Letter from the President

On Qualitative Research And Mainstream Psychology Academic Appointments

A few years ago student of mine, Kimberly Watson, studied qualitative researchers’ experiences of doing qualitative research, concluding that the main theme of their reports was, "It fits with who I am." Many graduate students feel the same way. But if they have hopes of getting a tenure-stream position in a mainstream department of psychology, they worry that doing qualitative research could jeopardize their chances. There are grounds for their worry. Even so, the doors are not completely closed, especially in departments offering counseling psychology and, increasingly, health psychology. The trick is to publish, of course, but in the right way.

In terms of publishing, the first order is to plan, from the outset of a qualitative research study, to write it up for publication, and then to follow through. Qualitative researchers are prone to undervalue their work because they get too close to it; to be skeptical that it is publishable because it is qualitative; to be reluctant to put in yet another round of writing after the intensity of making it into a thesis or dissertation; and to be defeatist about cutting down the latter to manuscript-length even if they do have the energy for it. All such tendencies need to be resisted. A useful aid is to present thesis and dissertation work at conferences, where the conference paper serves as a working draft of the write-up for publication. It is also helpful to work in teams. Assisting one’s supervisor and working with peers create possibilities for publication: Two or three students may help each other with their projects and share authorships when writing them up.
As for publishing in the right way, it is tempting to select journals that either specialize in or champion qualitative research. This tactic may be all right, depending on the particular journals and the number and quality of the publications. The problem is that such journals are seldom in the mainstream. Meanwhile, university hiring committees pay close attention to where candidates have published and generally place more weight on well-established mainstream journals than on others. Thus, a better tactic is to submit first to a suitable mainstream journal; this should be planned at the outset of the project because each journal has its standards of acceptable qualitative research, and this certainly applies to mainstream journals. These standards have been developed dialectically through interactions with qualitative researchers, and this dialectic is ongoing, but there are operative standards at any point in time. They are not necessarily explicated but can be deciphered by paying attention to the features of the qualitative research articles found in the particular journal. This situation poses problems for qualitative researchers using methods that do not square well with the standards. But it may be possible to incorporate them into the method without bending it out of shape, and if it is, it is prudent to do so. Alternatively, an attempt can be made to influence the editorial team to change its standards to accommodate the method. I have had success at this occasionally but could take the risk because I had the security of tenure before turning to qualitative research. Junior people have more at stake and so may have to make concessions in the early going.

Having submitted a manuscript, the art of the game is to respond graciously to criticisms when warranted and to challenge them graciously when unwarranted. If the process results in a rejection of the manuscript, then it is best to submit to an alternative mainstream journal. The other kind of journals can be considered as a last resort. It takes a thick skin to operate this way, but it gets easier after a while. All of this takes time, so the sooner write-ups are done after projects are completed, the better. Another good tactic is to write-up aspects of projects, such as the lit review, or the method, if there is something of interest about them that deserves to be shared. One thing is sure: Once in the groove of publishing, qualitative research manuscripts come to life increasingly easily, intensifying the joy of doing research in a way that fits with who we are.

David Rennie

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The Council of Representatives (COR) of APA met in Washington, D.C., on 2/17-19, 2006. I will share some of the highlights from these three days of meetings. As always, if you would like further information or would like to offer input on any of these matters, please contact me at lyonsa@moravian.edu.

Finances

The financial picture of APA appears to be quite strong. It finished 2005 with a 5.5 million-dollar surplus. The surplus projected for 2006 is $600,000. This year’s budget is $101 million. Other bits of information include: APA collected $35 million in electronic licensure revenue and $18 million in print product revenue. Dues represent only 14% of the budgeted revenues. Membership dues adjustments are tied into cost of living increases. Therefore, personal membership dues will increase by $8.00 for next year. APA has switched from a 5-year step-up plan in annual dues for new members to an 8-year step-up plan for new members, with the hope of attracting and sustaining more new members.

New Orleans Convention Update

* Particle pollution level either normal or good.
* Ozone level good.
* Drinkable local water throughout the whole city with the exception of the 9th ward.
* Convention area safe (i.e., free from mold).
* 10 of 13 airlines back operating at the International Airport.
* As of 1/1/06, 95% of all hotel rooms were fully operational.
* All APA rented convention space will be available and will have been renovated.

* As of 12/05, taxi capacity was at 50%.

* It is expected that trolley lines will be fully operational by August.

* 9 hospitals in the area are fully operational.

* Riverwalk reopened this past November.

* 2 conventions (25,000 and 22,000 participants respectively) are scheduled for New Orleans in June and July. It is presumed that if the city is still experiencing any difficulties in accommodating large conventions, it will become apparent before the APA convention in August.

* The convention contract has been renegotiated and will lower room rates for convention attendees.

**Future Convention Locations and Dates**

New Orleans, 8/10-13/06; San Francisco, 8/17-20/07; Boston, 8/14-17/08; Toronto, 8/13-16/09; Washington D.C.

**Policy Statement Regarding Eligibility For Licensure As A Psychologist**

Individual state licensure boards set the requirements for licensure for individual states. For instance, Alabama and Washington do not require a postdoctoral practicum for licensure. Council voted to adopt the following statement as APA policy: APA affirms the doctorate as the minimum educational requirement for entry into professional practice as a psychologist. It recommends that for admission to licensure, applicants demonstrate that they have completed a sequential, organized, supervised professional experience equivalent to two years of full-time training that can be completed prior or subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree. For applicants prepared for practice in the health services domain of psychology, one of those two years of supervised professional experience shall be a predoctoral internship. APA affirms that postdoctoral education and training remain an important part of the continuing professional development and credentialing process for professional psychologists. In adopting this statement, the Council supports further development of competency goals and assessment methods in the professional education and training of psychologists.

**Requests For New Divisions**

Council approved a Division of Trauma Psychology; however, Council did not approve a Division of Human/Animal Studies. Last year a majority of Council supported this proposal (a two-thirds majority was not obtained). This year the vote was 45 in favor and 108 opposed. Scott Churchill, representing Division 24, and I were in the minority supporting this proposal.

**PENS Report And Update**

Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter, Chair of PENS, presented a summary of the task report and a copy of a letter that was sent to APA President Koocher. In the letter the task force stated, "At this point in time, the PENS Task Force believes that it has provided the American Psychological Association the best service it is able, and as a consequence respectfully requests that the responsibility for writing the casebook/commentary now be given to the Ethics Committee." She also provided us with copies of both the APA Resolution Against Torture (1986) and the Joint Resolution Against Torture of the American Psychiatric Association and APA (1985).

Council was generally supportive of the work done to date but offered constructive suggestions about logical next steps. These will be available on the APA COR webpage. A concern was raised about APA's inability to make sure that nonmember psychologists follow the APA ethical guidelines. A military psychologist who supervises all Navy clinical psychologists said that all military psychologists must be licensed by a state board and that almost all state boards adopt the APA ethical guidelines; they can enforce those guidelines if any ethical violations are reported to the appropriate state board. He also stated that within the Navy, it is his
responsibility to make sure that these ethical standards are upheld and that the comparable officers in the Army and the Air Force have the same responsibility. This, of course, does not address how a detainee in a foreign country could possibly even know of or how to file an ethics complaint against a military psychologist who is licensed in a particular state. My personal read is that while the statements that APA is generating are worthwhile, we have only scratched the surface of this very difficult issue, and much more work will have to be done as we move forward. I will give you one example. There was a letter from a member of the PENS Task Force who opposed the Ethics Committee's taking responsibility for writing the casebook and commentary, feeling that the ecological validity of the casebook is apt to be low or absurd because they don't have the specialized knowledge concerning interrogations necessary to do the best job. Council also challenged APA to do a much better job of publicizing our ethical stance and of challenging inaccurate or inadequate news reports. The Divisions for Social Justice have issued a statement with 10 important talking points on these issues. I have asked about the possibility of our division joining this 10 APA divisions group.

Diversity Training

We broke up into small groups and dealt with real life situations of recent perceptions of racist actions that took place at Council and brainstormed effective ways to improve the situation. Council's next scheduled meetings are immediately before the APA Convention in August and on the last day of the Convention. Visitors are always welcome to observe Council meetings with the exception of closed sessions that normally involve personnel issues or appraisals. Usually, they are not given the option of speaking at Council unless the president of APA decides to allow their input.

Art Lyons, Council Representative

Your Candidates for President

Frank Farley

I would look forward to being Division 32's President, working to advance those beautiful humanistic goals! One new initiative that might help is "Humanizing an Inhumane World," bringing some of our finest principles and our best thinking to bear, perhaps in an international conference with APA and foundation funding, and with our members' participation. We might invite APA divisions to join us, along with such public figures as Jimmy Carter [I have already been in touch with him about our annual convention] and others. One important activity is advancing 32's concerns in APA, where resources are crucial for our division to thrive. Our 32 President must ensure a strong voice in APA, a humanistic perspective in Association policies, and facilitate member involvement in Association activities. As a former APA President, I feel I can very effectively advance Division 32 concerns. Other central issues include debating evidence-based practice and humanistic perspectives, among others.

My commitment to humanistic psychology goes back a long way. I am a Division Fellow. I took a strong humanistic perspective in my APA Presidency; it was a central theme of my Presidential Address "From the Heart." I recently co-edited a volume The Spiritual Side of Psychology at Century's End and co-authored a 2005 review in Contemporary Psychology titled "Border crossings: On the road with Freud, the Shaman, Buddha, Beck and others in psychotherapy's excellent adventure." If elected President, I will do my best to support Division 32's humanistic ideals and involve all our members in Division issues. Thank you.

Kathleen Wall

The culture is ready for socially engaged, values-driven psychology. Division 32 can lead the way. I am passionate about the value of Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychologies, and will promote these in APA's structure for proper recognition of their cultural impact. I will expand the Division's vision to encompass leading edge, interdisciplinary and intercultural studies, and recruit new members from these affiliated areas to reestablish the Division as the "cutting edge" of psychology. I promote the advancement of the next generation of humanistic psychologists, through active engagement of new, early career and student members, to influence the Division and continue their recognition, as I have done as the Division's Awards chairperson (2001-2007). My 28 years as a clinician, and my experience as a mental health and higher
education executive level administrator, brings my leadership organizational skills to strengthen Division 32 and give members a larger voice in the workings of the Division and APA. I bring a feminist (inclusive) and transpersonal view (whole person including body, mind, spirit) to the Division and its leadership. Vote for inclusiveness and bring the Division visionary leadership with the know-how to actualize it.

Kathleen Wall is core faculty at The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA; serves as the Division 32 Awards chairperson and on the editorial board of The Humanistic Psychologist; certified mental health administrator; founding executive director of the Mental Health Resource Center, Jacksonville, FL; author of Lights of Passage: Celebrating Life’s Changes; and practices Psychospiritual Integration Psychotherapy in San Jose, CA.

From The Editor: Welcome, All, to the last print issue of the Division 32 Newsletter. Beginning with the Fall 2006 issue, the newsletter will be posted on the Division 32 website. Look for it in November. Have a wonderful summer!

Elli Winer

Your Candidates for Members-At-Large

Harris Friedman

I received my Ph.D. in Personality-Clinical Psychology from Georgia State University and am currently Research Professor of Psychology at University of Florida and Professor Emeritus at Saybrook. As a Division 32 Fellow, I serve on its Board of Directors and the Editorial Board of its journal. In my spare time, I co-edit the International Journal of Transpersonal Studies, publish transpersonal psychological research and consult with social change projects. I am also a Florida licensed psychologist, retired from clinical practice. I advocate humanistic psychology assuming greater leadership in shaping psychology's direction, while rejecting its marginalized position with respect to the mainstream.

