Group Specialty Council Minutes  
March 29, 2021

Present: Nina Brown (President), Noelle Lefforge (Vice-President), Eleanor Counselman (Secretary), Sally Barlow, Molyn Leszcz, and Ana Puig.

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes from February 22, 2021 were approved.

Nina Brown announced that she will be stepping down as President and that Noelle will be taking over that role. She feels the succession plan is a good one.

There was further discussion of inviting AGPA affiliates and it was decided to contact the Affiliate Society Assembly leadership with a letter of invitation that will explain why the GSC is important for them and why they are important for us.

Josh Gross is preparing a presentation for APA and we wondered if we should create a presentation for AGPA Connect 2022. Molyn suggested that some interviews in the Group Circle would help publicize our work.

Ana noted that the ASGW 2022 meeting will be held in Atlantic Beach, FL in February and that she would be glad to talk to the ASGW leadership about a place for us. She will continue to attend our meetings. Nina asked if ASGW is interested in becoming a member of the GSC and Ana said they would need to know more. Ana will try to get an invitation for Nina to attend the April 16th board meeting.

Noelle reported on the Education and Training Guidelines. She and Nina have developed an article that is ready to publish but undecided about where: a training journal or Group Dynamics. After discussion, the decision was to submit to a training journal in hopes of reaching a broader base of clinicians.

The publication of the Clinical Practice Guidelines was also discussed, and Molyn agreed to talk to George Tasca about publishing it in Group Dynamics.

Noelle reported that Gary presented the idea of a Group Specialty webpage to the Division 49 board. The sense was positive but with some questions.

Nina expressed her view that we need some professional marketing consultation around reaching Training Directors. She has made this request to Josh, current Division 49 President, but no decision yet. Molyn said that he was confident that AGPA would help with this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary