions about us. President Hanley-Hackenbruck will ask the new Issues Committee to take on this problem.

REPORT ON MILITARY DISCRIMINATION Dan Hicks, M.D. described an informal discussion group held earlier in the week. It felt that some work should be done on getting military residency programs accredited. The group concluded that the current system is not going to be effective in changing the policy. Change must come through either an Executive Order or through the Congress setting new policy. Terry Stein, M.D. spoke on the action taken by the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues. An action item will be taken to the Council on National Affairs urging the APA to act to encourage implementation of Resolution 12 (which prohibits discrimination within medical schools and training programs). Implementation would mean that programs such as medical residency programs which discriminate would then be affected. Also, APA exhibitors need to be questioned to determine whether they discriminate and this information should be brought to the APA when discrimination does exist. Dr. Hicks pointed out that some military psychiatrists are working toward achieving positive changes.

President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck brought up the situation with regard to psychoanalytic organizations. The American Academy of Psychoanalysis has apparently passed a nondiscrimination clause. Dick Isay, M.D. has advised that each of the psychoanalytic institutes has agreed to take "one" gay/lesbian candidate in something of an experimental program. Terry Stein, M.D. suggested that perhaps another letter was in order from President Hanley-Hackenbruck protesting the analysts continuing to present Charles Socarides, M.D. discussing the treatment of homosexuality and other perversions. Diana Miller, M.D. questioned whether there was any psychoanalytic organization or what should our members do? Bob Cabaj, M.D. suggested that we ask Dr. Isay to write a guidance summary for the Newsletter suggesting action for us to take. Dr. Stein urged that more letters be written.

Stephen Atkinson, M.D. formally asked AGLP to co-host a Reception for Psychiatrists during the AAPHR Meeting in Toronto in August 1990. Bob Cabaj, M.D. supported this as a way of "fostering links." After further discussion, Dr. Atkinson moved that "AGLP provide up to $300 but not more than half the cost of cosponsoring a Reception for psychiatrists during the August AAPHR Toronto Meeting." This was seconded and passed.

President Peggy Hanley-Hackenbruck has been in contact with the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and hopes perhaps there can be some mutual activity in New Orleans.

The AGLP Fall Meeting will be 14-15 September 1990 in Washington, D.C. There is generally a dinner on Friday evening followed by an all-day meeting on Saturday. Members are invited to attend.

Bob Cabaj, M.D. requested input from those wanting to present a program at the APA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The theme is "Our Children: Our Future." Margie Swed, M.D. also requested input for the Saturday Meeting and for Hospitality Suite activities. Norman Hartstein, M.D. reminded members of the need to find New Orleans psychiatrists to help with the Spring Meeting.

Jim Krajeksi, M.D. read an APA Statement recently issued which opposes the use of testimony about homosexuality in denying security clearances.

President Hanley-Hackenbruck mentioned that she wants a section in the Newsletter describing what our members are doing around the country.

David Scasta, M.D. mentioned that he will need material for the August Newsletter submitted to him by the first week of July. It should preferably be submitted on disk using one of the major word processing programs which David can then translate into his own word processor.

No further business remained to be conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.
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