

Group Specialty Council Minutes

Date: 11/27/23

Present: Noelle Lefforge (President); Lorraine Wodiska (AGPA President-Elect), Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital), Gary Burlingame (AGPA President), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer), Leann Diederich (Secretary)

Absent: Nina Brown (Past-President); Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair); Darryl Pure (ABGP/ABPP President); Vinny Dehili (Vice President); Amy Nitza (Div 49 Past-President); Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative)

Agenda/Meeting Minutes Approval: The notes for the July and October meetings were approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions between all attending members were made.
2. Clarification of rotating members from AGPA, it will happen at the AGPA Connect meeting. Dr. Burlingame will move into Past-President role of AGPA (not required for attendance but hoping to attend through the next accreditation) and Lorriane will invite the President-Elect to this meeting. No changes from ABPP leadership for the next year.
3. Update from Dr. Lefforge:
 - a. From Division 49, at the last Division 49 meeting the Board voted for the Group Speciality Council will funding the GSC President to attend Division 49 Board Meetings (including Mid-Winter and APA Conference). Also got support from the Board members to create Board Representative to Research. That person will be liaison for EBGT website project.
 - b. Dr. Burlingame noted that the 2 day conference was captured digitally and can be passed along to that person. Dr. Lefforge pointed out the website is live and anyone can use it. She'll coordinate with APA to ensure collaboration between Div. 49 website and the EBGT website.
 - c. The EBGT website is critical for the Speciality petition literature section (pointing out the literature is being used, updated, etc). The Petition is due December 31, 2024 (not January as we had previously thought).
 - d. Dr. Lefforge will work on drafting the petition and she hopes to have a draft before the next meeting.
 - e. Council of Specialties (CoS): Dr. Lefforge submitted the report that was shared with this Board. CoS is implementing a new process for Education and Training taxonomies. This needs to be submitted approximately **a year before** the petition is due. Implication, if we are changing the Taxonomy, it needs to be submitted a year before the petition is due. Consensus was to not change anything for this year. The new process: gets submitted CoS in January, gives them time to respond. We need to receive approval from CoS before we submit our petition at the end of the year.

- i. Other information relevant to CoS: Discussion regarding how to promote specialities. Need to apply for funding from ABPP it's not given out automatically right now. There's a shortage of providers, so no one needs extra credentials to work, so it's a challenging time to make a case for specialization/credentials. CoS may be moving into calling for change to get APA to take the taxonomy into consideration for accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation (CoA). We are still waiting on the status of APA CoAs response to public comment on the changes to the proposed Standards of Accreditation changes. We expect the SoA to go through another round of public comment and we are tracking this. Dr. Lefforge will see this through the APA Board if it moves forward.

Action Items:

1. Need to get items up on the website: powerpoint, meeting minutes, and the report that was presented to the CoS. (Dr. Lefforge & Dr. Diederich and Division 49 ECP Kayla Wang coordinate updates in the future)
2. Invite President-Elect from AGPA to this meeting (once elections are held; Dr. Wodiska).
3. Invite Dr. Joe Miles and Dr. Francis Kaklauskas (add to invitation for this meeting; Dr. Lefforge)
4. Reach out to Jared Skillings at the Practice Directorate about sending out the EBGT website once it is live on DIV49 website (potential Monitor article, cross listing with Division 12 website etc) (Dr. Lefforge).
5. Send out poll for in-person meeting during Connect, or to have before/after Connect (Dr. Lefforge)
6. Drafting petition (Dr. Lefforge)

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be determined by polling and may occur during AGPA Connect or shortly before or after. If meeting during AGPA Connect - Potential times: Monday morning before 9 am Special Institute, Monday between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, Sunday evening after 8 pm. TBA for official meeting time. No meeting in December or January.

Future Meetings:

February: TENTATIVE MEETING AT AGPA

March 25, 2024 1 pm Eastern

April 29, 2024, 1 pm Eastern

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=Q3zVbGSnwSolqaq2dzlKNYtsy4b4KL.1>

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