

July 2021 Division 49 Meeting Minutes

July 27, 1:00-3:00PM CST

Attendees Present:

Nathaniel Wade, Group PracticeCheri Marmarosh, Past President
Martin Kivlighan, Secretary Mary Baggio, Student Representative
Misha Bogomaz, ECP Noelle Lefforge, Education and Training
Eric Chen, DEIB Committee Debra O'Connell, Treasurer
Amy Nitza, President Elect Tom Treadwell, Newsletter
David Marcus, Group Psychology
Shala Cole, Membership Committee Michele Ribeiro, Council Rep

Not Present:

George Tasca, Journal Sean Woodland, APA Services, Inc. Liaison
Lisa De La Rue, Program Chair Leann Diederich, Foundation Committee
Vinny Dehili, Incoming Program Chair

Welcome and Agenda Overview (Josh Gross)

- Dr. Gross welcomed the board and provided an overview for the meeting.
- Board members discussed current state of COVID and university and mental health center responses to service delivery in the near future.

Group EBT Update (Josh Gross)

- Dr. Gross updated the board on the Group EBT proposal and reported that Dr. Burlingame has been informed that the board approved funding the proposal, but that Dr. Burlingame has not responded to this communication. The board suggested that Dr. Gross reach out to Dr. Burlingame and CC the exec counsel to ask where he is in the process.
- **TO DO: Dr. Gross will follow up with Dr. Burlingame and CC exec counsel.**

The Institute (Shala Cole)

- Dr. Cole encouraged the board to encourage individuals to join the division and The Institute to support BIPOC mentorship and support at the upcoming convention. Dr. Cole also encouraged board members to consider serving as a mentor with The Institute.
- **TO DO: Dr. Cole will send out a document about The Institute to the board and division listserv.**

GPGPSC (Noelle Lefforge)

- Dr. Lefforge provided an overview and update on the GPGPSC. A GPGPSC subcommittee was formed (consisting of Drs. Nitza, Bogomaz, Lefforge, Gross, and Marmarosh). The subcommittee has worked to review existing relationships and structures between APA divisions and related specialties. Dr. Lefforge suggested that Division 49 create an ad hoc committee to support related specialty counsel efforts. The board discussed this recommendation and prepared to discuss this possibility and structure for the specialty counsel and DIV49 during the upcoming convention. Dr. Chen asked what would be helpful for the division to discuss in the upcoming meeting. Dr. Lefforge outlined the following questions that need to be considered and decided in the next meeting.

1. What is the desired organizational structure?

❑ Create a standing committee to support the specialty counsel. Would the board be comfortable with a standing committee with their own set of bylaws and policies separate from the division?

❑ GPGPSC remains their own separate entity but is tied to the division in some capacity

❑ Division severs ties with GPGPSC

2. What is the mutual benefit between Div49 and specialty counsel?

3. How is the division willing to provide support for the specialty counsel?

- Dr. Lefforge provided more information and details about the current structure of the group counsel. Dr. Marmarosh asked Dr. Lefforge if she had a recommended organizational structure for GPGSC and Division 49. Dr. Lefforge suggested a tiered structure where Division 49 was structured at the highest tier and had the most seats, followed by ABBP and AGPA, and then other organizations. The level of support provided would be consistent with the organizations tier. Dr. Nitza expressed support of this model, and also stated that we will need to decide how this committee is organized and who will be members. The board also discussed the possibility of scheduling quarterly meetings for the entire year.

- **TO DO: The board will continue to discuss the relationship between the division and GPGPSC during the convention board meeting.**

- **TO DO: Dr. Kivlighan to schedule 3-hour convention board meeting or two 2-hour board meetings to discuss GPGPSC and also present division reports.**

Fellows Update (Cheri Marmarosh)

- Four Fellows will be awarded during the 2021 APA annual convention. Two fellows were approved by APA for 2022 and these Fellows will be announced soon. Dr. Marmarosh encouraged board members to join the fellows committee to support these efforts. Dr. Marmarosh also recommended that a member serve in a role to organize the Fellows process as well as mentor and support Fellows applications. Dr. Nitza suggested that we table this decision for the August board meeting.

- **TO DO: Board needs to discuss and decide how to support the Fellows committee moving forward during the August board meeting.**

Division Manual Publication Update (Cheri Marmarosh)

- Dr. Marmarosh provided an update on the publication manual contract. The publisher proposed publishing an annual series on group therapy practice and the authors would receive 10%. This could also be a helpful method to generate CE credits and training opportunities. There would need to be an editor to oversee these publications, but the manuals could be sold and provide further support for the division. Dr. Marmarosh asked if the board was interested in her continuing to pursue this opportunity and initiative. This discussion was tabled for the august board meeting.

- **TO DO: Board needs to discuss this initiative further during the August board meeting.**

Awards Committee Update (Amy Nitza)

- Dr. Nitza updated the board about award winners and encouraged Dr. Lefforge to get started early on encouraging nominations for awards for the division.

- The award committee suggested holding onto nominations from the previous year for the upcoming award cycle. Dr. Nitza will hold onto the nominations to be considered for the next award cycle.

DEIB Student Award (Eric Chen)

- Dr. Chen identified the winner of the student diversity award and motioned that a runner up award be giving to a second student including a waiver for this student's membership dues, Dr. Gross seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Convention Program (Lisa De La Rue)

- The division program was discussed, and reminders of live events were provided as needed.
- Closing of the meeting