

Group Specialty Council Minutes

Date: 3/25/2024

Present: Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer), Gary Burlingame (AGPA Past-President), Leann Diederich (Secretary), Noelle Lefforge (President); Leo Leiderman (AGPA President-Elect), Joe Miles (Division 49 President-Elect), Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair), Lorraine Wodiska (AGPA President),

Absent: Darryl Pure (ABGP/ABPP Past-President), Nina Brown (Past-President), Vinny Dehili (Vice President), Francis Kaklauskas (Div 49 President), Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative),

Agenda/Meeting Minutes Approval: None. We will approve the November, February, and March minutes at our next meeting.

Agenda Items:

1. **Introductions** between all attending members were made.
2. **Budget:** In the past, we've used funds in the past for professional writing/editing. We've been getting money from all three organizations. We fund attendance for our representative for the Council of Specialties meeting. Dr. Lefforge attended this last October. In the past we spent approximately \$25,000 on the last petition. This year, rather than paying a writer, we approved expenses for students to gather information for the petition, and Dr. Lefforge will be taking a writing retreat. In the future, we could move into sending representatives to other meetings to broadcast the specialty. We have approximately \$26,500. Dr. Bogomaz will present twice yearly reports of our budget.
3. **Taxonomy Real World Examples:** The Council of Specialties meeting was attended by Dr. Lefforge. Each specialty was tasked with identifying "champions" (which will be this group for us) to help the taxonomy dissemination plan. Before June 8, we need to prepare "real world program examples", by identifying one doctoral, one internship, and one postdoctoral program and [use the taxonomy](#) to identify the levels of opportunity offered at each level of training. We then need to prepare an example document demonstrating how that program could change the language on their website and/or brochure to align with the language of the taxonomy. Through discussion, we agreed to have the postdoctoral program be UNLV (written by Dr. Lefforge), the internship program be University of North Florida (written by Dr. Bogomaz), and Denver University's doctoral program (written by Dr. Lefforge). If necessary, we'll work with Christina at BYU for their doctoral or internship programs. Please note the **June 1** deadline to submit these via email to this committee for approval before the June 8, 2024 deadline to CoS.
4. **Petition resubmission reference gathering:** This committee has access to a [shared Google Drive folder where you can find a range of documents](#). This includes the current draft of the 2025 petition that we'll need to complete and submit by the end of the year.

There is a copy of the 2018 petition. There is an example of the Geropsychology petition that is up for public comment, and the main document for this committee to work on is the [GSC Specialty Petition Reference](#). The task for the committee is to add references to each of the highlighted sections (note the highlight serves as a bookmark for the specific section in the document. Please upload the PDF of any references you submit as well as the .RIS file (Mendeley bibliographic reference type) [to this folder](#). Kudos to Dr. Lefforge for her exemplary organization. She noted that we'll need to review our progress on this at the April meeting, but if we have made significant progress, then that meeting will be cancelled.

5. Dr. Diederich will be traveling next meeting on April 29th, so Dr. Van Wagoner has agreed to serve as acting secretary.

Action Items:

1. Identify and assign references to the appropriate section of the document. **All committee members.**

Next Meeting: April 29, 2024, 1 pm Eastern

Future Meetings:

April 29, 2024, 1 pm Eastern (will be canceled if sufficient progress is made on reference task before planned meeting)

NO MAY MEETING DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY

June 24, 2024 1 pm Eastern

July/August: TENTATIVE MEETING AT APA CONVENTION

September 30, 2024 1 pm Eastern

October 28, 2024 1 pm Eastern

November 25, 2024 1 pm Eastern

NEW LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81953133874?pwd=Q3zVbGSnwSolqaq2dzlKKNYtsy4b4KL.1>

Meeting ID: 819 5313 3874

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Submitted By:

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