

Group Specialty Council Minutes

Date: 10/28/2024

Present:

Le'Marus Alston (Council Membership Organization from St. Elizabeth's Hospital), Misha Bogomaz (Treasurer; ABGP/ABPP President), Gary Burlingame (AGPA Past-President), David DeVito (Guest; Division 49 Executive Assistant), Leann Diederich (Secretary), Noelle Lefforge (President), Leo Leiderman (AGPA President-Elect), Darryl Pure (Chair, Group Foundation for Advancing Mental Health and Past-President of ABGP), Francis Kaklauskas (Div 49 President), Lorraine Wodiska (AGPA President)

Absent:

Joe Miles (Division 49 President-Elect), Steve Van Wagoner (IBCGP Chair), Vinny Dehili (Vice President), Kendra Jackson (ASGW Representative), Nina Brown (Past-President)

Agenda/Meeting Minutes Approval: We approved our September minutes.

Agenda Items:

1. **Introductions:** Between all attending members were made.
2. **Updates from Dr. Lefforge:**
 - a. We have procedures in place to keep the petition moving forward. We are in a good place and she'll work on the petition with her writing retreats soon.
 - b. Email on Friday from Jennifer Callahan (editor of *Training and Education in Professional Psychology* where the Education and Training Guidelines were published) to invite us to submit a poster for the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (CUDCP)'s midwinter meeting. This will enable us to have our standards more widely known, particularly among Directors of Clinical Training (DCTs) of doctoral programs in clinical psychology. Appreciations were offered for this being something we'll be able to do, as this has been discussed in the past. We may broaden the audience to this poster in the future to attend other meetings of those involved with graduate training (such as National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology; NCSPP) .
 - c. November is the annual in-person meeting of the Council of Specialities on November 18th, so Dr. Lefforge will be in DC for that meeting. As a reminder, we did receive the documentation that we needed from CoS to submit, as required for our CRSSPP resubmission petition. We'll have an annual report that will be submitted to the CoS in advance of the November 18th meeting.
3. **Committee Membership:** Dr. Bogomaz will stay on as the Group Council Treasurer through the approval of the petition, but he requested we consider adding a new Treasurer once that has been approved. We don't know when that approval will be, as there will be a long public comment period and we want to be actively meeting as the committee monthly during that time.
4. **EBGT Website:**

- a. The webpage has been up and running. It was released a year ago. Both Dr. Burlingame and Dr. Strauss from the German Health Ministry are both retiring around the same time, so they have a lot of loose ends to tie up. The original goal to rough out the next two tabs on the website (Therapeutic Relationship as Evidence Based Treatment; Alternatives to RCTs) is still the goal before they retire. Dr. Burlingame has graduate students working on those tabs.
- b. A special issue of [Group Dynamics](#) that describes the EBGT website process and talks about the steering committee. In reality, the steering committee is a bit more of a “concept than a reality”. We clarified that Dr. Treadwell has been ancillary looped in to launch TGP by working with Brian Tate, but there is no overlap between EBGT with Dr. Treadwell.
- c. Regarding the Steering Committee:
 - i. The MOU outlines the steering and oversight committee membership. Division 49 will contribute 3 members, AGPA will contribute 2 members, and the German Health Ministry will contribute 2 members. Dr. Burlingame noted that once all 3 tabs are completed on the EBGT website, that the German Health Ministry likely will not continue to be on the committee and it will just be APA and AGPA representatives. Dr. Burlingame volunteered to continue attending the steering and oversight committee to help ensure continuity but we do not know if this will be from the APA or AGPA contributors, since he has affiliation to both.
 1. **Action Item:** *We support the Group Specialty Council advocating for a seat on the steering committee.* This motion passed unanimously. In the new year, we’ll reconvene in January on how we solidify the representative to the steering committee.
 - ii. Tasks of the steering and oversight committee will include attending 2-3 training sessions with Dr. Burlingame and Tate Baxton to get trained on how they have approached this and created/updated the website. Recorded videos will help with this. They also indicated responsibilities will include receiving messages from a link on the main page with readers sending in additional research to be considered for inclusion. So there is both a procedural side to updating the webpage, but there is also a research analysis side that will also be necessary.
- d. Funding: As outlined in the MOU, all three organizations referenced above contributed funding. Dr. Burlingame is inquiring about how much money is left from AGPA’s contribution of \$25,000. The MOU outlined that Division 49 will be in charge of hosting and updating the website once it’s past the creation phase.

Next Meeting: November 25, 2024 1 pm Eastern

Future Meetings: We won’t meet in December and can use email to approve the final petition. For 2025 we’ll anticipate continuing to meet the 4th Mondays of each month at 1 pm Eastern.

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