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The Washington Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (WSPP) offers seminars and opportunities for networking to its members and the professional community. Our membership has steadily risen in the past couple years; we now have 90 members, 11 of who are Division 39 members. The membership comprises of 39 psychologists, 37 social workers, 14 others, including 2 student members. WSPP has an active Board of 13 members, which meets monthly and deals with all issues of membership, recruitment, and program planning as a group. Board meetings are open to all members, though non-Board members rarely attend.

Recruitment is mainly accomplished by advertising our seminars, by word of mouth, and by outreach to graduate programs. The fee structure is such that coming to more than one seminar makes it financially advantageous to become a member. Membership is \$100, and includes the five seminars and CE credits for them. Each seminar is \$60 for non-members. It has simplified our registration procedures and has served as an incentive to join. Student membership is \$20. This has led to increased student attendance.

Our programs include five Friday three-hour seminars spaced from September to May, a three-session course offered mid-Winter, and a Member Brunch and Clinical Dialogue. The three-session course is a follow-up to one of the seminars from the prior year, and is usually filled before it is even advertised. The topics presented in these programs are ones that are of interest to the Board and to the members as expressed in their evaluations. Our first seminar in the Fall is either on ethics or diversity; since these are requirements for license renewal, it is well-attended and brings in new people each year. Listed at the bottom of this report are the programs we have presented this past year. Our presenters unanimously give us feedback that the seminars are enjoyable for them due to the lively engagement of the participants. We alternate each year between providing a program on ethics and cultural diversity in order to help members of the community meet their continued education requirements.

Programs for the coming year will include presentations on the ethics of collaborative therapy, dream interpretation, neurobiology, sexuality in couples, and the omnipotent child syndrome.

We have a website: www.wspp-dc.org and are part of a consortium of psychoanalytic institutes and organizations in the Baltimore-DC area that posts information about events on a website we share (www.psychoanalyticevents.com).

Our organization has carved out a niche for itself in the over-stimulating, flooded DC environment, and is valued by those who attend our events. The fact that we have more than fifty people attending each seminar is noteworthy. In addition to our regular attendees, some of our attendees come from very different orientations and our seminars serve as an introduction to psychoanalytic thought for many of them. The opportunity for networking is also valued by our attendees.

Five Fridays 2016-2017

I've Gotta Be Me

**Michael L. Hendricks, PhD, ABPP Friday, September 16,
2016 9:30am-12:30pm**

The Hater of Love and Goodness

Sharon Alperovitz, MSW, LICSW Friday, November 18,
2016 11:30am-2:30pm

Here we Go Round the Mulberry Bush, the Mulberry Bush, the Mulberry Bush... Breaking the OCD Loop

Julie Lewis, PhD, LLPC and Kathy HoganBruen, PhD Friday, February
17, 2017 9:30am-12:30pm

Treat or Teach: A Psychoanalytic Perspective on the Tasks of Supervision

Richard C. Fritsch, PhD, ABPP Friday, March 17, 2017 11:30am-
2:30pm

Triumph Over Trauma

Cynthia Margolies, PhD Friday, April 28, 2017 11:30am-2:30pm

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