

Group Specialty Council Minutes  
February 26, 2015

Present: Sally Barlow, Misha Bogomaz, Nina Brown, Eleanor Counselman, Robert Gleave (visitor), Josh Gross, Kathy Ulman

1. Nina noted that the petition is in and we should hear in late April or May, depending on the CRSPPP meeting date.
2. There was update on the comment process. Consensus is that we have a good number of comments. Eleanor posted the request for comments and talking points on the AGPA communities' listserv, and presented the request and talking points at the AGPA Tri-org Board meetings. Nina had the same material posted on the APA Div. 49 listserv and also asked the present and past presidents to contact Division Fellows and former Group Psychologists of the year to request their comments.
3. Eleanor and Nina shared that we will be getting recognized by AGPA at the Community Meeting.
4. Nina said that we will be recognized by Division 49 at their business meeting during the August 2015 APA conference, and that Sally will receive it on our behalf.
5. Nina said that while the petition did not include our own specific practice guidelines, it was noted in the petition that AGPA was in the process of revising their practice guidelines and that our guidelines will be based on those and the practice guidelines of ASGW. We are delegating that task to the Education, Research and Training Committee of Division 49.
6. Future directions discussed included reaching out to APA internship training directors and working on getting group taught in more postdoctoral programs.
7. This face-to face meeting of the Council fulfilled our by-law requirement of one such meeting each year.

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Secretary