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Post-Meeting Spring

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL 2005

I am very proud and pleased to have been elected President of GAP. It is a singular honor and I am enthusiastic about the continual growth and modernization of our organization. GAP has a noble history and next year we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary. There are good reasons to celebrate. I want to thank Carol Nadelson for outstanding leadership during her years as President and Joe Westermeyer who served so admirably as Secretary for six years. I also look forward to continuing to work with Dave Baron as Treasurer, Lois Flaherty as President-Elect and Jay Scully as Secretary. The Board of Directors welcomes new members, Joan Lang and William Sledge.

During the last several years we have taken some important steps towards change. The most dramatic change has been the establishment of our website and the private areas in which our committees can continue to work in between meetings. GAP has truly responded well and several committees are ahead of the curve in the use of modern technology as part of our entrance into the 21st century.

We have also established five new committees which have brought new people into the organization which has played a large role in our revitalization. I am still struggling to develop four more committees, one of which – consultation/liason/psychosomatics, is almost resolved. However, we still need chairperson candidates for genetics, neuroscience, and neuroimaging. This has been difficult because those psychiatrists spend a great deal of time in their laboratories and in organizations narrowly dedicated to their special field of experience. I am appealing to all members to think about colleagues and friends who might be brought into GAP (or who are already members) who would be able to help us.

I would like to be sure that the processes in GAP are open and transparent and that all members feel good about the organization. We have been using an important descriptor for GAP – “think tank.” I believe that we can become better known and have our opinion sought after if we all see GAP as a group of think tanks rather than a writing club. Again, let me say how grateful I am to be your President. I will do my best.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Jay Fink, MD

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

GAP PUBLICATIONS BOARD MEETING – SPRING 2005

Present: Drs. Adler, Aldrich, Baron, Fink, Flaherty, Gross, Nace, and Nadelson

1. Update on Reports-There were no reports submitted for review during the past 6 months.
 - a. The Committee on Psychotherapy continues to negotiate with a publisher for its monograph on the Cost Effectiveness of Psychotherapy.
 - b. The Committee on Psychiatry and the Law negotiated a book contract with Oxford Press for their proposed monograph on Stalking with a small advance.
2. GAP agreed to review the following APA guidelines:
 - a. Psychiatric Evaluation: Knight Aldrich and Larry Gross for Publications Board and Therapy Committee
 - b. Eating Disorders: Lois Flaherty
 - c. Alzheimer's: Committee on Aging (contact Chair)
 - d. Substance Use: Ed Nace or his representative
 - e. OCD: David Baron

David A. Adler, Chair

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE – SPRING 2005

We welcomed 15 new fellows this meeting. They immediately got to work in their assigned committees and in their own committee. They are already hard at work on their plenary which they will present in the Fall of 2006. GAP fellowship committee members Alison Heru, Nyopati Rao, Robert Mitchell, Jane Rosenthal, and Russell Gardner helped to welcome the new fellows at dinner on Thursday night.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADDICTIONS

Present: Nace, Suchinsky, Frances, Levin, Westermeyer, Lewis, Tamerin

Fellow: Bryan Tolliver

Guest: John Fromson

The committee has completed a manuscript that has been approved by the Publications Board, "Social Sanctioned Use of Coercion in Addiction Treatment".

The committee is completing the first draft of a report "Clinical Use of Coercion in Substance Abuse Treatment" to be completed in six months. The target audience will be mental health providers and will be submitted to various journals, including "Psychiatric Services" to be considered.

The committee will be working on selecting a new topic before the next meeting and fine tune the manuscript for submission for publication.

The committee requests suggestions for future topics of joint interest.

AGING

Present: Blank, Cohen, Kennedy, Sakauye, Liptzin

Fellow: Kelli Harding

The committee is working on a web based product. The project is on geriatric curricula material with an anticipated completion date of 2006 and the target audience being residency training directors and residents. The committee made significant progress on curriculum project and project to update GAP monograph on geriatric curriculum. The committee will approach geriatric leaders to submit lectures and approach AADPRT about survey. At the next meeting, the committee will review materials submitted on lectures and the training directors' survey.

CHILD

Child (submitted by T. Shapiro)

Present: J. McDermott, J. Schowalter, P. Tanguay, T. Shapiro, M. Kruesi (P. Jensen Thursday Eve)

- 1) Ginsburg Fellow: Guido Frank M.D. introduced to group. At UCSD working on Bulemia and imaging in relation to biology of taste.
- 2) Discussed the absenteeism with respect to the difficult work loads and impositions of Academia and research. Also suggested that the Chair be associated with the project we choose.
- 3) Strong call for try at 100% attendance at next meeting to begin brainstorming new topic. Tentative probes from Zeanah in absentia regarding changing sociology of dating in teens. M. Kruesi ventured into studying predatory and affective aggression. These were at this juncture, very tentative.
- 4) Paula Riggs missed second meeting as guest – dropped from invite list.
- 5) P. Jensen provided new titles suggested by volume editor we chose:
New Approaches to Childhood Psychiatric Diagnosis: Integrating Neurobiological, Developmental, and Evolutionary Perspectives.
- 6) Most recent draft on Temperament reviewed. Some suggestions emerged:
 - a) Charts perhaps
 - b) Realign preliminary points of entry to match discussion.
 - c) Developmental considerations to be elaborated regarding senseless expectation of static traits vs. reorganization. This would be paralleled to circuitry and network models in CNS
 - d) Rothbards work reemphasized in re: relation to Cognitive and Neuroscience homologues – effortful control discussed as somewhat anomalous in its parity as a primary trait.
 - e) Gender dimorphism in behavior a taboo area for temperament in relation to male/female personality expectations.
 - f) Some overlap between criminality and the parasympathetic tone variables in the callous type child.
- 7) Ted will incorporate these suggestions into text and redistribute next draft very soon. Everyone will edit/add/cut and suggest/write paragraphs etc. so that we can get a new draft to Editorial Board & Journal and free ourselves for new topic.
- 8) Contact with David Adler – Editorial Board. He will review and suggest in 30 days and free us to submit to JAACAP or AJP.
- 9) GAP Website up and running. P. Tanguay will adapt our subsection for early use by members in information and text editing possibilities.

COLLEGE STUDENT

Present: Notman, Reich, Wenger, Backus
Guest: Kristine Girard

The committee is working on a fast track article on, Student Mental Health Services: A Status Report. To address current pressures on student mental health services in US universities and colleges. The final draft is nearing completion by June. The target audience is psychiatrists and administrators to submit to the American Journal of Psychiatry.

The committee discussed and approved recent changes that focus the article more specifically on addressing the problem. The plan between meetings is to complete the manuscript and to discuss a new topic.

DISABILITIES

Present: Gulati, Nesheim, Gale, Steinberg
Consultant: Rachel St. John, M.D.

The committee finishing up:

Medical Students with Disabilities: Reviewing Standards for Admission to US Medical Schools.

Requesting Accommodations for Disabilities and a Telephone Survey of US Medical Schools

Medical Students with Disabilities: Results of a Survey Project

New topic: A Look at Sub-syndrome Illnesses, "How Sick is Sick Enough?"

The final draft is mostly completed for the first three topics with a completion date of April – May 2005. The anticipated audience is medical educators and general physicians.

The committee is interested in AMSA for the place for publication.

The committee will be conducting interviews with subspecialists, completing the literature search and talking to journal editors before the next meeting.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

Present: Friedman, Downey

Fellow: Sidney Edsall

Guests: Elizabeth Haase, David Goldenberg, Stuart Adelson, Arthur Schore, Susan Fisher, Ralph Wharton

The committee is working on several articles and possibly one book. The subject is vicissitudes of sexuality in long-term partnerships. The topic has been chosen and scholarly research is underway.

The specific tasks were assigned to work groups within the larger Human Sexuality Committee. The decision was made to review literature in a number of areas – the neurobiology of sexual response, the effect of hormones on social behavior in animals and humans, masturbation and masturbation fantasies throughout the life cycle, sexual fantasies through the life cycle. One member of our group – an experienced senior psychoanalyst will review the psychoanalytic experience with sexuality in relationships. She will interview several psychoanalytic colleagues and other scholars. The goal of these interviews is to provide the basis for the creation of a systematic semi-structural, interview concerning the preservation/extinction of sexuality in long term relationships.

The focus of the next meeting will be to review material written between meetings.

IMG

Present: Rao, Kramer
 Fellow: Ramotse Saunders
 Guests: Dewan, Goldberg, Casimir, Twemlow

The committee is working on a fast track article with an annotated bibliography of IMG literature and a review article synthesizing major issues that confront IMG's.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Present: Saathoff, Kafka, Rogers, Twentyman
 Fellow: Susan Meffert
 Guests: Gabrielle Marzanik-Nissen, Edwig Plotnick

The committee is working to develop a new topic for deliberation. A new chair was chosen and the committee will be brainstorming on new topics.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Present: Scheiber, Nadelson, Bernstein, Cabaniss
 Fellow: Paul Jones
 Guest: Ruth Levine, Ed Silberman

The committee is working on a fast track article on recruiting and rewarding faculty for medical student training, having the final draft near completion to be completed by May 2005. The article will be targeted to Department of Psychiatry and Medical School Deans. The article will be revised based on committee review. The committee will complete this article and decide on a new topic.

PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY

Present: Pruitt, Koplan
 Guest: Michael Compton

The committee continued discussions and development of products and understanding of the role and relevance of prevention in the work of a psychiatrist, the committee will continue work on telephone survey/study on prevention in psychiatry training programs. Between meetings, the committee plans to complete several more training director interviews.

PSYCHIATRY AND THE COMMUNITY

Present: Talbott, Roth, Cournos, Munetz, Minkov, Lamb

The committee is working on a new fast track article on "Shibboleths" in Mental Health due to be completed in 2007 and completing the previous project on "Adherence", an intermediate length article due to for completion in 2005. The target audience will be policy makers.