Heidi Levitt

Heidi Levitt is an associate professor at The University of Memphis. She conducts research on psychotherapeutic change, gender, and domestic violence. She supports approaches to psychotherapy research that prize methodological plurality. She teaches humanistic and qualitative methods of research. Her psychotherapy research has examined narrative and silence processes in psychotherapy and has identified principles of change within sessions. She is interested in the development of a psychology that is rooted within critical and philosophically coherent approaches to method and topic, and that holds utility for implementation within sessions and for social action.

Chris Mruk

When Scott Churchill asked me to run for Member-At-Large of Division 32, my reaction was, "I've been a member for over a decade. Maybe it's time I tried to give something back to it." It is. My major publications, especially Self-Esteem: Research, Theory and Practice (3e) and Zen & Psychotherapy: Integrating Traditional and Nontraditional Perspectives (co-authored), focus on the value of our position in an increasingly positivistic professional world. If elected, my goal would be to work proactively with the Board on our membership's behalf to enhance Humanistic Psychology's importance within the APA. I would also aim to increase our membership.

Midwinter Board Meeting Executive Learning Centre, York University, January 20-22, 2006

Abridged (full text on the Division webpage). Present: David Rennie (Chair), Sara Bridges, David Cain, Mike Arons*, April Metzler, Virginia Stern, Mark Stern*, Art Lyons, Harris Friedman, Daniel Holland, Scott Churchill,
Future of the Division. David Rennie.

David introduced an opening, soul-searching discussion on the state of humanistic psychology in contemporary American psychology. Orienting questions: What values seem ascendant in psychology today and how do they compare with humanistic values? What is the state of humanistic psychology's marginalization? Should the title of the Division be changed? How adequate is the present mission statement?

The name "humanistic psychology" was discussed. The history of usage shows more than one meaning. Our current meaning is not necessarily that of the Enlightenment. The word has often had a revolutionary implication as it did for the psychologists who named the 20th century movement and those who founded the Division. Perhaps we need to reinvent the meaning of the name again in light of the contemporary Zeitgeist. We are united by the question we cherish most: What is it to be human? There are many answers and many dimensions to our answers: philosophical, theoretical, methodological, spiritual, social, practical, and content-focus. We are always critical of those points of view in psychology and practices in the social world that dehumanize, that violate or fail to embrace the fully human.

Values. Humanists ask questions about the goodness of people, not just happiness. When psychology was negative, we were positive, and now when positive psychology is popular, we remind ourselves of the dark side of the human. We were the first psychology to focus on questions of value, of goodness and evil. How do we achieve goodness? We find value where it is unrecognized; as now no value is placed on melancholia, we see sweet richness in melancholia. The board discussed the difference between the person and behavior with regard to negative value. When Ellis said that Hitler behaved badly but was not bad, students said that psychologists should recognize that there are evil people, Frank Farley noted. Can we distinguish the person from the behavior? Debate ensued. Some thought it is better to be dialectical and see it as "both-and" rather than "either-or." We want to be concrete in seeing the identity of the person and the behavior, yet we don't want to totalize the person in a limited behavior.

Status of Humanism in Practice and Academics. We are a small division, yet many nonmember, practicing psychologists identify with and hold the humanistic orientation in high esteem as one of the most influential in their work. Should we be more visible, have more of an impact? Acknowledgement is a problem in the academy, especially for students who want to study humanistic psychology at the graduate level. Now organized in Oakland, CA, by Zeno Franco and Matt Spalding, and represented by Mike Arons here, is an early career student group. The group focuses on the future of humanistic psychology and student affiliates in 32: scholarships, travel funds, awards, regional and national groups.

Proposal for a Humanistic Psychology Conference. David Cain.

David Cain presented a plan for the First Annual Humanistic Psychotherapy and Psychology Conference based on the model of the Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference. We should invite our best to demonstrate the humanistic therapies. We can videotape them and build up our archives; a Convention Bookstore could make tapes available next day and later through the Internet. The target date is June 2007, for 2.5 days. Themes were discussed, for instance, "humanistic psychotherapy in troubled times." The conference would be open to Div. 32 members at a discounted fee. Vote: Unanimously in favor of the conference and the accepted friendly amendment to include an action item concerning the formation of a committee.

Proposal for an International Education Initiative. Mike Arons.

Mike proposed that the Division become involved in a series of international learning groups in a "roaming course" format. Several universities agree to participate in a course with a series of topics/themes for a sequence of years. The course would be taught by teachers from the multiple universities, each offering a class in successive years to a group of students from all the universities. Mike offered to present a proposal to APA's Office of International Affairs (OIA) that Div. 32 establish, in collaboration with the OIA, a pilot project on international instruction in humanistic psychology. Motion: Form a task force to draw up a proposal for a pilot project on international instruction in humanistic psychology. The task force should comprise two past presidents, the president, and the president-elect. Div. 32's Executive Board would decide on the proposal. Vote: 9, yes; 0, no; 1 abstention.
**Fellows Committee.** Maureen O'Hara; report conveyed by D. Rennie.

The procedures for nominating and evaluating applications for fellowship were discussed. So far, no members of Div. 32 will be nominated this year to APA for fellowship status. The importance of making worthy members fellows was emphasized for membership retention. Motion: The Fellows Committee should check the list of 32 members and locate fellows in other divisions and consider them for fellows status. The committee would develop and/or make explicit a more streamlined process for evaluating members who are fellows of APA. Vote: Unanimously approved.

**Newly Proposed Division:** Qualitative Inquiry.

Questions were raised about Gergen and Josselson's effort to form a new APA division. A new division must establish that the area is not covered in existing divisions. Div. 32 could propose that the interest could be served as a section within Div. 32. It was alternatively pointed out that a new division might give greater visibility and power to qualitative research. It may be worth encouraging them to become a division in their own right; 850 members are needed, and the Council of Representatives would have to vote it in. Motion: Offer membership in Div. 32 to the qualitative group and welcome them to reactivate our Human Science Research section that is still an interest area. Its name could be changed, for instance, to "qualitative inquiry." Vote: Unanimously approved.

**APA Education Directorate.**

A new Education Directorate Chair is needed. The Education Directorate Chair serves as liaison to the Educational Directorate and attends the annual Education Leadership Conference sponsored by that Directorate. Scott Churchill volunteered with impressive credentials and energy, and a round of applause ensued. No vote was necessary.

**Program Committee.** Will Wadlington; report read by D. Rennie.

Because of concerns about New Orleans, there are fewer than usual submissions. Papers receiving awards are placed on the program and other worthy candidates are placed in a poster session. The convention program is in final stages of preparation. There was a discussion of topics that would be valuable to the program, including "diverse academic homes for qualitative-humanistic psychologists," "epistemological diversity," and "humanistic psychology's positive solutions to an inhumane world." The last topic could be a 3-hour town meeting led by Frank Farley with Jimmy and/or Roslyn Carter. David charged Fred Wertz, Scott Churchill, and Frank Farley with developing these three programs respectively.

**Hospitality Suite.** Heidi Levitt, of the University of Memphis, has been appointed Hospitality Suite Chair. We will have the usual Philo Café.

**Council Report.** Art Lyons.

Art presented issues for the Council meeting: reconsideration of the value of including postdoctoral internship/supervision as a requirement for licensing; proposals for new divisions; capital punishment of the mentally ill; the Psychological Ethics and National Security (PENS) Task Force report on ethical principles regarding psychologists’ involvement in torture. The board discussed how APA could best play a role in preventing and responding to the involvement of psychologists in torture.

**Membership.** David Cain.

David Cain reported that 2003 membership was 693, and it has increased 12% to 780. There has been a campaign on other APA Divisions' listservs. A complimentary book by Fadiman and Frager is given to new members. The recruitment plan will engage members by offering them memorabilia (books, tapes, DVDs) for the recruitment of 2 new members. David proposed a membership fee increase of $5 ($40 for associates/members/fellows, $25 for students, and $18 for Dues Exempt members who elect to receive the journal). Dues were raised last year $5 for members and $2 for students.

Motion: Starting in 2007, membership fee will be increased by $5 across the board. Vote: 10 in favor; 0 not in
Treasurer's Report. Sara Bridges.

