Members Present:
Martyn Marmarosh, President
Martyn Whittingham, Past President
Michele Ribeiro, Council Representative
Martin Kivlighan, Secretary
Misha Bogomaz, ECP Domain Rep
Eric Chen, Diversity Domain Rep
Josh Gross, President-Elect
Verlin Hinsz, Group Psychology Domain Rep
Jennifer (Alonso) Martin, Practice Domain Rep
Meredith Tittler, Student Representative
Lisa De La Rue, Chair, Convention Program
Noelle Lefforge, Chair, ERT Committee
Shala Rae Cole, Chair, Membership Committee
Amy Nitza, Treasurer

Members Not Present:
Leann Dierich, APF
Sean Woodland, APA Services, Inc. Liaison

President (Cheri Marmarosh)
- Dr. Marmarosh welcomed the board and checked in with board members.
- Dr. Lefforge motioned to approve the June Board Meeting Minutes, Dr. Chen seconded the motion, the motion was approved anonymously.
- Agenda Items
  - Present Division 49 Publishing Contract: Drs. Marmarosh, Tasca, and Whittingham will meet with the journal publisher and discuss the possibility of needing to switch publishers. Drs. Marmarosh, Tasca, and Whittingham will report back to the board after meeting with the publisher. Dr. Marmarosh discussed continued efforts to update the Division website to list evidence-based group treatments. Dr. Marmarosh has been in conversation with Dr. Burlingame and will discuss the potential for a task force with the board further. Dr. Marmarosh also met with a publisher who would be able to publish a series of manuals for division 49 similar to Division 29. Multiple manuals could be published on evidenced-based group treatments and practices and provided to members at a discounted price. Dr. Marmarosh asked the board if they were interested in pursuing this project further. The board expressed interest. Dr. Dr. Kivlighan wondered if the commission of 10% for authors was adequate, and Dr. Marmarosh agreed to look into it further. The board also discussed the possibility of offering CEUs through the division. Dr. Lefforge offered to inquire about our division registering to offer CEU credits. Dr. Marmarosh did not hire a
social media specialist but will coordinate with Dr. Gross and Dr. Kivlighan to discuss this further.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Marmarosh will follow up with the publisher to draft a contract for the board to review.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Lefforge offered to inquire about our division registering to offer CEU credits.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Drs. Marmarosh, Gross, and Kivlighan will be in communication about hiring a social media specialist.
- Present Requests for Funding: Will follow up with the board when Amy presents the budget.

**Convention Chair (Lisa De La Rue)**

- **Agenda Items**
  - **Discuss Convention Schedule:** Dr. De La Rue discussed the convention schedule and provided the following via Zoom message.
    - Business Meeting: Thursday 4-4:30p.m. EST (1 pm PST) – Like business in front, but really a party
    - Special Presentation: Group Processing of Social Injustices: Thursday 4:45-5:45 pm (1:45 pm PST)
    - Training directors meet and greet: Thursday 7 pm EST (4pm PST)
    - Awards and Fellow Address: Friday 4:45 - 5:45 pm EST (1:45 pm PST)
    - Social: Friday 6 pm EST (3 pm PST) – And will not your typical zoom happy hour either!
  - Eleven participants have confirmed to submit their presentations virtually. Dr. De La Rue inquired if Dr. Chen would be willing to assist with the Group Processing of Social Injustices program. Discussed various programming issues, such as the timing for the social. The board updated the time for Awards and Fellow Address to 5:45 pm EST and the social to Friday 7 pm EST. Dr. Marmarosh also discussed the fellows address and suggested that a mentor or meaningful colleague introduce the fellow and give the award to the fellow during the fellows address. The board agreed with this idea. Board discussed the need for advertising division programming and agreed that a schedule should be posted to Facebook and emailed to membership list serve.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. De La Rue will create program schedule flyer to be distributed to members.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Marmarosh to email the program schedule to the division list serve 7/24 and 7/31.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Martin will post programming schedule on Facebook on 7/24 and 7/31.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Board members will forward the schedule to various groups.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. De La Rue will look into how to register attendees through Zoom.

**President-Elect (Josh Gross)**
### Agenda Items

- **Awards Update and Discussion:** Dr. Gross updated the board on the awards selection process. Discussed some issues with selecting a recipient of the Teicher Award. Updated the board that Dr. Lee Gillis was identified as a nominee for the Teicher Award. Dr. Nitza updated Dr. Gross and the board that the dissertation award will not be awarded this year. Dr. Gross discussed the process for awarding poster awards. Dr. Marmarosh suggested that the presidential judges review the posters that were submitted and award the award. Dr. Gross also checked in about the diversity award and noted that it is still in process. Dr. Chen reported that all nominees have been submitted and Dr. Chen will report the nominees back to the board on Monday (7/27). The board will need to vote via email to confirm the nominee on Monday (7/27). Dr. Tittler raised the issue about the student diversity award and reported that there were applicants for this award. Dr. Chen agreed to review the nominees’ materials and report back to the board. The board will need to vote via email to confirm the student diversity nominee on Monday (7/27).

- Dr. Whittingham introduced Dr. Jerry Shapiro as a nominee for the teacher of the year award. Dr. Whittingham motioned to propose Dr. Jerry Shapiro for teacher of the year award, Dr. Gross seconded this motion, the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Whittingham will present the award to Dr. Jerry Shapiro.

- Dr. Whittingham suggested McClain Hospital for the group practice award. Dr. Whittingham motioned to propose McClain Hospital for the group practice award, Dr. Marmarosh seconded, the motion passed unanimously. The presidential trio will decide who will present the award to McClain Hospital.

  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. De La Rue will submit the six poster proposal submissions and note which one was submitted to Drs. Gross, Marmarosh, and Whittingham to review.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Chen will review nominations for diversity professional and student awards and will report back to the board on Monday (7/27).
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Gross will finalize the awards and mail them to the award winners.

- **MWM:** Dr. Gross will follow up with the board about MWM.

### Diversity Committee (Eric Chen)

- **Agenda Items**

  - **Update on Diversity Initiatives:** Dr. Chen discussed the various initiatives that the division has recently undertaken. The initiative to compile diversity resources for division members is under way and Dr. Chen asked for members to submit more materials to be uploaded. Dr. Chen also discussed the successful programming that the division hosted. Dr. Chen reported that Dr. Aziza Belcher Platt has agreed to be a member of the diversity committee for Division 49. Dr. Chen also discussed the possibility of offering free memberships to students of color and ECPs of color. The board discussed various issues and interest around this initiative, and Dr. Ribeiro noted the importance of retention as well. Dr.
Ribeiro also discussed how the division would recruit diverse members. Dr. Chen discussed coordinating with other Diversity groups, APAGS, and APA minority fellowship groups to recruit more members of color.

Budget (Amy Nitza)
- **Agenda Items**
  - **Budget Update**: Dr. Nitza gave a budget update to the board. On average, journal royalties are up and membership dues are down. Expenses are down for 2020 related to the convention being hosted virtually. Dr. Marmarosh presented a funding proposal from Dr. Burlingame. Dr. Burlingame proposed forming a task force to update the website and develop manuals and materials for members. Dr. Burlingame is proposing an international task force of 10 individuals and requested funds for travel for the task force to meet at APA 2021 in San Diego. Dr. Whittingham discussed a proposal to the board to conduct a large data assessment of group utilization rates from third party payers. Dr. Whittingham is in contact with a company that is able to conduct this assessment, however it will cost $20,000-$100,000. After further conversations, the company is open to working with the division to conduct this analysis at a reduced cost. Dr. Whittingham requested $5000 funding from the board to help contribute to the costs of this initiative. The board agreed that Dr. Whittingham should submit a formal proposal for the board to review and vote on.
    - **ACTION ITEM**: Dr. Marmarosh will contact Dr. Burlingame and request an alternative funding proposal that does not include travel.
    - **ACTION ITEM**: Dr. Whittingham will submit a written proposal for the funding to the board to review. The board will then vote via email.
  - Dr. Lefforge submitted pricing figures for CEU via the Zoom chat. The board discussed this initiative further and expressed excitement moving forward. From the chat, Dr. Lefforge wrote:
    - Following up from earlier - financial request - if we want to become APA Approved for CEs it will initially cost $270 (application fee) + $375 (Recognition fee). Annually will cost $310 for renewal.

Membership Committee (Shala Cole)
- **Agenda Items**
  - **Listserv Update**: Dr. Cole requested to create a new list serve for members and to manage the list serve. The board approved this request. Dr. Cole will create a list serve and will manage the list serve as the Chair of the membership committee.
  - **Discuss invigorating listserv, with prompts**: Tabled for next meeting.

Group Practice Domain (Jennifer Martin)
- Dr. Ribeiro suggested an edit to the bylaws, Jen noted the edit and will make the changes.
- Dr. Lefforge motioned to approve the Change to the Bylaws with the noted revisions by Dr. Ribeiro, Dr. Gross seconded the motion, the motion was approved anonymously.
Council Representative (Michele Ribeiro)

- Agenda Items
  - **Council of Representatives Update**: Tabled for next meeting.

Closing and Adjourn (Cheri Marmarosh)

- Dr. Marmarosh closed the meeting and the board adjourned.
- **ACTION ITEM**: Dr. Kivlighan will schedule a 2-hour post-APA convention board meeting.