



# Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry

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## Message From the President

Our last fall meeting has come and gone so quickly and I began writing these words on the day of the 2011 winter solstice. The symbolism of that day seems appropriate for this circular letter. Just as I am optimistically awaiting the beginning of a new year and the lengthening of the days (a slight touch of seasonal affective disorder), I feel increasingly optimistic about GAP and its future direction.



At the last meeting, I was encouraged by the feedback I received after my plenary address, “When Politics Distorts Science: A Psychiatrist Reports from the Trenches of the Culture Wars.” Many of you were struck by the ways in which special interest groups often try and (and sometimes succeed) in distorting scientific findings to achieve single-minded political or economic objectives. Some of you expressed interest in developing ways to respond, either as individuals or as GAP committees, to scientific distortions disseminated through the media for purposes of influencing public policy. No one seemed to disagree that GAP can play a vital role in the public policy arena’s marketplace of ideas.

In furtherance of efforts in that area, and as I reported in previous circular letters, our Committee on Planning, Marketing and Communications (PM&C) has been working on increasing GAP’s profile to reach a wider audience. As I also previously mentioned, GAP reached out to [Catchafire](#), an organization with a mission of connecting business professionals interested in volunteering skills to provide *pro bono* assistance to nonprofit and social enterprises (like us). I sat in on some of the PM&C committee’s deliberations and for purposes of informing the GAP membership before our next meeting, I asked committee members Josh Gibson and Aaron Krasner for an update of their activities:

“Progress continues in the repositioning of GAP as a 21st century, media-oriented think tank. The PM&C committee met with Samantha Wolfe, a branding consultant referred through Catchafire. She and the Committee worked, both before and during the meeting, on updating GAP’s vision and mission statements. Based on that collaborative work, Ms. Wolfe suggested a new GAP tagline: ‘*Leading Psychiatric Thought Since 1946.*’ The Committee plans to present the final products of this collaboration at the general membership meeting in April for further comment and feedback.

“The next steps, which the PM&C committee continues to work on with other Catchafire consultants between meetings, involve identifying essential contributions to psychiatry that GAP has made through the years. We urge GAP members who are cognizant of our history to please email any suggestions for this project to [josh.gibson@ucsf.edu](mailto:josh.gibson@ucsf.edu). Future Catchafire consultants will help us update our logo, build a more media-friendly website, and develop both a public relations plan and social media plan for GAP.”

I’m also happy to report that GAP’s newly revitalized Plenary Committee, co-chaired by Stuart Copans and Douglas Kramer, has been very busy and they have plenaries scheduled for the next few years. In addition, that committee has agreed to assume responsibility for future posters presentations at our meetings. If your committee would like to present a poster and let other GAP members know what you are working on, then

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please contact Stu at [sacopans@sover.net](mailto:sacopans@sover.net) or speak to him at the next GAP meeting.

For the spring plenary, the Committee has invited [Robert Whitaker](#) to be the speaker. As an award-winning, journalistic critic of psychiatry's "over reliance" of antipsychotic medication, his talk promises to generate some lively discussions. To promote further discussion, next meeting's plenary will begin earlier than our usual 5 PM time. Further, to allow all of us to have a heads up on his thinking, the Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health, whose President and Chairman Virgil Stucker was an invited guest at our last meeting, will be mailing each GAP member a copy of Whitaker's last book, *Anatomy of an Epidemic*. Hopefully the discussion will be a lively one.

Several of GAP's new and longstanding committees are seeking new members: Administration and Leadership; Gender and Mental Health; International Relations; Neuropsychiatry; and Professionalism. Take a moment to read their Committee Reports below and if you know of colleagues who might be invited to GAP to serve on these committees, let the Committee Chairs know.

By the time you receive this, the holidays will have passed. I hope you all had good ones and look forward to seeing all of you at our spring GAP meeting in White Plains.



Jack Drescher, M.D., President

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

Present: Larry Gross, Chair, Mary Barber, Jules Ranz, Alison Heru, Peter Tanguay

The committee discussed the feedback from the Fellows, the potential of advertising the Fellowship as part of recruitment.

The committee is planning to make the transition of Chairs, from Larry Gross to Mary Barber, adding a new committee member and seeking outside funding.

Prior to the next GAP Meeting, the announcement and brochure will be reviewed and revised.

### **PLENARY:**

Present: Stu Copans, Doug Kramer, Larry Gross

Guests: Jack Bonner, Virgil Stucker, Robert Larsen

The committee discussed the planning of the plenaries and posters and the possibility of having Friday night movies. The Whitaker book will be distributed to GAP members prior to the March Plenary by the Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health.

## **GAP PUBLICATIONS BOARD MINUTES:**

Present: Drs. Adler, Copans, Friedman, Merlino, Nadelson, Notman, Wrzosek, Scheiber

1. The Publications Board thanks Richard Friedman who completed his term of office as well as Malkah Notman who was elevated to ex-officio emeritus status. We welcomed our new Fellow Representatives: Basant Pradhan and Marika Wrzosek as well as our new member Carlo Carandang (Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) who could not be at the meeting.

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Carol Nadelson was appointed to a new term on the Board and two younger members will be appointed after the meeting.

2. Update on former Reports:
  - a. The Committee on Community Psychiatry's manuscript: Criminal Justice and Community Psychiatry was reviewed and returned for revisions.
  - b. The IMG revised manuscript: Medical Professionalism was approved for journal submission.
  - c. The Psychopharmacology's revised manuscript: Primary care antidepressant treatment in the era of FDA boxed warnings was approved for journal submission.
  - d. The Committee on Human Sexuality's manuscript: In the Mood for Love was reviewed and returned for revisions.
  - e. The Adolescence Committee manuscript: The Nature of Clinical Evidence Revisited was reviewed and returned for revisions.
  - f. Our departing GAP Fellows Plenary Session was accepted as a Poster Session for the May 2011 APA meetings.
  - g. The IMG Committee's manuscript: No Resident Left Behind: Unforeseen Consequences of the Clinical Skills Verification Process was reviewed and returned for revisions.
  - h. AADPRT (as well as the Univ. of PA) have accepted the Family Committee's Curriculum for placement on their websites. In addition they are presenting to the National Network on Depression Conference.
  - i. The LGBT Committee's manuscript: The GAP Online LGBT Mental Health Curriculum was approved for journal submission.
  - j. The Committee on Global Psychiatry's manuscript on teaching cultural psychiatry was reviewed and returned for revisions.
3. Op Ed pieces approved since our last meeting. Our success in getting these into press has been problematic.
  - a. Who Opens the Door? Coming Out in the Age of Social Media, Serena Volpp:<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/serena-yuan-volpp-md/who-opens-the-door-coming-out-b-854725.html>
  - b. Misguided Policy for Transgender Residents in NYC, Jen Pula: <http://www.bilerico.com/2011/06/misguided-policy-for-transgender-residents/>
  - c. California Needs to Fight Gender Bullying, Vernon Rosario and Sally Herbert: <http://www.bilerico.com/2011/04/california-needs-to-fight-gender-bullying/>
  - d. A Glimpse into the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Closet, Jack Drescher: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-drescher/a-glimpse-into-the-dont-ask-dont-tell-closet-b-791583.html>
  - e. Jack Drescher used the Psychopathology Committee's last JNDD paper: The Psychiatric Note in the Era of Electronic Communication as part of a blog piece entitled: The Blank Screen Gives Way to the Computer Screen; <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/psychoanalysis-30/201106/the-computer-screen-shatters-the-blank-screen-and-patients-benefit>
  - f. The Prevention Committee's Op Ed piece: The Risk of Legislating Conversations between Doctors and Patients was approved for submission.
  - g. The Committee on Gender and Mental Health had their Op Ed piece published, Can You Trust Your Physician?
4. Seven journals are interested specifically in GAP publications.
  - a. Psychiatric Services – Howard Goldman, editor
  - b. The Journal of Psychiatric Administration and Management (JPAM) – Sy Ateaz Saeed, editor
  - c. Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease – John Talbot, editor
  - d. Journal of Psychiatric Practice – John Oldham, editor
  - e. Psychodynamic Psychiatry – Richard Friedman, editor and Jennifer Downey, deputy editor
  - f. Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health – Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz, co-editors

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- g. Adolescent Psychiatry – Lois Flaherty, editor
  5. The Committee on Psychiatry and History may be submitting a video for Publications Board review.
  6. The Committee on Psychiatry and the Law will be submitting a 12 chapter book on “Legal Cases that Changed Mental Health Treatment.”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Beginning January 2012, *The Journal of The American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry* will be renamed *Psychodynamic Psychiatry*. Richard C. Friedman, M.D., will be Editor and Jennifer I. Downey, M.D., Deputy Editor. Friedman and Downey are Co-Chairs of the GAP Human Sexuality Committee. Psychodynamic Psychiatry is presently the only psychiatry journal devoted entirely to psychodynamic issues.

The journal’s emphasis will be clinical and evidence-based. All aspects of psychodynamically informed clinical work will be considered for publication. These include reviews, case discussions and clinical research. In addition *Psychodynamic Psychiatry* will publish articles that further the understanding and application of developmental bio-psycho-social paradigms. This means we will encourage articles at the boundary between psychoanalytic psychology and the neuro-sciences on the one hand, and social sciences on the other.

The mission of this new journal overlaps with that of GAP. In keeping with mutual interests, special consideration will be given to material submitted by GAP committees. Articles should be sent to [selsden@ssmgt.com](mailto:selsden@ssmgt.com). Queries should be addressed to Richard C. Friedman: [rcf2@columbia.edu](mailto:rcf2@columbia.edu).

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Addictions:**

Present: Maria Sullivan, Frances Levin, Gabrielle Marzani-Nissen, Jon Streltzer, Richard Belitsky

Guest: Grace Hennessy

The committee is working on an article discussing the differing perspectives between harm reduction vs. abstinence as these pertain to the treatment of opiate dependence, both in the States and in Europe.

### **Administration and Leadership:**

Present: Joe Merlino, Jorge Petit, Sy Saeed, Jeff Lucey

This new committee in “forming/norming” stage of development; completed draft of brief survey to go to GAP, American Association of Psychiatric Administrators and American Association of Community Psychiatry.

The plan for the committee between meetings is to share resource/reference articles, obtain any existing curricula on administration for residents, and obtain reading list from psychiatric administration certification.

The committee will be analyzing survey results to be a possible paper as well as focus the committee on what will be of help to administrators.

The committee is looking for more members if members have recommendations, contact Frances at: [frda1@airmail.net](mailto:frda1@airmail.net)

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**Adolescence Committee:**

Present: Dan Becker, Stu Copans, Kareem Ghalib, Gordon Harper, Lois Flaherty, Silvio Onesti, Jean Wittenberg  
Member also on another committee: Aaron Krasner  
Fellow: Stephanie Kwok

**Manuscripts:**

- 1) Being with Patients: Nature of Clinical Evidence, reconsidered. Sent to Publications Board for review
- 2) Children in State Custody – relocations. Under development; Stu Copans taking the lead. No date for completion.
- 3) Teen Parenting. Under development; Jean Wittenberg taking the lead. No date for completion.

Work during meeting: Group editing of Clinical Evidence paper.

Meetings between meetings: tbd as needed, according to Copans and Wittenberg

Focus for next meeting: papers 2) and 3)

Leadership change: Dan Becker the new chair

**Aging:**

Present: Ben Liptzin, Helen Kyomen, Keith Meador, Robert Roca, Joel Streim, Ken Sakauye

Fellow: David Hsu

Guest: Barry Sarvet, M.D., expert on systems of care, attended the meeting to discuss ways to provide consultation to PCP's.

The committee is working on a fast track article on the role of geriatric psychiatrists under health reform, "Role of the Geriatric Psychiatrist Under Healthcare Reform." The committee is planning a June 2012 completion, targeted at psychiatrists, to be submitted to *Psychiatric Services*.

The Publications Board can be helpful with reviews and comments.

The committee is preparing a presentation at the AAGP Annual Meeting.

**Child:**

Present: Dorothy Stubbe, Cynthia Pfeffer, Markus Kruesi, John Schowalter, Ted Shapiro, Peter Tanguay

Fellow: Basant Pradhan

Guests: David Cochran, Jonathan Dowben

The committee has chosen a topic working to complete the manuscript November 2012 targeted to child and adolescent psychiatry, public policy makers and the public, to be submitted to *The Journal of the Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*; *Psychiatric Services*.

The committee will be working on determining an action plan for child and adolescent psychiatry census with The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and start a new project.

**College Student:**

Present: John Miner, Peter Reich, Malkah Notman, Lorraine Siggins, Varda Backus

Absent: Victor Schwartz, Paul Barriera

Guest: Howard Blue and Virgil Stucker, CooperRiis Center

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The committee is working a manuscript, “Behavioral Health Crisis Manual for College Faculty and Staff.”

The topic has been chosen to be completed Fall 2012. The target audience is college administrators, college faculty, and college residential life staff. The committee came together around the discussion of ideas and projects. A good deal of energy developed for this project as it’s practical and do-able. The committee will be working on an outline to generate a list of situations to be included. The committee will focus before the next meeting to consolidate members’ submissions to the manual.

### **Cultural Psychiatry:**

Present: Anne Becker, Helena Hansen, Francis Lu, Roberto Lewis-Fernandez, Alex Kopelowicz, Robert Like

Fellow: Naudia Pickens

Guests: Mitchell Weiss, Ladson Hinton, Devon Hinton

The committee is working on two fast track articles both in final draft to be completed by November 2011:

1. Study on Approaches to Teach Cultural Psychiatry in Adult Psychiatry Residency
2. Development of a Checklist to Assess Comprehensiveness of Use of Race, Ethnicity and Culture Factors in Psychiatric Research

The first article will be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry* and the second manuscript to be submitted to the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

The committee will be working on finalizing the manuscripts and begin discussion of a new project.

### **Disasters and Terrorism**

The Committee on Disasters and Terrorism continues to discuss and chart its place and that of the field of disaster psychiatry in a world ten years out from 9/11 and hopes to continue to play a role in promoting the preparedness of our field for helping the world face catastrophe. We are pursuing next steps since the Spring, 2011 publication of the book we developed in collaboration with Disaster Psychiatry Outreach, *Disaster Psychiatry: Readiness, Evaluation, and Treatment* (APPI, 2011). Our immediate project is the development of an online CME course based on the book with APPI, which Ed Kantor will be overseeing for the committee. A second newer project being explored in parallel is the development of disaster psychiatry practice guidelines. We also hope to explore collaborations with other related GAP committees, including the global and public psychiatry committees.

### **Gender & Mental Health:**

Present: Carol Nadelson, Gail Robinson, Barbara Schildkrout

Guests: Sophie Grigoriadis, M.D., Director of Mental Health at Sunnybrook Medical Service Center in Toronto.

The committee is working on two fast track articles:

1. “Science” used to push political agendas under discussion. The manuscript will be targeted at mental health providers and general public. The focus between meetings will be continued discussions and possible working with LGBT Committee.
2. Abortion restrictions as a form of bullying in first draft targeted at general public as on op-ed article.

The committee is still looking for males and other new members of this committee.

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## Global Psychiatry Committee:

Committee members discussed the following issues and projects

1. "All-in, all-out" NRMP policy for 2013 match: seen as disproportionately hurtful to community hospital programs and their IMG applicant pool because lateness of match makes visa completion, especially for H1B impossible for July 1. Also, fear of faring poorly in the match will paradoxically push more IMG applicants out of the match. Dr. Saunders will draft, Dr. Aggarwal will edit help with literature review, Dr. Sperber will help with literature search. Initial outline for January committee meeting, draft for spring meeting.
2. Global psychiatry project on Human Trafficking: Drs. Aggarwal and Saunders. What role does psychiatry play in the rescue/rehabilitation of victims of sexual trafficking in international contexts? Review of literature of cultural variables in resilience against PTSD following trauma. Are rescue groups making use of psychiatric interventions, with what outcomes? Consult with the NYU Torture group faculty, ask about their investigation of DSM PTSD criteria in Sudan. Review Georgetown 2008 bibliography on human trafficking. What is the presence of IMG authors in this scholarship? Do IMG psychiatrists have a special role to play because of their potential cultural familiarity with the settings and personal interest in advocacy for victims from their culture? Outline of proposal for April meeting, with initial literature review. Proposal for IRB submission for spring meeting, completion a year later.
3. No Resident Left Behind project, update. Editorial feedback was received that the essay as submitted was too much of a "diatribe," although a second reviewer praised it for addressing a neglected concern.
  - a. It is proposed to add to the essay a trial method for evaluation: To address the problem of evaluator bias when the exam is given to residents by their own teachers in the course of clinical work at their own programs, a proposal will be added to the essay to require the all CSV exams be videotaped, and that the tapes be submitted with the passing outcomes, for random sampling review by a committee of experts independent of the program, blinded to the program identity.
  - b. A pilot project will then be done enlisting programs willing to participate, in which the program's evaluations of the taped interviews will be compared with evaluations done by independent experts, also looking at IMG/USMG identity of evaluator and resident. Dr. Aggarwal will revise the current draft, and Dr. Sperber will write the new component, for review by the committee at the spring meeting and submission to the editorial board within a month after the spring meeting. The research project will go forward with IRB submission at the participating institutions and data gathering, for evaluation and writing up within 12 months, submitted spring 2013.
4. Proposed Global Psychiatry Committee goals and objectives
  - a. Scholarship and advocacy related to the careers, well-being, and practices of IMG psychiatrists in the United States
  - b. Writing and editing support for members' scholarly projects
  - c. Development of scholarly projects in currently significant areas of interest in global psychiatry, including IMG workforce, culture specific education and psychiatric care, psychiatric consequences of global upheaval, culturally informed psychiatric care strategies for immigrant populations in US, experiences of USMG psychiatrists practicing abroad.
  - d. Policy review and advocacy for psychiatric education of immigrant psychiatrists in the US
5. Ideas about the IMG Celebration at APA May 2013. Develop and use educational historical materials about the contributions of IMG psychiatrists to American psychiatry. How to attract all members to the IMG Celebration? Consider making this event the first annual occasion of Psychiatry Diversity Day at the APA Annual meeting, followed by African American, Hispanic American, Women Psychiatrist Celebrations, thus creating a reciprocal interest across all identified minorities among psychiatrists, appealing to a

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general interest in the cultural heterogeneity in our profession.

6. Ideas for IMG summit to be chaired by Dr. Rao Sept. 2012, looking at current controversies related to conflicting ideologies about meeting the US doctor shortage, and the role of IMGs in meeting clinical demand generally, and in underserved areas. In addition to representation proposed by Dr. Rao, from the ECFMG, American College of Physicians, APA, AMA, and WPA, also include rigorous healthcare economists like Norcini to review and criticize estimates of workforce needs. Also, invite policy experts from CMS and other stake-holders like HHS Secretary Sibelius to discuss workforce economics.
7. Feedback to Dr. Sperber about his von Tauber Institute research proposal on “Cultural Conflicts for Immigrant Families with the US Geriatric Care System.”
8. Because many committee members had professional schedule conflicts (giving the Boards, AMA meeting, etc.) and were unable to attend, there will be an interim committee meeting at the end of the year. Members present prefer a Saturday at a restaurant in New York City, during the day on Saturday, January 7, after children have returned to school from winter vacation.

### **History and Psychiatry:**

Present: Don Fidler, John Lipkin

Guest: David Sasso

The committee is working on a DVD to be completed in 2013 targeted at residents.

The Publications Board could be helpful in reviewing the draft as the committee continues editing.

