

**Local Chapter – Western Massachusetts and Albany Psychoanalytic  
Psychological Association  
Year 2016-2017**

**I. Structure**

**A. Current officers**

President – Joan Burkhard, MA, MSW  
President Elect – Moshe Wurgraft  
Division 39 Representative – Joanne Yurman, PhD  
Continuing Education Coordination – Christine Burbank, MSW  
Judith Rosenberger, PhD, LICSW  
Frances Lippmann, PhD  
Secretary – Tori Pajeski  
Treasurer – David Lotto, PhD  
WMAAPP participates in Division 39 CE programs

**B. Membership** – we promote the value of Division 39 through our popular program, course and study group offerings and at our yearly social event, at which Div. 39 materials are well displayed.

1. Division 39 Members - 48
  2. Psychologist, non-APA members, 15
  3. Social Work - 36
  4. Psychiatry - 6
- Other:  
LMHC – 8  
Other - 15

**C. Diversity** - WMAAPP does follow up outreach with potential members of diverse racial, ethnic/cultural backgrounds. Our Board has expanded its diversity in the past two years. A WMAAPP member leads a monthly reading group whose topics are devoted to race in America and around the world.

1. Graduate Students and Undergraduate students from Simon's Rock at Bard College are invited to attend WMAAPP events for free
  2. Early Career Professionals – WMAAPP has added several early career professionals to our Executive Committee
- Non-clinicians are welcomed into our presentations.

**II. Governance functions**

The WMAAPP Board is a well organized, responsibility defined group. We cover a very large geographic area from Albany, NY through the Berkshire Hills and over to the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. WMAAPP is pleased to have representatives from all three areas and the executive committee is organized as outlined below:

Officers:

**President** – Joan Burkhard, MA, MSW  
**Secretary** – Tori Pajeski, MSW

**Treasurer** – David Lotto, PhD

**Area Representative**

**Albany/Columbia County** – Jyoti Swaminathan, PsyD

**Berkshire County** – Jean Clark-Mitchell, MSW

**Pioneer Valley** – Patricia R. Everett, PhD

**Members-At-Large**

Andrea Gerber, PhD

Paul Lippmann, PhD

Claire Rosenberg, MSW

Lyn Yonack,MSW

Joanne Yurman<PhD

**Committee Chairs**

**Program:** Christine Burbank, MSW

**Education:** Jyoti Swaminathan

**Comm. & Prof. Affairs:** David Lotto, Ph.D.

**Membership:** Jennifer Daniels, LMHC

Executive Board meetings are held every two months with committees communicating regularly between meetings both in person and electronically. Each year we present 4 to 6 programs held on Saturday mornings. In addition, we provide other education group experiences spaced throughout the year. These classes generally meet weekly on a single topic for a minimum of three sessions. We are considering adding additional time as members have expressed a desire to delve more deeply into the topics presented. In addition, study groups are scheduled throughout our large geographic area as interest develops.

Every two years the nominating committee convenes to suggest the composition of the board moving forward. This process has served WMAAPP well, with members expressing a desire to become more involved. We have encouraged participation of early career professionals on the board and their participation has increased attendance at programs of others who are in the beginning stages of their working life.

**Publications and communications (how we communicate and solicit comments etc.)**

Members are provided with board contact information on each of our communications. A phone number of the president or program chairperson is readily available. Evaluations of each program are distributed to all attendees and compiled at the conclusion of programs where CEU's are provided. Comments are read and suggestions reviewed.

We are delighted to announce that we have revised and updated our website to be user friendly and a place for members to easily review information about our chapter. We will have the membership list on line, all events publicized and be able to take payments electronically. We look forward to increased use of the site with the probability for increased membership, communication and lowered mailing costs.

**Chapter Division Relationships (chapters relationship w the division, efforts to foster relationship, including recruiting members to join division)**

**Programming – events for 2016-17**

WMAAPP offers both Saturday morning programs, study groups and at least three educational courses each year. The past year's educational experiences are listed below.

**On the Limitations of Love -:Romance and Loss in Psychoanalysis – Steven Kuchuck, LCSW**

**Entering Into One of Life's Most Intimate Moments: End of Life Care in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Joan Berzoff, MSW, Ed.D , Susan Gerbino, MSW, PhD, and Lewis Cohen, MD**

**The Enigma of Desire – Galit Atlas, PhD**

**From Bisexual to Intersexuality: Rethinking Gender Categories – Jack Drescher, M.D.**

**Somatic Experiencing : In the Realms of Trauma, Dissociation and Dysregulation – What we can do when what we can do is not good enough – David Levit, PhD, ABPP**

**Education and Study Groups**

**M. Gerald Fromm, PhD, ABPP – “Taking the Transference: Reaching Toward Dreams: Technique Revisited”**

**Anna and Paul Ornstein – Three Papers for Three Evenings with Ornstein's”**

**Jane Tillman, PhD – “Understanding Suicide: A Psychoanalytic Approach”**

**Moishe Wurgraft, PhD, LMHC – “Stepping Out of Time: A Clinical Exploration of the Unconscious Rebellion against Growth and Change”**

**David Levit, PhD, ABPP – “Somatic Experience”**

**Key initiatives or innovations**

**Current Challenges**

Understanding the changing health care environment

**What I want to learn from other chapters**

We would be interested in how other chapters are responding to the changes at the Federal level with regard to care for mental health issues