Between meetings, the committee will write vignettes and examples and assembly of the examples.

PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW

Present: Pinals, Glancy, Resnick, Mossman, Kapley, Ash, Knoll, Giorgi-Guarnieri
 Fellow: John Cooke

The committee has negotiated a contract to publish the book on stalking to be published in December 2005 targeted at

MHP's and legal professionals published by Oxford University Press. The committee will continue to discuss the book organization and discuss individual chapters.

PSYCHPATHOLOGY

Present: Dulit, Adler, Dixon, Siris, Fornari, Sonis, Berlant, Goldman, Braun

Fellow: Amir Garankani

Guest: Minna Fyer

The committee is working in a fast track article on the pitfalls and promise of the use of evidence based medicine in psychiatry as illustrated by the SSRI's – child problem. The first draft is in preparation with a one year date for completion targeted to mental health providers to be submitted to Psychiatric Services. The plans between the meetings is to revise and complete the manuscript.

PSYCHIATRY AND RELIGION

Present: Lewis, Snyder

The committee is working on a intermediate length manuscript with the first draft in preparation to be completed in 1-2 meetings, targeted to mental health providers to be a manual for dealing with this population. Also the audience includes psychiatric residents and court officials.

The committee will need advice on seeking a publisher.

Between meetings, the committee will send out first draft of the manuscript.

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY

Present: Baron, Gross, Slaby, Goin

Fellow: Bernard Fischer

Guest: Nadeem Bhanji

The committee is working to finish an ongoing project for a fast track article on direct to consumer marketing. The first draft is in final form with completion scheduled for November 2005 targeted to psychiatrists. The manuscript will be submitted to Primary Psychiatry or Psychiatric Services.

RESEARCH

Present: Gardner, Kerbeshian, Beahrs, Wamboldt, Sutton

Fellow: Dan Mayman

The committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript on social brain. The current focus of psychiatry tends to be a "relationshipless" practice. Psychiatry would benefit from a basic science using the social brain, i.e., those areas of the brain having social functions, as our clinical concerns. Human beings are social beings and the social or relationship function is ultimately the hallmark of a healthy lifestyle. The anticipated date for completion is July 2005 as the final draft is near completion now. The committee will submit this article to Annals of Psychiatry. During the meeting, the committee will wrap up work on the social brain. Assign work on two short monographs (social brain) to be submitted to AJP and pediatric journals.

Between meetings, the committee will edit DSM materials to reflect focus of diagnosis and therapy on social brain concepts. The committee will finish the outline of DSM material and determine whether or not to start another new project.

SEXUAL MINORITIES (LGBT)

Present: Rosario, Volpp, Barber, Mitchell, Ashley, Hanin, McCommon

The committee is requesting to change their name to Committee on LGBT and to discuss these issues in psychiatry with web based education modules. The committee will be working on different modules with 1 of 7 modules completed and 3 in production. This will be targeted to trainees in all mental health fields. The committee will be working on the ethics module before the next meeting. The next focus will be on adolescence and sexuality development.

THERAPEUTIC CARE

Present: Lipkin, Hunter, Hammersley, Gruenberg, Fidler, Kramer

Guests: Murray Brown, Sandra Bloom, Margaret Bennington-Davis

The committee is considering “Approaches to Inpatient Care – Trauma Management” to be completed Fall 2006 with an anticipated audience of mental health providers. The committee will be working to integrate new members, reviewing materials and make assignments.

THERAPY

Present: Sledge, Lazar, Rockland

The committee is working on a new topic for an intermediate length manuscript, “Psychobiology of Healing.” “Is Psychotherapy Worth It? Costs, social costs and cost effectiveness” is currently being considered at Analytic Press for publication. The target for the publication is targeted at mental health providers and policy makers. The committee will continue to discuss revisions of the monograph, develop the new topic and consider guests for committee membership.

Announcements:

The financial report for 2005 is available, if you are interested, contact David Baron, Treasurer, for a copy.

GAP continues to honor Life Members:

Knight Aldrich

Merrill Eaton

Charles Gaitz

Robert Garber

Robert Gibson

Jerry M. Lewis

Harold Lief

Earl Loomis

John Nemiah

William Offenkrantz

Silvio Onesti

Perry Ottenberg

Carolyn Robinowitz

Allan Rosenblatt

Melvin Sabshin

John Schowalter

Julius Schreiber

Robert Switzer

Jack Wolford

Henry Work

If you are interested in transferring committee membership, all that is necessary is for you to talk to the chair of the new committee and talk with the chair of your current committee and the transfers are accepted at the Steering Committee Meeting.

DATES OF FUTURE GAP MEETINGS

2005
NOVEMBER 17-19

2006
APRIL 6-8
NOVEMBER 9-11

2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10

2008
APRIL 10-12
NOVEMBER 13-15

2009
APRIL 16-18
NOVEMBER 12-14

2010
APRIL 15-17
NOVEMBER 11-13

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