Group Specialty Council Meeting October 26, 2020

Present: Nina Brown, Molyn Leszcz, Sally Barlow, Gary Burlingame, Martyn Whittingham, Josh Gross, and Eleanor Counselman

The September 2020 minutes were approved.

Gary gave an update on the outreach to academic and internship programs. A selective approach will be employed, with a graduate student looking at APA programs to find those that list some group training. Then Gary or Noelle will decide on a personal outreach.

Gary also reviewed the chart of tracks for the specialty training at four levels (academic, internship, postdoctoral, postlicensure/CGP). The Council approved the chart with one concern: that the CGP is not an APA credential.

Nina received approval of the postdoctoral requirements for group specialty, which she had sent earlier by email. She also reported that we have already met two of the three criteria for COA approval and although only two are needed, she recommends we go for the third. She is asking the COS for support.

Nina presented our 2020 Strategic Plan for review. We have accomplished many of the items but still need to get more organizations on the Council. She asked everyone to think of possible additions. Molyn will reach out to the ASGW, which has not been responsive in the past. Eleanor suggested that some of the AGPA affiliate societies might be interested in joining.

It was decided to defer development of a 2021 Strategic Plan until later this fall when we have a better idea of what is still needed.

Sally, who is on the COS, is going to work on finding out why some re-ups, e.g. Counseling Psychology, have been so difficult.

Respectfully submitted,
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