

CIRCULAR LETTER #591

Pre-Fall Meeting

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 2004

I eagerly await the Fall Meeting, looking forward to the continued energy and excitement from the Spring Meeting! The new committees are continuing to invite a large number of guests for committee membership; and the Committee on Human Sexuality is restructuring at this meeting with 13 first time guests invited, under the leadership of returning members, Richard Friedman and Jennifer Downey.

We continue to look for people interested in working on committees on neuroimaging, genetics, and psychosomatic medicine. If you know anyone working in these areas who is interested in GAP, let me know.

GAP continues to work on contributions from various sources. The Board asks that you let us know if you have contacts with foundations or industry. Please send that contact information to Dave Baron or Frances so that contact can be made on behalf of GAP.

The Fellows will be presenting the plenary session so come ready to learn how defensive medicine affects us all.

I look forward to seeing you in November!

Carol C. Nadelson, M.D.
President

Announcements:

The GAP Fellows are presenting the Plenary Session on Friday at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to a great presentation!

Welcome new members:

Stevan Weine

Silvia Olarte

Benjamin McCommon

Deborah Steinberg

Gary Kennedy

Seth Powsner

Josh Gibson

Jake Roth

Welcome back Jennifer Downey and Rick Friedman to co-chair the Committee on Human Sexuality.

FALL 2004 MEETING
117th MEETING OF
GROUP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

10:00 a.m.	GAP Office Opens Masefield A Room
10:00 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting Masefield B Room
11:00 a.m.	Contributions Committee Masefield B Room
12:00 noon	Publications Board Meeting Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Selection Committee Masefield B Room

4:00 p.m.	Work Group Consultation Masefield B Room
4:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Cooper A Room
5:30 p.m.	Reception of the Board of Directors Room 688 – Sixth Floor
6:30 p.m.	Fellows Dinner Meeting Cooper A Room
6:30 p.m.	Corporate Sponsors Dinner Masefield B Room
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Irving A and B Rooms Hosted by: Committee on Research

Thursday Committee Meetings

Addictions	8:00 p.m.	Room 107
Child	8:00 p.m.	Library Room
College Student	7:30 p.m.	Studio Room
Family	7:30 p.m.	Hutchinson B Room
International Relations	8:00 p.m.	Veranda Room
Psychiatry and the Community	7:00 p.m.	Room 103
Psychopathology	2:00 p.m.	Gallery Room
Psychopharmacology	4:00 p.m.	Portico Room
Terrorism	7:30 p.m.	Woodlands Restaurant

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2004

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Cooper-Greeley Rooms
8:30 a.m.	General Membership Meeting Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
12:00 noon	Luncheon Cooper-Greeley Rooms
	Steering Committee Meeting Irving A Room
1:00 p.m.	Fellows Meeting Irving B Room
2:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
5:00 p.m.	Juice Break
5:30 p.m.	Plenary Session GAP Fellows
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception Red Oak Terrace
7:30 p.m.	Dinner Cooper-Greeley Rooms
9:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Foyer - Cooper-Greeley Rooms Hosted by: Sexual Minorities

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2004

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast
Cooper-Greeley Rooms

Steering Committee Meeting
Irving B Room

Fellows Breakfast Meeting
Irving A Room

9:00 a.m.

Committee Meetings

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon
Cooper-Greeley Rooms

12:00 noon

Board of Directors Wrap Up Meeting
Cooper B Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ADOLESCENCE	ROOM 102
AGING	MASEFIELD B ROOM
ADDICTIONS	ROOM 107
CHILD PSYCHIATRY	LIBRARY ROOM
COLLEGE STUDENT	STUDIO ROOM
CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 101
DISABILITIES	ROOM 104
FAMILY	HUTCHINSON B ROOM
GENDER ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH	HUTCHINSON A ROOM
HUMAN SEXUALITY	ROOM 209
IMG	ZENGER B ROOM
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	VERANDA ROOM
MEDICAL EDUCATION	PARLOR ROOM
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	ROOM 201
PLANNING, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS	ROOM 405
PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY	ROOM 505
PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY	ROOM 103
PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW	ROOM 105
PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION	ROOM 434
PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	GALLERY ROOM
PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY	PORTICO ROOM
RESEARCH	ROOM 203
SEXUAL MINORITIES	ROOM 205
SOCIAL ISSUES	ROOM 211
TERRORISM	ROOM 217
THERAPEUTIC CARE	ZENGER A ROOM
THERAPY	ROOM 305
WORK AND ORGANIZATIONS	ROOM 106

**DATES OF FUTURE
GAP MEETINGS**

**2004
NOVEMBER 18-20**

**2006
APRIL 6-8
NOVEMBER 9-11**

**2005
APRIL 7-9
NOVEMBER 17-19**

**2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10**

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PROPOSAL FOR GAP PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE IN A CIRCULAR LETTER EVERY TWO YEARS:

I. Membership

The major qualifications for membership in GAP are superior competence, creativity, and the demonstration of special interest and knowledge in an area within psychiatry.

Membership in GAP implies not only a sense of responsibility for an individual Committee, but also for the well-being of the organization as a whole. In addition to each individual's unique intellectual participation, membership carries with it a willingness to attend meetings, to answer correspondence promptly, to study and comment on preliminary drafts of Committee Reports, to do Committee homework, and to demonstrate willingness to meet the financial responsibilities of GAP membership, not only with respect to personal dues but also for the over-all concern with its financial structure.

An essential element in the strength and vitality of GAP is recruitment, and members are asked to keep in mind the continuing need for young women and men of unusual talent who are highly motivated to contribute to a study-service organization such as GAP.

In the choice of new members, it has been felt that maximum flexibility and avoidance of rigid membership requirements are desirable as the basis of selection.

The actual procedure for the selection of members is designed to provide Committee autonomy and choice. Although the final decision on accepting new members is made by the Steering Committee, the basic consideration in adding new members to a Committee and determining who those members shall be falls under the aegis of each individual Committee.

II. Procedure for Selecting New Members

Potential new members must have attended two (not necessarily consecutive) meetings of the sponsoring Committee as guests. They may be proposed to the Steering Committee for membership during their second meeting.

The Chairperson must submit to the Central Office 30 days prior to the meeting a three-page summary of the guest's curriculum vitae to be distributed to the Steering Committee at the guest's first visit. The name of the Committee inviting the guest must appear on the CV.

When a Committee decides that it wishes to propose a guest for membership, the Chairperson prepares, in advance of the meeting, a short statement outlining the Committee's reason for proposing the candidate.

After discussion in individual Committees and in the Steering Committee, the latter votes at its Saturday meeting whether to accept or reject proposed members.

When an individual is accepted by the Steering Committee, the Committee Chairperson is required to notify Frances Roton in writing of the new member's acceptance of membership, mailing address, telephone numbers (home and office) as well as FAX number.

III. Temporary Absence from Meetings

Members who are temporarily unable to attend meetings may request that they be transferred to contributing status, provided they meet the Bylaws requirement of three years of prior, active participation. Situations of this kind may arise for a variety of reasons, for example, a year of sabbatical overseas.

This, obviously, does not apply to absence from one meeting necessitated by an emergency or for any other reason. It is a tradition in GAP that every member attend each meeting unless excused by the Chairperson for sufficient reason.