
After the call to order and approval of the agenda the minutes from November 30th, 2020 were unanimously approved.

The Council President welcomed new Group Council members: Drs. Ana Puig, from the Association of Specialists in Group Work, and Amy Nitza, President-elect APA Division 49. New member Dr. Alicia Marsh from St. Elizabeth’s Hospital was not in attendance.

Dr. Bogomaz updated the council about the changes made to the Division 49 Specialty Council webpage.

Dr. Counselman ask for items to include in The Society’s Newsletter.

Drs. Burlingame and Lefforge updated the Group Council in regards to contact information for all of the APA programs that have a group training component. The information was gathered and the Specialty Council is ready to start contacting programs. It was suggested to expand the current Group Council webpage as a way to add visibility prior to contacting the programs.

Special thanks were extended to the graduate assistants at Brigham Young University and the University of Nevada – Las Vegas for the excellent work they contributed to the survey and the training programs’ contact information. The President will send them a letter of appreciation and The Society will present them with a certificate of appreciation.

The Specialty Council highlighted the importance of The Society’s Board moving to have the Council as a standing committee.

Proposed Bylaw changes were to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, to invite Affiliates, and to establish a Council Executive Committee.

It was decided that the Group Council will meet the last Monday of every month at 1 pm for the remainder of 2021 year.

The council re-visited Bylaws changes to create an executive committee.

Respectfully submitted
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