Sara presented a budget worksheet amended with recent information from APA. Two years ago, the board voted to accept a deficit ($1400 in 2005) that has been eliminated to a current +$40 from increases in membership and fundraising. The dues increase will afford a surplus of $4,000 in 2007, not considering the increased cost of new members. Sara led a line by line review of the budget. The suggestion was made to post the newsletter on the Division website to save money.

Continuing Education. David Rennie.

April Metzler volunteered to assume the position. Harris Friedman agreed to serve on the committee.

The Division's Listserv.

Elli Winer has written a letter of resignation as moderator. The board will thank Elli for her service. Mary Fox's tenure as moderator ended Dec. 31, 2005, but she agreed to continue through the presidential term of David Rennie. Two or three listserv subscribers have volunteered to serve.

APA has rules and regulations that are emailed to subscribers; the moderator's role is to assure that the guidelines are followed. It was suggested that someone linked to the executive board oversee the listserv. Some suggested that a graduate student could fulfill this role. Others countered that we need a senior person, at least as an overseer. Motion: Appoint a non-participating moderator who is overseen by an administrator responsible to the Division president. Virginia Stern volunteered to be a non-participating moderator until the end of April when the next moderator would take over. David appointed Virginia. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Division Website.

David Cain led a discussion of desirable improvements concerning expanded content, aesthetics, and updating. The website should be dynamic, lively, attractive, and current. Webmaster Christie Jacobsen's award-winning skills in web design can be enlisted to achieve these desired objectives. Motion: Appoint an editor-in-chief responsible for coordinating efforts of contributors and submitting material to Christie for posting in a timely manner. Vote: 8, yes; 2 abstentions. David will contact Will Wadlington to ask if he is interested in the new position of editor who would coordinate the updating of the website quarterly.

Division Journal.

Journal editor Larry Leitner decided to step down, so a replacement must be found by July. David Rennie suggested forming a search committee chaired by Mark Stern and will include Harris Friedman, Scott Churchill, and Dan Holland.

Early Career Awards. Mark Stern.

Two nominees, Heidi Levitt and Douglas MacDonald, have extraordinary and excellent qualifications and are deserving of the award. Motion: Give Heidi and Douglas the Early Career Awards. Vote: 8, yes; 2 recused. The suggestion to name an early career award the "Carmi Harari Award" was favorable; board members called for a description of the newly named award and decided to move the item to the summer meeting.

Career Awards. Kathleen Wall.

Nominees Art Bohart and Maureen O'Hara were considered outstanding contributors to humanistic psychology with exemplary careers, and the board shared a strong inclination to bestow a Career Award on each nominee. Motion: Present the Carl Rogers Award to Maureen O'Hara and the Rollo May Award to Art Bohart in 2007. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Award Nominations and Voting.
Motion: When there is a nomination for a division award that may involve a conflict of interests for a voting board member, the board member will recuse him/herself from the vote. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Motion: For future awards, members of the executive board (see bylaws) may not be nominated for division awards during their tenure as board members. Vote: 8, yes; 2 abstentions.

**Division Newsletter.**

Elli Winer, editor, requested $30 per hour for her work on the newsletter beginning with the Fall 2006 issue. Most appointees to administrative and service positions do not receive hourly pay. The board agreed that finances do not permit hourly pay for the newsletter editor. Motion: Activate the Publications Committee (president, president-elect, editors, and treasurer) to oversee the publications and propose enhancements, including a new web format for the newsletter. Vote: Unanimous approval.

**Amended Budget.**

After recalculation, the amended budget shows a surplus of $4. The need for a balanced budget was stressed. The importance of not drawing on savings for operating expenses was suggested. Motion: Take $1000 budgeted to the psychotherapy conference out of savings and use income to compensate a total of $4300 to executive board for travel to the Midwinter Meeting. This allows 90% of air fare and $100 contribution to lodging (actual cost $300) per person. Vote: 9, yes; 1 abstention. Motion: Accept amended budget. Vote: Unanimously approved.

