Minutes from Group Specialty Council Meeting
April 26, 2021

Present: Nina Brown, President, Ana Puig, Misha Bogomaz, Noelle Lefforge, Amy Nitza, Molyn Leszcz, Darryl Pure, Eleanor Counselman

Nina Brown officially turned over the Presidency of the GSC to Noelle Lefforge. The members present expressed gratitude to Nina for all her work on the petition that led to its ultimate success.

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from March were approved.

There was an update on publication of the Education and Training Guidelines. Molyn spoke with George Tasca who is open to a proposal for publishing them especially if in a scholarly review. There was consensus about wanting to get the guidelines published in a journal that would reach the maximum number of clinicians.

Noelle reported that there is a plan to reach out to Training Directors in the fall to orient them to a tool that will help them understand the extent to which they offer training in the specialty. Through the database they will begin with targeting programs that already have seem to have a strong group presence.

The resubmission petition will need to show increase in group specialty programs. We also need to show increase in standardization of specialty training.

Nina agreed to contact the Affiliate Assembly chair with an invitation for affiliates to join the GSC.

There was discussion of the work of preparing for resubmission. Nina noted that Toni Minitti was very helpful to Nina before in clarifying aspects of the petition. Hopefully she will be again. We also will need a professional writer; how to fund that? It was suggested to begin identifying small groups of people to help, e.g. review sections of the petition. Noelle will begin to break down the petition into sections.

It was noted with pleasure that Division 49 just got approved to offer APA CE.

Ana reported that the next ASGW Council is May 21st at 12:30 and she hopes to bring in Nina, Josh, and Noelle. She also hopes to have Josh at their February 2022 meeting in Atlantic Beach, FL. Misha is nearby and suggested he could have a table.
Noelle said that going forward we will continue our monthly meetings. Starting in June she will send an agenda for each meeting. The Strategic Plan will remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary