

Group Specialty Council Minutes, January, 2026 Meeting

Date: 1/26/2026

Present: Leann Diederich (Secretary), Michele Ribeiro (Div 49 President-Elect), David DeVito (Div. 49, Executive Assistant), Darryl Pure (Chair, Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health)

Absent: Noelle Lefforge (President), Leo Leiderman (AGPA President-Elect), Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer; ABGP/ABPP Past-President), Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital), Lisa Stern (ABGP President), Joe Miles (Division 49 President), Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative), Gary Burlingame (AGPA Past-President)

Agenda:

1. Minutes: We did not have quorum so we didn't approve minutes.
2. Meeting at AGPA: Potential times that work for most attendees could be: Sunday 8:00 pm, Tuesday 7:30 pm, Wednesday 8 pm, planning for drinks and dessert. Action Item: Dr. Diederich will send out a poll for members to indicate their availability. Please complete the poll by February 6th. The [poll is available here](#).
3. Action Items: Dr. Ribeiro volunteered to draft a letter. Dr. Diederich will send her the public comments as well as potential ideas from past meeting notes. Dr. Ribeiro will send that to Dr. Diederich and Dr. Lefforge for preview. If Dr. Lefforge edits and approves, we would encourage her to submit that, as we don't know the specific deadline.
4. Action Item: We need to confirm when Dr. Lisa Stern rotates to Dr. Ronn Johnson. Dr. Deborah Sharp will become a new invitee following AGPA. Follow-up next time:
 - a. Clarification of Dr. Paquin's role and link to her Division 49 position (or stand-alone as Vice President)
 - b. Dr. Paquin also requested an update on the datafile of group training opportunities.
 - c. Review of by-laws and strategic plan.

Leann Diederich, PhD (she/her) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2026 Group Specialty Council Meetings

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85185986524?pwd=XmQdfESfp0ET4JctIbyaZV1wZQnLUU.1>

Submitted By:

Leann T. Diederich, PhD (Secretary)

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