**Development Committee.** Fred Massarik.

David Cain reported on behalf of Fred, who noted that humanistic psychology must go beyond the heart and mind and learn that money is required to spread the word to make the kind of impact necessary. Vote: Unanimous approval to make available a one-time sum of up to $600 from Div. 32’s savings for the Development Committee's fundraising; the committee would submit to the executive board a year-end summary of expenditures.

Fred Wertz, Secretary

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Applications and nominations for the position of Editor of *The Humanistic Psychologist* are invited. In its 34th year, the journal is the official publication of Division 32 (Humanistic) of the American Psychological Association. The Division represents humanistic psychology broadly defined, including person-centered, experiential, existential, phenomenological, hermeneutic, constructivist, feminist, social constructionist and transpersonal perspectives. It promotes cultural and epistemological diversity, and in particular has been at the forefront of the development of qualitative research approaches. *The Humanistic Psychologist* is a quarterly journal published by Laurence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., and is supported by an extensive and effective editorial board. **The deadline for receipt of applications and nominations is May 15, 2006.** Correspondence may be directed to Dr. E. Mark Stern, Chair, Editor Search Committee, 297 Market Lane, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Email: dremstern@aol.com.

Dr. Kirk Schneider has completed a DVD for the American Psychological Association Video Series "Systems of Psychotherapy" on existential psychotherapy that is due to be available this August. The disk includes a 45-minute session demonstrating existential psychotherapy with an actual client; a 40-minute discussion of the critical moments of this therapy with the interviewer, Jon Carlson; a 15-minute "couch interview" on existential psychotherapy; and a "voice-over" describing step by step Kirk's thinking as he worked with the client. To his knowledge, this is the first existential psychotherapy video available through the APA and should be helpful to humanistic trainees and as an introduction to existential practice for trainees and therapists who are more conventionally schooled. For more information on the video and Kirk's perspective on existential practice, check the APA Video Series website; it should be posted by July.

From Membership Chair David Cain: In a concerted effort to bring our membership from approximately 800 to
1000 in the next year, the Membership Committee would like to enlist your help and offer incentives for your assistance. A number of Executive Board members and general members have generously agreed to offer unique memorabilia, including humanistic classics and signed contemporary books as gifts for your efforts to increase membership. For every two confirmed membership sign-ups, the recruiting member will have the opportunity to choose from a number of available gifts. Contact me at david4@fda.net for a complete list of the available gifts. You may download the Div. 32 membership applications from our website: www.apa.org/divisions/div32 or you may contact me at david4@fda.net to obtain brochures for distribution. The membership application is also included in your newsletter. The Membership Committee is always looking for donations of your own signed titles, noteworthy classics and/or humanistic psychology artifacts. Gifts are, of course, tax deductible.

Congratulations to Dr. Ilene Serlin who has been elected to serve on APA's Membership Committee for the next three years. The Committee reviews nominations for Fellows, reporting recommendations on each case to the Board of Directors; elects qualified persons to initial Member or Associate Member status; and is responsible for oversight of membership recruitment and retention activities for the Association.

**First Annual Conference of the Division of Humanistic Psychology:** Humanistic Psychotherapies for the 21st Century, Aug. 13-15, 2007, San Francisco. The conference will include live and video demonstrations of distinguished humanistic therapists from all over the world, as well as presentations on theory, research, and practice. Proceedings will be published in book form. CE credits will be awarded. For further information or to submit a proposal, please contact David J. Cain, President-Elect and Conference Chair at david4@fda.net.

### Three Ways To Join Division 32!

- Use the Membership Form in this issue, visit the website at [http://www.apa.org/divisions/div32/](http://www.apa.org/divisions/div32/), or contact David Cain, Membership Chair, 8590 Indian Ridge Rd, San Marcos, CA 92078. Telephone: 760-510-9520. E-mail: david4@fda.net
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### APA 5K "Ray's Race and Walk"

August 12, 2006, Audubon Park at 7AM Registration forms are available on the Div. 47 website: [www.apa47.org](http://www.apa47.org)