

Group Specialty Council Minutes, June 2025 Meeting

Date: 6/23/2025

Present: Gary Burlingame (AGPA Past-President), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer; ABGP/ABPP President), Leann Diederich (Secretary), Darryl Pure (Chair, Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health), Leo Leiderman (AGPA President-Elect), Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair), Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital)

Absent: Michele Ribeiro (Div 49 President-Elect), Lisa Stern (ABGP President), Joe Miles (Division 49 President), Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative), Nina Brown (Past-President),

Recused: Noelle Lefforge (President)

Agenda/Meeting Minutes Approval: We approved the [April](#), [October](#) and [January](#) minutes.

Agenda

1. Budget

- a. ABGP, Division 49, and AGPA are our annual contributors. Currently we have \$32,280 current balance.
- b. Dr. Burlingame proposed: \$10,000 to cover the work that has been done by Dr. Lefforge. Then going forward, up to \$1,000 per day for revisions/editing for revisions to the petition that are required by the review committee of APA. This is founded on the understanding that professionals are paid \$1,000 a day and graduate students are paid \$30/hour, with a ceiling of \$5,000 for the petition revisions. **Approved.**
 - i. Dr. Burlingame noted GSC needs to prioritize building more relationships and specialty support from APA programs.
 - ii. As background, we will need to build into this group's budget, graduate student support to provide the foundational research that enabled Dr. Lefforge to write the petition in the time that she did. A graduate student could be expected to be paid \$30/hour. Each graduate student was putting in 5-10 hours/week. At one point, depending on the project the graduate students were using 10-20k/year.
 - iii. **Action Item:** Dr. Bogomaz will get the \$10,000 stipend processed to Dr. Lefforge.
- c. For this year, we are not requesting anything from our donating organizations because of our 1 year petition extension. Once the decision from APA and CRSPPP has been determined and we have a plan for future activities, we will revisit what the budgetary requirements will be and will update our sponsoring organizations. We noted that we are being mindful to not ask for contributions from our organizations until we have needs and do not have a reserve (currently approximately \$17,000).

2. **Leadership:** Jill Paquin was raised as a potential VP consideration, which will be discussed with the president and she may be invited to consider the role.

Next Meeting: September 22nd.

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