### **Human Sexuality:**

Present: Jennifer Downey, Richard C. Friedman, John Tamerin, Stuart Adelson, Elizabeth Haase, Robinette Bell, David Goldenberg

Fellow: Adam Graff

The committee reviewed what we had accomplished thus far and what direction we wished to take in the future. Our first priority for the spring meeting is discussing data collected by the committee comparing sexuality among patients with bipolar spectrum disorder to that of control subjects. We developed and used our own instrument and a pilot study we carried out was based on our own patients. Our interest in the area of bipolar sexuality has led to two publications thus far: one on bipolar spectrum children by Dr. Adelson and one on driven sexual behavior in bipolar spectrum patients by Dr. Downey. We are also critically reviewing the literature on paraphilia- sexual deviation and will be discussing this next time. “

### **International Relations:**

Present: Scott Twentyman

Doctor Twentyman is working on a collaboration with the Committee on Terrorism and Political Violence.

The committee continues to look for new members.

### **LGBT:**

Present: Alan Schwartz, Mary Barber, Serena Volpp, Jen Pula, Sally Herbert, David McDowell, Andy Tompkins, Scot McAfee, Vernon Rosario, Jack Drescher, Marlin Mattson, Kenn Ashley

Fellow: Lorraine Lothringer

The committee is working on developing new projects. The topics in discussion:

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1. Transgender psychotherapy guidelines and possible suicide survey of providers
  2. Update web based curriculum
  3. Everyday bias/micro-aggressions with LGBT review article

The committee is anticipating the project to take one year targeted at mental health providers. The work between meetings is to do literature review and writing.

### **Medical Education:**

Present: Richard Belitsky, Don Hilty, Leah Dickstein, Ed Silberman

Fellow: Marika Wrzosek

Guest: Mitchell Cohen

The committee is working on a fast track article, “Problems for Residency Training Posed by Current Communication Technology” and the committee is presenting an APA Workshop on Dealing with New Supervision/Duty Hours Regulations for May 2012.

The article is planned to be completed January 2012 to be targeted at psychiatric educators to be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry*. The committee will be working on editing the first draft and circulating edited draft to submit to the Publications Board. The Committee will be working on new projects.

### **Mental Health Services:**

Present: Jules Ranz, Wesley Sowers, Hunter McQuiston, Anna Skiandos, Melissa Abuckle, Anthony Carino, Joanna Fried, Sonil Shoyinka, David Stern

Fellow: Andres Barkil-Oteo

Guests: Michael Weinberg, Donovan Wong

The committee is working on a fast track projects:

1. Four Factors Model of SBP in Psychiatry – resubmitted to *Academic Psychiatry*
2. Qualitative Analyses of Data reported in above paper with the first draft near completion to be completed in six months targeted at mental health educators and psychiatric residents

The second paper will be submitted as soon as it is completed.

Between the meetings:

1. The plan for SBP Curricula is being developed by our GAP Fellow, Andres Barkil-Oteo
2. Draft of the paper on qualitative analysis of data reported in SBP Four Factors paper
3. Preliminary discussion of developing an “app” to assess perspective costs of treatment plans
4. Joint meeting with Committee on Cultural Psychiatry to explore topics of mutual interest
5. Potential new topics: workforce support (Guide to Interviewing), role of psychiatrists in primary care, cost issues

### **Neuropsychiatry:**

The GAP Committee for Neuropsychiatry is in the process of forming. A small group of psychiatrists who are active and interested in this arena plan to have a preliminary meeting in mid-December in the Boston area.

Neuropsychiatry encompasses topics as diverse *and as fascinating* as: sleep and mental health, the neurological underpinnings of social cognition, traumatic brain injury, transcranial magnetic stimulation for treatment of depression, the study of consciousness, neurodegenerative diseases and their mental status manifestations,

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epigenetics, linguistics, gender differences in the brain, the importance of executive functions, the significance of mirror neurons, the biology of aggression, creativity, learning, mitochondrial dysfunction in psychiatric illness, and the list goes on...and on.

In light of the vast territory that the topic “neuropsychiatry” encompasses, the very first goal of our group will be to find a focus of interest. We then hope to define a small project and lay out a strategic plan that will include consulting with others and expanding the committee membership. We expect to be up and running and ready to join in as an active committee at the GAP spring meeting.

**Planning, Marketing and Communications:**

Present: Paul Fink, Harvey Ruben, Steve Sharfstein, Steve Scheiber, Jack Drescher, John Looney, Josh Gibson, Aaron Krasner, Seth Powsner, Jack Bonner, Frances Roton

This was a very good meeting where we were able to accomplish a great deal regarding movement toward social marketing and branding. Thanks for the help of Josh Gibson, a new member of our committee. We had with us Samantha Wolf, a volunteer from Catchafire Organization who is going to help us with public relations and communications aspect of this project. We are entitled five consultants each dealing with one of the following:

1. Brand
2. PR communications
3. Social media
4. Storytelling
5. Logo

Each of these is important to developing a complete marketing plan project.

We explained a little bit about GAP and the history. All of the members had filled out a survey that she had sent us from which she was able to do a brilliant job in putting together a one-page document about GAP which included a vision statement, a mission statement, a statement of our values and a tagline as well as some action items that she felt needed to be pursued. As I said, we are entitled to four additional consultants. We have given assignments to Josh Gibson and Aaron Krasner to pursue them. Josh will go after a branding person, a storytelling person and the marketing person. Josh will pursue a PR/Community person as well. Aaron will help us connect with the social media person. We spent a significant amount of time talking about how we would roll this out to the steering committee and to the membership as well as the board. The bottom-line goal as enunciated by John Looney was to return to our former glory.

The question of turnaround time, how to get things moved in and out of GAP took a great deal of time and thought. We came up with an idea that if we could use David Adler, he knows what all the committees are doing, that he could contact the chairman to respond to special issues of the day. In addition and therefore a thoughtful and realistic response would be marvelous.

The committee is looking forward to meeting its new consultant and working with him on the five areas outlined above. If we're able to do this, GAP will change forever. It's important that we do it carefully so that we not undo much of the good that GAP currently does. We don't want to do it in a way that fails the system. Whether we keep the name GAP or not, confusion with jeans will stop. We will have our own identity so that people would ask us to research an area and open up new ideas.

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We are particularly grateful to Josh Gibson for his energy and his hard work in getting this thing going and especially for connecting us to Catchafire.

**Preventive:**

Present: Michael Compton, Chris Oleskey, Carol Koplan, Ruth Shim

Fellow: Marc Manseau

Guest: Fred Langheim

The committee is working on a fast track article, The Affordable Care Act and The Role of Integrated Care Settings in Advancing Mental Illness Prevention and Mental Health Promotion. The first draft is near completion to be completed by January 2012 targeted at mental health providers/psychiatrists to be submitted to *Psychiatric Services*. Between meetings, the committee will work on this manuscript, prepare an abstract for a symposium at the 2012 IPS Meeting in New York.

The committee will finalize the manuscript and await review of a submitted book proposal. At the next meeting the committee will begin writing chapters for upcoming book.

**Professionalism:**

Present: John Gale, Karen Gennaro, Sheila Hafter-Gray, Robert Nesheim, Jon VanLoon

Guest: M. Kevin O'Connor

The committee is focusing on new direction with a project to be identified in the next year. The project will be targeted at mental health providers and district branches of the APA.

The committee will continue to work on new directions, new members, and literature search.

The committee is searching for new members.

**Psychiatry and Community:**

Present: Fred Osher, Ken Minkoff, Stephanie LeMelle, John Talbott, Richard Lamb, Mark Munetz

The Committee is working on projects:

1. Call to Action
2. Open Forum
3. 60 page manuscript for psychiatrists on collaboration

The projects are targeted at mental health providers submitted to *Psychiatric Services* and/or *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

Between meetings, the committee will be reviewing products and revising plans for products from our Dear Abby letters. The committee will be finalizing the products.

**Psychiatry and Law:**

Present: Peter Ash, Debra Pinals, Alan Newman, Debbie Giorgio-Guarnieri, Richard Martinez, Phillip Resnick

Fellow: Jacob Appel

The Committee is working on a book about the human side of landmark legal cases that affect how we treat patients. The book will focus not only on the legal principles the cases determine, but the human story of how

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the cases developed and how they affected the persons involved. It's aimed at the lay reader. APPI has expressed some interest, and we've sent a sample chapter to the Publications Committee.

