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AGLP 2013 Award Winners

The Executive Board of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists conferred several awards at the AGLP Annual Awards Reception at Congregation Sha’ar Zahav, in San Francisco, on Monday, May 20, 2013.

Alan Schwartz, M.D., was selected for the 2013 James Paulsen Award for outstanding contributions on behalf of the LGBT Community and service to AGLP through his work as Editor of the Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health. Alan, working as Co-editor in Chief of the Journal for the past five years along with Mary Barber, M.D., has been in private practice in New York City for the past sixteen years, conducting psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, psychopharmacology and clinical supervision, after completing a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in HIV psychiatry at Cornell Medical Center. He completed his Residency in Psychiatry at the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital. He is a Psychoanalyst at the William Alanson White institute, where he is also on the Board of the LGBT Study Group and the White Societies Ethics committee. He is the chair of the LGBT Committee of the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry, which is currently working on a project to create a short Educational Film about Sexual Orientation Change Efforts which is meant to serve as a resource to licensing boards, ethics boards and professional sanctioning boards asked to review complaints against providers of such “treatment.” Dr. Schwartz could not attend this meeting and will be given his award at the Annual Meeting in New York in May of 2014.

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Editor’s Column
Eric Yarbrough, MD
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This has been a hard article to gather together from some reason. Normally, I sit down at my keyboard and ideas start to pour out of me. It’s easy when I’m writing about my day-to-day life. However mundane my waking life seems, looking at it through a different lens gives me perspective and some sort of path on which I can see the future stretching out.

My short time as newsletter editor has come to an end. I took the job two years go when George Harrison left. As acting secretary of the organization, I somehow thought it would be temporary. When I look at the length of the organization and the previous people who served, maybe it is somewhat temporary. My new job will be as president-elect of AGLP. That means that in May of next year I’ll start serving as your president. A scary thought. With the expectations of my new position, I thought that serving as the editor of the newsletter would be too much.

Putting together this newsletter is a timely process. Roy Harker, without question, does the majority of the work. My job is to gather articles, use my poor grammar skills to attempt to identify misspellings as such, and write this newsletter editor column. Since I’ve been vice-president as well, that column was authored by me too. I try to make it focus on the direction of the organization however and leave my personal rants to this short piece. It’s a lonely job, and one with little feedback.

The newsletter gave me a place to catalog my thoughts and scribe my anxieties. Journaling helps. My patients who are able to put thought to paper find it beneficial, and now I can see its effects in my own life. Having a narrative of who you are and where you are going is one of the more beneficial mechanisms of our treatment as psychiatrists.

Having an open forum to display my thoughts over the past year has been quite cathartic. I’ve had so much movement in my life that it was hard to keep everything in my head in order. The newsletter gave me a place to catalog my thoughts and scribe my anxieties. Journaling helps. My patients who are able to put thought to paper find it beneficial, and now I can see its effects in my own life. Having a narrative of who you are and where you are going is one of the more beneficial mechanisms of our treatment as psychiatrists.

You have two new editors starting out with the next issue. I’ll leave it to them to introduce themselves. They will put their own fingerprint on the newsletter and that will make it quite exciting. As for me, I’ll still be writing the VP column over the next year, and the president column after that. I’m not sure if I’ll be able to keep it so business-like, but for the sanity of the organization, I will try my best.

For anyone out there that has gotten this far and received the information I have put down in these pages, I appreciate your attention. It’s always a warm feeling to think that we might have company with us along the way.

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The usual chaos of the beginning of the academic year this July has been intensified with the recent release of DSM-5. The attendings are racing to learn the criteria to teach the residents and fellows. Our department has instituted a summer Grand Rounds series of several lectures on DSM-5. Now I understand what my attendings went through when DSM-III-R was published shortly before I began residency training and they were trying to learn the new manual. Additionally, the health care network I work for is in the midst of merger negotiations with another system in NYC, causing further stress and confusion for many working in the system.

The planning never seems to end! There are several AGLP events planned for the APA IPS meeting in Philadelphia 10-13 October—please see the AGLP website for details, www.aglp.org. We are also beginning plans for an amazing AGLP program during the APA Annual Meeting in NYC 03-07 May 2014. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or an interest in assisting with the planning for the NYC meeting contact either Eric Yarbrough or myself (kashley@aglp.org).

As always, if there are any other thoughts or ideas about the organization, please contact me. Remember, we are always looking for folks interested in participating in the organization.

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Vice-President’s Column
Eric Yarbrough, MD

The great city of New York will be hosting AGLP in the next year. It’s been six years since our last visit and we locals are happy to have you back. A local arrangements committee has already been set up and has started planning the events for May of next year. I’m happy to say that many new residents are involved. It’s our job to welcome them into the organization and direct them towards the always happy rainbow road of being and LGBT identified psychiatrist.

The symposia we have planned could turn out to be exciting additions to our long line of informative meetings. I’m going to wait until they are accepted before I boast too much, but they should have information that would be of use to any psychiatrist working with the queer community. With such a large pool of qualified psychiatrists, gathering a group of people to speak about relative topics is, for lack of a better description, relatively easy. Our members are experts in a field with a wide range of information.

Before we even get to New York, we’ll be seeing some of you in Philadelphia in the fall. AGLP has social activities planned, as expected, with an additional social outing to the local Barnes exhibit. Our museum tours in the past have been quite fun and informative, this one looks to be the same.

I’m still working on trying to come up with ways to get members involved in the organization. We are also still trying to gather up past members to re-join the organization. This summer we had a post-card campaign where all expired members of the last decade were contacted in hopes of getting them to rejoin. The photo on the post card was from our catamaran social outing in Hawaii. Everyone was happy and smiling, like you would expect when you are up to 6,000 miles away from your home on a tropical paradise. If anyone out there has ideas on how to get some of our lapsed members back in, feel free to reach out to me.

Right now, the organization is focusing on what it needs to. We are keeping our members engaged, communicating, and educating each other. We are also educating the larger community of mental health providers and others with our journal, symposia and lectures. We would love to have many of you participate. All you have to do is ask.

Upcoming International Psychiatric Meetings in Vienna and Berlin, and submission for Madrid

International Meetings

The Next World Psychiatric Association International meeting is in Vienna Oct 27-30, 2013 http://www.wpasic2013.org/ . Two workshops have been accepted both for Oct 28: 01 Lounge 1, 9:45-11:15 Workshop W-01: Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Mental Health 2013, and 01 Lounge 1, SW-1 14:45-16:15: New Perspectives on HIV Mental Health for Gay Men and other Populations. One

LGBT symposium organized by AGLP has been accepted to the German Psychiatric Association Meeting (DGPPN) Nov 27-30. It is on Wed Nov 27 from 15:30 to 17:00, Room 44 S-042 Clinical Work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Populations in Canada and the United States. This is the largest psychiatric annual meeting in Europe and they do have an English language track with many major talks in English although most of the meeting is in German. Our session will be in English, but the other sessions organized by the LGBT psychiatrists will most likely be in German.

http://www.dgppn.de/congress2013.html

The next large WPA conference will be in Madrid Sept 14-18, 2014 http://www.wpamadrid2014.com/ . If you are interested in presenting in this meeting, please let us know by October 15, 2013, because the deadline for submission is November 1. This is the large WPA congress which gets over 10,000 psychiatrists. Even if you aren’t interested in presenting, I hope you will be able to join us at the conferences to support the AGLP organized sessions.

American Psychiatric Association submission:

It is not too early to start thinking about the next submission cycles. The following IPS meeting is in San Francisco Oct 10-13, 2013. Submission deadline early December 2013, so we would need to know your interest in participating in a workshop by November 15, 2013.

Calendar of upcoming meetings and submission deadline

Vienna WPA Oct 27-30, 2013 (Submission accepted)
Berlin-DGPPN Nov 27-30, 2013 (Submission accepted)
New York APA-Annual May 3-7, 2014 (Submission past)
Madrid WPA Congress Sept 14-18, 2014 (Submission deadline Nov 1st 2013)
San Francisco APA-IPS Oct 30-Nov 2, 2014 (Submission, early Dec 2013)

For the meetings above, please contact Gene Nakajima, MD at GNakajima@aglp.org.

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Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health
2014 Outstanding Psychiatry Resident Paper Award

The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health (JGLMH) is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal indexed by PsychInfo. JGLMH is the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP, www.aglp.org). We are seeking outstanding resident papers on LGBT mental health; these can be original research papers, case series and detailed case reports, or review articles. The award includes $500, publication in JGLMH, and assistance with travel to the AGLP annual meeting (held concurrently with the APA) in New York City in May to present the resident’s work. The deadline to be considered for a 2014 award is March 1, 2014. Co-authored papers are eligible as well, but the resident must be the first author.

Entries can be submitted to editors@aglp.org.

JGLMH available online FREE to AGLP Members

The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health, the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, is now available for viewing online free to all AGLP Members. The content is searchable with search words and phrases, and you can even download and print particular articles if you like.

Taylor & Francis, the publisher of the JGLMH, has developed a new and more reliable approach to accessing this online content, supplying each AGLP member with an activation code and complete instructions for registration and access to the secured area. Once you have completed the registration process and activated your subscription, you will be able to access journal content from any computer, any time by entering your email address and password. Your subscription will run concurrently with your active AGLP membership status and will be renewed each year as you renew your membership.

Online help is available for any problems you may encounter. Links for assistance will be included in the initial activation code message you receive.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this access, please be back in touch. We hope that this new method will provide greater ease and dependability to the entire process.

AGLP Booth at APA San Francisco

Many thanks go out to the members of AGLP who contributed time staffing the booth at this year’s APA in San Francisco:

Brad Crowell, MD, Andy Tompkins, MD, Lonny Behar, MD, Bill Herz, MD, Mary Barber, MD, Jack Drescher, MD, Ed Kantor, MD, Kenn Ashley, MD, Ed Nix, MD, Scott Grossman, Eric Yarbrough, MD, Ubaldo Leli, MD, Julie Scholman, MD, Daphna Lochner, PhD, Sarah Noble, DO, Serena Valpp, MD, Dan Hicks, MD, Chris McIntosh, MD, Jonathan Weiss, MD, Amir Ahuja, MD, and Gene Nakajima, MD.

Thanks also to Bob Ranando, Gene Nakajima, MD, and Michael Golder, MD, who all helped disassemble and pack up the booth for shipping back to Philadelphia. Many hands make for light work, and our disassembly team finished the project in record time.
The 2013 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Phyllis Lyons Ashton, who is steadfast in her loving support of Patty's work. Patty is here tonight with her partner of over 15 years, Reverend Susan Barber, students at University of California at Berkeley, to inspire them to keep on their program for pre-med under-represented minority students including LGBT Medical Educators. Five years ago, she established a summer internship at UCSF, which now has a social worker and a perinatal psychiatrist. She has a number of patients, Patty started the Mood Assessment Disorder in Pregnancy Clinic at UCSF, which has a distraught husband was about to arrive with his rifle to look for his wife). Patty matched in ob-gyn at the University of California, San Francisco, as the only woman at her residency level. When she rotated to San Francisco General Hospital, she organized a study on the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and frequency of Pap smears in lesbians compared to heterosexual women, and from that published study, she recognized that lesbians were not getting health screenings due to lack of access to health care, as well as past difficult experiences, due to homophobia. She thus co-founded Lyon-Martin Health Services in San Francisco in 1978, which is now a full-service clinic for lesbians and other women. In 1983, she co-founded the Women in Medicine conference with her partner at that time, Dr. Lesley Anderson, an annual conference for lesbian physicians and their families, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in Clearwater, Florida, next month, and for which she continues to be a board member. Patty has also been a board member and past chair of the grants committee for the Lesbian Health Fund, which awards research funds for pilot studies in lesbian health. She was a co-founding director for the UCSF Center for Lesbian Health and Research and served in that capacity for eight years.

In 2010, she co-edited the first lesbian health textbook, Lesbian Health 101, a Guide for Clinicians, which has several chapters on mental health issues for lesbians, written by some of your members, including Dr. Ellen Haller and Dr. Mary Barber. Patty has a strong interest in mental health issues, and recently completed five years as a member and then Co-Chair of the University of California Mental Health Oversight Committee for the ten University of California campuses. As a perinatologist who provides obstetric care to high risk patients, Patty started the Mood Assessment Disorder in Pregnancy Clinic at UCSF, which now has a social worker and a perinatal psychiatrist. She has a passion for teaching, and is an inaugural member of the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators. Five years ago, she established a summer internship program for pre-med under-represented minority students including LGBT students at University of California at Berkeley, to inspire them to keep on their journey to become physicians and not get discouraged by large science classes there. Patty is here tonight with her partner of over 15 years, Reverend Susan Ashton, who is steadfast in her loving support of Patty's work.

The 2013 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Phyllis Lyons (in absentia) for her significant lifetime contributions to the well-being of the LGBT community, and the 2013 Stuart Nichols Award for outstanding achievements in GLBT Community Mental Health was presented to the UCSF Alliance Project.
court, functional classrooms, and intimate galleries are surrounded by a series of external garden spaces.

Other events at IPS include a Welcome Reception at the home of Roy Harker and Bob Ranando, and a reception on Saturday at the home of Sarah Noble. (RSVP is not required for these receptions.) Our annual business meeting will take place on Saturday morning, October 12, beginning at 8:30am in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Please visit our website, www.aglp.org, for more details.

I’ll look forward to welcoming you personally to Philadelphia!

Roy Harker

2013 IPS Philadelphia
October 10-13, 2013

Friday, October 11, 2013
Seminar
9:00am to 4:00pm
Impact of Psychiatric Disorders on HIV Care and Treatment
Director: Marshall Forstein, M.D.

6:00 to 8:00pm
AGLP Welcome Reception
at the home of Roy Harker and Bob Ranando
4514 Chester Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143

Saturday, October 12, 2013
8:30am to Noon
AGLP Annual Business Meeting
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Room 404, Level 4

1:00pm to 2:00pm
AGLP Private Guided Tour of the Barnes Foundation
$45 for AGLP members and their guests
$25 for AGLP Patrons and their guest.
RSVP is required and we are limited to 20 people in the group.

8:00pm to 10:00pm
AGLP Reception
at the home of Sarah Noble, DO
1845 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146

Listings of Upcoming Subspecialty Meetings of Interests to Members

Kenn Ashley, MD
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Many AGLPers are members of other organization such as the ones listed here. As a way to increase the visibility and effectiveness of AGLP, members that participate in other organizations are encouraged to hold gatherings at these meetings to increase networking potentials. In the past these have ranged from

a hosted get together at a members home to more formal presentations combining the issues central to AGLP and the primary meeting issue. If you are interested in improving communications between the subspecialties and AGLP, contact our President, Kenneth Ashley, MD, at KAshley@aglp.org for more details and suggestions.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, Florida
October 22-27, 2013

American College of Psychiatrists
http://www.acpsych.org/
Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas
February 19-23, 2014

APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
2013 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
October 10-13
2014 San Francisco, California
October 30-November 2
2015 New York, New York
October 8-11

APA Annual Meeting
2014 New York, NY
May 3-7
2015 Toronto, Canada
May 16-20

Association of Women Psychiatrists
http://www.associationofwomenpsychiatrists.com/index.php
Meetings have been in conjunction with the Annual APA Convention
For more details, please see the website above.

Black Psychiatrists of America (BPA)
http://www.blackpsych.org/

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL)
http://www.aapl.org/

American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry
http://www.aapdp.org/

American Association for Emergency Psychiatry
https://www.emergencypsychiatry.org/

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
http://www.aagp.org/

American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT)
http://www.aadprt.org/
AGLP Executive Committee Minutes

AGLP Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 19, 2013
Intercontinental San Francisco, Sutter Room, 5th Floor

Attending: Jack Drescher, Elie Aoun, Roy Harker, Serene Volpp, Roy Harker, Eric Yarbrough, Jack Pula, Mary Barber, Kenn Ashley, Scott Grossman, Amir Ahuja, Gene Nakajima, Chris McIntosh, Sarah Noble, Ubaldo Leli, Phil Bialer, David Scasta.

Item: Local arrangements committee in San Francisco
Thanks to Ellen Haller, Gene Nakajima, and the rest of the local arrangements committee for organizing well-attended events in San Francisco.

Item: Philadelphia local arrangements, fall IPS meeting 2013
The welcome reception will take place on Friday, October 11 at the National Office and the Fall Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2013 during the fall IPS meeting (Oct 10-12). Sarah is also putting together a party on Saturday evening.

Item: NYC local arrangements, APA annual meeting, May 2014
We will need a space in NYC to hold the awards reception. Venue search to proceed after formation of a local arrangements committee for New York.

Item Newsletter editor
Discussion: Eric Yarbrough will step down as newsletter editor.
Plan: Kenn will contact potential new editors.

Item: AGLP’s AAOL affiliated organization liaison with APA
Discussion: The current holder is appointed annually by the AGLP president. There was general consensus on a term limit of tenure of 3 years. Roy reported that the renewal letter is due next month.

Item: Fryer Award negotiations
For three years (2013-15) APA will pay for the award. AGLP will need to raise, in conjunction with the American Psychiatric Foundation, $20000-30000 to reestablish the permanent endowment in order to spend down the interest on the award after 2015. The AGLP executive committee has not yet approved the new agreement with APA.

Item: Membership Development
Membership development and renewal were discussed. Roy sends six notices to members: 90, 60 and 30 days before and at expiration of membership, and 30, 60, and 90 days after with renewal notices. In terms of retention and recruitment, Chris discussed hosting house parties to recruit new members.

Item: Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health
Discussion: Mary reported that the publisher just released the latest issue. Chris McIntosh and Phil Bialer will become the new journal editors and Debbie Glazer new book review editor. The journal has a new cover design.

Item: International Committee
Discussion: Gene reported that an abstract was submitted to the WPA meeting in Vienna in October and a German psychiatric meeting in November. IPS meeting in 2014 will return to San Francisco; submissions will be due December 2013, including for a possible Fryer Award lecture.

Plan: Plan for submissions at San Francisco IPS (AGLP track of 3 sessions: Fryer award and 2 panel sessions.)

Item: Elections and nominations
Discussion: Elections will take place at this afternoon’s meeting. Eric would be honored to serve as president-elect.
Plan: 2014 will be the year for elections for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Item: Product development
Plan: Jonathan will help Eric will development of a DVD on culturally competent psychiatric treatment for LGBT populations.

Item: Identity committee report
Plan: Sarah will host a meeting Tuesday in the hospitality suite to continue discussions about organizational name changes to support a more inclusive and responsive organizational identity.

Item: Presidential report
Discussion: Kenn thanked Roy for his dedication to and hard work for AGLP.
AGLP is now in a more stable financial situation. The core of membership group has stabilized moving into patron or above.
Plan: Encourage members to deepen their membership commitment. Continue special events for members contributing at higher levels.

Item: Treasurer’s report
Discussion: Serena reported that we are not on track for revenue expectations although Roy forecasts that we will come under budget for this meeting.
Plan: Assign board member to serve as inside person for development liaison.

Item: Vice-presidential report
Plan: Eric to coordinate ideas for submission to APA symposium in 2014 (due Sept. 2013).

Item: Roy’s report
Discussion/Plan: Roy’s job description is due for review/updating.

Item: Women’s committee
Discussion: Sarah reported the women’s dinner is scheduled for tonight.

Item: Transgender committee
Discussion: Jack reported that there will be a reception tonight at Dan Karasic’s sponsored by AGLP and WPATH. Jack will present at the WPATH meeting in Bangkok.

Item: Minority committee
Discussion: Amir will plan events for IPS in Philadelphia with Sarah. Amir will chair a panel on LGBT youth and suicide on Wednesday afternoon at this meeting.

Item: Child/adolescent committee

Item: Psychotherapy committee

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Plan: Chris will plan to step down as chair next year as he assumes editorial duties with Phil Bialer at the journal.
Item: Assembly report by Phil Bialer

Discussion: An action paper was submitted to provide DSM 5 as a membership benefit of APA. Saul Levin, former member of AGLP and caucus member, will become new medical director. Gail Robinson has been elected Minority and Underrepresented trustee but won’t be able to attend the GLB caucus meeting in San Francisco this afternoon.

Plan: To develop a new mechanism at time of renewal of AGLP membership for safeguarding member preference to protect confidentiality.

End 12:30 pm.

AGLP Phone Conference
Monday, June 17th, 2013 3:30pm EDT

Members Present: Eric Yarbrough (chair), Amir Ahuja, Sara Noble, Roy Harker, Serena Volpp, Chris McIntosh, Scott Grossman.

