The Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy Council met on November 30, 2020. After the call to order and approval of the agenda and the minutes of the meeting on October 26th, the President gave a report on actions taken since the last meeting.

The President reported that conversations had been held with The Commission on Accreditation (CoA) about the approval process for the specialty postdoctoral competencies. CoA requested that the postdoctoral competencies be sent to them with the documentation to show that CRSPP had recommended the specialty and that the Council on Specialties (COS) has supported the competencies. Communications were also held with COS about the matter and they provided us with a letter of support. All of the required documentation has been submitted to CoA.

Drs. Burlingame and Lefforge presented a chart that presented the requirements for the specialty for the doctoral, internship, postdoctoral and post-licensure levels that summarizes the basic education and training at each level. Dr. Gross reported on the conversations he began with the President of ASGW and reported that these were going well and that he was hopeful that the organization would be receptive to joining the Council. The proposed article on the specialty’s education and training guidelines is in progress.

The Council President led a discussion on possible By-law changes that will be considered and brought to the council. Possible changes included separating the offices of secretary and treasurer, the formation of an executive committee as membership grows on the Council, designation of who has the authority to speak on behalf of the Council and having an affiliate membership category.

The discussion about the Strategic Plan (2020) and formulation of a strategic plan for 2021 was tabled until the next meeting.

Because of the holidays and members’ vacations, it was agreed that the December meeting would be cancelled.