**Psychiatry and Religion:**

Present: Richard Lewis, Jeffrey Hamblin, H. James Lurie, Ramaswamy Viswanathan

Fellow: Mia Everett

The committee is working on a journal length article with the first draft near completion targeted at mental health providers and clergy. The article would be submitted to social work journal or religion journal.

In between meetings, the committee will be refocusing audience to include clergy, coordinating portions of the draft.

**Psychopathology:**

Present: David Adler, Beth Goldman, Ilana Nossel, Jeff Berlant, Lisa Dixon, David Oslin

Guests: Michel First, Steve Koh

The committee is working on a fast track article, Our Jobs and Their Jobs: Mental Health Clinicians and Patients' Work Functioning.

There are three surveys: Psychiatrists attitudes to 1). patient work, 2). Comorbid SMI and substance abuse 3). psychiatrists' use of the DSM. The first draft is near completion, December 2011, targeted at mental health providers to be submitted to the *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

Between meetings the committee will be working on survey development. The pilot project survey will be distributed at the April meeting.

**Psychopharmacology:**

Present: Dave Baron, Marcia Goin, Larry Gross, Calvin Sumner, Drew Slaby

The committee is editing the black box warning paper approved by the Publications Board that is being submitted. The committee is starting a new project targeted at psychiatrists to be submitted to *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. The committee is working to focus on a new project.

**Psychotherapy:**

Present: William Sledge, Susan Lazar, Lisa Mellman, Jerald Kay, Eric Plakun, Frank Yoemans, Drew Clemens, Steve Bauer, Michael Myers

Fellow: Serina Deen

Guest: Beth Brodsky

The committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript, Psychotherapy when the Complaint is Suicide that is near completion. The completion date is June 2012 targeted at general mental health practitioners to be submitted to *Psychiatric Services*. The manuscript will be submitted to the Publications Board for review.

The committee will focus on developing two articles linked and the content of each article before the next meeting.

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**Research:**

Present: Douglas Kramer, Johan Verhulst, Barbara Hale-Richlen

The committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript, *The Medical Alliance: From Placebo Response to Alliance Effect*. The anticipated date for completion is Spring 2012 targeted at physicians and possibly patients. This will be submitted to *Journal of Mental and Nervous Disease*. A comprehensive review is underway and will be continued between meetings.

**Terrorism and Political Violence:**

Present: Jerrold Post, John Beahrs, Steve Shanfield

Fellow: Rupinder Legha

The committee is working on a fast track article, "Trauma and Violent Radicalization," nearing completion and an intermediate length manuscript, "The Psychology of Violence Prone Leaders." These will be submitted to *Journal of Trauma Studies* and *Political Psychology*. The committee will continue to work on the projects and will consult with Doctor Fred Stoddard.

**Work and Organizations:**

Present: Robert Larsen, Barrie Greiff, Steve Heidel, Barbara Long, Josh Gibson

The committee is working on a monograph, *Careers: A Brainwise Guide to Finding Fulfillment at Work* to be submitted to the Publications Board soon. The final draft is near completion targeted at high school and college students; young adults, and workers in career transitions. The publication might likely be private to be distribution to school, guidance and career counselors.

The Publications Board could help the committee knowing how to make the product attractive to the audience. The committee will be working on cleaning up the draft and discussing potential partners to publish and distribute.



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Honored GAP Colleagues:

I write with gratitude for the warm welcome you provided me as your 'presidential visitor' during your recent conference. In some ways I felt as though I was in the ancient academy with Socrates and his fellow scholars who were examining the life of psychiatry. You are to be commended for taking the time to continue your venerable inquiries with one another. It was a pleasure to walk amongst you for a few days.

Thank you for your questions about CooperRiis. I appreciate that several of you took time to learn about our work and efforts to help very complicated individuals with their recovery from mental illness, half of whom we offer up to 18-month scholarships.

Thank you as well for your inquiries into our new community foundation for improving mental health care, which is also driven by philanthropy.

Gratefully,

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2012  
March 29-31  
November 15-17

2013  
April 4-6  
November 14-16

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April 10-12  
November 13-15

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April 16-18  
November 12-14

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April 14-16  
November 10-12

2017  
April 6-8  
November 9-11

2018  
April 12-14  
November 8-10

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