Item: IPS Philadelphia 2013

Plan: Roy Harker will host a social event on Friday night. Sara Noble will host a social event on Saturday night. Amir will follow-up with a potential Saturday outing to the new Barnes museum with a docent tour. Amir will reach out to Gene regarding the potential AGLP education events that would take place. Our usual fall business meeting will take place on that Saturday morning of the conference. Details will be on our website.

Item: Membership Development

Lapsed members were assigned to be called. Member calls were handed out. Chris McIntosh reviewed our discussion from the APA annual meeting. We discussed sending out postcards to recruit from a list of about 500 lapsed members. Serena mentioned she is currently working on reaching out to residents and medical students and will report back on that. Roy agreed to send Serena a list of current residents/medical students. Time was also spent discussing GLMA and potentials for advertising. It became obvious that the expense of advertising at these events would be too much for our organization at this time.

Dan Hicks is throwing an AGLP membership party in D.C. Roy and Serena discussed giving out the LGBT Casebook as a gift of membership. Details of the transactions were discussed. Roy agreed to buy 10 books to start and see how the budget handles it.

Serena further introduced the idea of listing higher membership categories on the AGLP pamphlet. Due to the discussion around name change, we agreed to postpone adding these more advanced memberships for now.

Item: APA New York 2014

Kenn Ashley will be asked to provide names of the local arrangements committee. He previously mentioned several people who were interested in participating. The symposium is still being considered and Eric will discuss details with Andy Tompkins about this. The student paper award will be advertised early. The point was raised to contact individual program directors to get submissions. Awards were mentioned and the board was asked to consider potential people who would accept the awards.

Item: Newsletter editors

Two new editors were named for the quarterly newsletter. Their transition into the newsletter will take place over the next several months. Details will be given out in the next newsletter.

Item: Fryer Award

There has been a good outcome with the Fryer Award discussion. Details of the agreement were discussed. The Fryer Award committee is happy with the progress. There is potential of the Fryer Award turning into a larger event should it get good corporate sponsorship. Sarah Noble suggested a Fryer Award documentary. She agreed to contact Mary Barber with the details.

Item: AAOL Representative

July 1st is the deadline for identifying our representative. This task will be completed by our president. The AAOL report is below:

I do not have much new to report for the Assembly. The unified position statement on homosexuality passed through the Council on Minority Mental Health and Mental Health Disparities and was sent to the Joint Reference Committee. The JRC has referred it to the Assembly Executive Committee for final approval before sending it to the Board of Trustees. I will be attending the AEC meeting in Seattle on July 13, 2013. The BOT meets the week after but I do not know if the statement will make it to the BOT agenda in time and may be stayed until the BOT meeting in early December. The Assembly is considering restructuring itself which may have a direct impact on the Assembly Liaisons such as myself. The tension is between those who prefer geographical representation and those who want to expand the representation of various constituent groups such as specialty interests. The tension will make funding of the travel costs of the Liaisons harder to obtain as some look to curtail the non-geographic representatives. Both Jack Drescher and I testified on June 13, 2013 in front of the Committee on Women and Children of the NJ State Assembly on a bill making it illegal to provide reparative therapy to minors. I represented the New Jersey Psychiatric Association and made no mention of AGLP. As always, if people have questions, please contact me.

Item: Membership Committees

A short discussion took place about changing the job descriptions of our committees. Further details will be e-mailed out to the board for review.

Item: Treasurer Report

Serena reports we have been in pretty good financial shape this past month. We are coming in under budget from the annual meeting. Cutbacks took place in the booth and the awards reception. We have multiple new members. Roy also reported that all is looking positive for now. He went on to suggest someone should reach out to our webmaster, Maureen. She has been a valuable member and should be kept in the loop.

Next meeting July 15th at 3:30pm EST

AGLP Phone Conference
Monday, July 15, 2013, 3:30pm-4:30pm EDT

In attendance: Kenn Ashley, Roy Harker, Jonathan Weiss, Eric Yarbrough, Chris McIntosh, Serena Volpp, Sarah Noble, Jose Vito, Joanne Ahola.

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Item: Eric’s minutes from last month  
Discussion/Plan: Eric will forward the minutes from last month to the secretary.

Item: IPS Philadelphia 2013  
Discussion/Plan: AGLP events at IPS in Philadelphia in the fall are as follows: a social event Friday evening, October 12; executive committee/board meeting Saturday, October 12 8:30 am-1 pm at the Loews Hotel (AGLP hotel); a lunch break; an afternoon visit to the new building of the Barnes Foundation at 3 pm; Sarah Noble graciously hosts an evening event at her home Saturday night 8-10 pm. The JGLMH editorial board will also meet this weekend in Phila.

Item: AAGP New York 2014  
Discussion: Eric and Kenn will work with the local arrangements committee; new interested members, including medical students, residents, and early career psychiatrists are encouraged to join. The committee will be working on naming award nominees and scoping out venues for the awards reception.

Item: Membership development  
Discussion: As discussed in previous meetings we will continue to work on developing membership from members-in-training, medical students, and residents, including outreach with other organizations (AMSA, PsychSign, etc.) and use of online networking (Facebook, etc.).

Item: Membership renewals  
Discussion/Plan: Buddies were assigned to contact recently lapsed members to renew in the coming month.

Item: Symposium for APA in NY  
Discussion/Plan: Eric will speak with education committee chair Andy Tompkins. Submissions for the spring annual meeting are due 9/10/13.

Item: Presidential report  
Discussion/Plan: Kenn reviewed the focus on membership development broached at the meeting in May in San Francisco. The agreement between AGLP and APA has been signed off for the APA to support directly the Fryer Award in the next two years.

Item: VP report  
Discussion/Plan: Eric will edit the upcoming newsletter; for the October edition there will be new newsletter editors, Joanne Ahola and Jose Vito.

Item: Treasurer’s report  
Discussion/Plan: Serena said that AGLP would benefit from an increase in members. Joanne recommended designating greeters at AGLP events to welcome first-time visitors/potential members. Jose echoed Joanne’s recommendation.

Item: Roy’s report  
Discussion/Plan: 400 lapsed members will be recontacted by postcard to consider rejoining AGLP. Roy will send out a request for alternative meeting times from executive committee members.

Next meeting: Monday, August 19, 2013 at 3:30 pm EDT

Welcome to Our New Members

Juan Carlos Arguello, D.O.  
Sacramento, CA  
Bryan Ballot, M.D.  
Clearwater, FL  
David Beckert, M.D.  
Charleston, SC  
Tim Carpenter, D.O.  
Los Angeles, CA  
Brian Donohue, M.D.  
New York, NY  
Brian Doyle, M.D.  
Washington, DC  
Margaret Frank, M.D.  
Decatur, GA  
Greg Keane, M.D.  
St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia  
Siva Sundeep Koppolu, M.D.  
Staten Island, NY  
Justin Leung, M.D.  
New York, NY  
Lorraine Lothwell, M.D.  
New York, NY  
Todd Magro, M.D.  
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The panel of discussants at the AGLP Symposium “Bringing the Uniform Out of the Closet: Artistic and Clinical Perspectives of Gay Military Life Before and After Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” with, from left: Dr. Elspeth Ritchie, MD,MPH, Major Øyvind Erik Jensen, MD, LT Donald Bramer, and Vincent Cianni, and Mary Barber, MD, at the San Francisco Moscone Center.

Patricia Robertson, MD, speaks at the AGLP Award Reception in San Francisco after receiving the AGLP 2013 Distinguished Service Award.

The San Francisco Local Arrangements Committee receive accolades for the work in support of the Annual Meeting.

Chris McIntosh, MD, addresses the crowd at the AGLP Annual Awards Ceremony.

Vincent Cianni is a photographer with recent subject matter focusing on “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”

Director, Lori Thoemmes, LMFT, accepts the Stuart Nichols Award for outstanding achievements in GLBT Community Mental Health from AGLP President Kenn Ashley, MD
AGLP members and honored guests gathering at the Annual AGLP Awards Reception.

Dan Hicks, MD, hosts a welcoming reception for new APA CEO/Medical Director and AGLP Member Saul Levin, MD, at his home in Washington, DC.

Dan Hicks, MD, left, with Stuart Sotsky, MD, and Tom O’Rourke at the welcoming reception for Dr. Levin in July.
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