

# 2020 Division 49 June Board Meeting Minutes

June 4 10:00-1:00PM EST

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4094698392?pwd=WkIDdGd0YVUva3VYbjVyeEhnQzlCZz09>

## Members Present:

Misha Bogomaz, ECP Domain Rep	Cheri Marmarosh, President
Eric Chen, Diversity Domain Rep	Jennifer (Alonso) Martin, Practice Domain Rep
Shala Rae Cole, Membership Chair	Amy Nitza, Treasurer
Josh Gross, President-Elect	Michele Ribeiro, Council Representative
Verlin Hinsz, Group Psychology Domain Rep	Meredith Tittler, Student Representative
Lisa De La Rue, Convention Program Chair	Sean Woodland, APA Services, Inc. Liaison
Noelle Lefforge, Education Domain Rep	

## Members Not Present:

Leann Diederich, Foundation	George Tasca, Journal
Martin Kivlighan, Secretary	Dr. Whittingham, Past President
Tom Treadwell, Newsletter	

## President (Cheri):

- Dr. Marmarosh welcomed the board.
- Need to focus on Diversity issues and response.
- COVID Task Force – Focus on devoting newsletter to COVID focused issue. Want to hire someone to do social media. Working on description for that position. Need to be getting information out. (\$2-\$3k expected cost, currently in the budget).
- **Action Item – Cheri – Social Media hire**
- Division 12's website for EBP, want an analogous website for Group Psychotherapies on our website. Gary & Bernard Strauss. Do we have more funding to use to update for our Division (do to cost savings related to conference?)
  - Misha – APA updates the website for us, don't need to spend money on it
  - Creation of task force – Misha, Eric, Noelle, Josh, Gary, & Bernard
  - **Action Item – Convene Task Force**
  - Cheri – motion, Josh – second – unanimously approved

## Minutes (Cheri):

Cheri – motion, Jen – second – unanimously approved  
Change Sean's title for accuracy  
Change At-Large Members to Domain Representatives

### APA Virtual Conference (Lisa):

- Seems like they have thought through this
- All sessions pre-recorded
- Presenters can opt out – no penalty for not recording, will still be in the program even if they don't record – would still be able to include on CV as an accepted presentation. Cannot resubmit same proposal for next year.
- Stick to 15 minutes
- Will be archived into system. Will be a searchable program
- Will have a feature that will allow for Q&A, but not necessarily live. Can ask questions and presenters will be able to respond.
- Ways to coordinate sessions – can send out the Division for coordinated viewing. Within session you can include a Zoom link for discussion following viewing.
- All the poster sessions will be pdfs. Can do live Q&A sessions
- Will reach out to accepted presenters to see if they want to record their sessions and include in platform
- APA is not offering logistical or technical support for recording, but Lisa is willing to help
- These will all need to come in quick – no specific date, but likely mid-July
- Cannot add new sessions
- Can edit Title and Content if necessary, but could be arduous process
- Will schedule our own business meeting and socials, etc.
- Can still offer CEs, but working out the details
- **Action Item – Lisa – reach out to presenters to see if they want to prerecord**
- Devote Zoom session to awards? – General support for this idea
- Did not receive posters for student diversity section – on website we ask them to turn in a .pdf of their poster for the award – deadline is today. In the past we have just done live judging. Will we do this again?
- Specialty issues – reach out to TDs to invite to conference events – when events are not connected to others, we lose out on folks. Which events to Zoom?:
  - Awards/fellows (Cheri)
  - Social (Misha & Cheri) – this one feels the trickiest to pull off – Or a holding group connected with social consciousness? Maybe something for White Therapists addressing privilege in group therapy?
  - Diversity Committee meeting (Eric) - Addressing what's going on in the world?
  - Board Meeting – outside of program, 3 hours – end of July **Action Item – Martin send out schedule poll**
  - Business Meeting (Cheri)
  - Event for TDs (Meredith)– addressing diversity in training educational event
- **Action Item – Lisa - Schedule Conference Related Events**

### Diversity (Eric):

- Feels surreal to live in these times
- Receiving statements from many organizations – we could do that, but it's just like all the others. Wants to inspire hope. A few months ago AGPA there were intense dialogues among members related to race and gender. There was bravery in those interactions. Acknowledge

the COVID-19 disparities. In addition to statement, also distribute resources. Utilize the specialty and our members (Joe Miles, etc.) on intercultural dialogue conversation hours. Have our members who are affected join. Considering Zoom fatigue – maybe have one conversation hour monthly between now and convention (June, July, August, or possibly spread out). 1 on students, 1 on psychotherapists, and 1 on for everyone to process experience.

- Wants concrete action, rather just a statement.
- Provide summary of intercultural dialogue
- **Action Item – Diversity Committee – Board Statement, resources for website, conversation hours. Eric to follow-up with Michele, Jen, and Shala for contributions. Cheri to send out a statement to Board for everyone to sign and to post to website with link to resources. Michele to explore avenues into APA for opportunities for Div 49.**
- Webinars presented by the author's in Michele's edited book on diversity in groups?
- Diversity and leadership
- Social media person could be responsible to dissemination to other Divisions.
- Need to act now, rather than waiting

#### **Membership (Shala):**

- Update on listserv – Shala talked to Keith Cooke, we are paying APA to add members to listserv, which happens once per year, but they can't because we have an unmoderated listserv. They would only be able to do it if we have an announcement based listserv. To keep a discussion based listserv we need to add and remove people.
- Division 52 - Could create an announce listserv and populate with all our members. Secretary acts as moderator. Our listserv could explode if we took initiative to put out prompts on the listserv.
- **Action Item – Shala talk to Keith about adding an announcement listserv.**
- **Action Item – Martin – add to next agenda – discussion on invigorating listserv, with prompts**

#### **Bylaws (Marmarosh, Martin's Committee)**

- APA had given direction on content that should be in policy and procedures rather than in the bylaws – deleted that.
- Updated role of Past-President
- Updated use of gender pronouns
- Information on how to remove a member
- Will not into effect until President for 2022
- Important to get this approved this year by Board
- **Action Item – Martin – add to agenda – approval of bylaw changes**

#### **ECP Committee (Misha Bogomaz):**

- Conversation Hour on June 26 on how to teach groups – 90 RSVPs, much larger than ever. Considering how to hold the conversation given the large size and the likelihood that many attending may not have taught group before.
- Will utilize leadership in attendance to help facilitate break out sessions

## **Newsletter (Cheri)**

- **Action Item – Cheri – Reach out to Tom about broadening the special issue of the newsletter to address all that is currently going on**
- Everything is moving so fast, needs are shifting
- Previous topics were not highlighting the inequities.
- Tele-grouptherapy is likely to continue and remains important to have resources for
- Deadline – end of July?

## **Education & Training (Noelle)**

- Have a manuscript near completion of Group Specialty Council's Education & Training Guidelines
- Possible psychology journals:
  - Psychotherapy
  - Training and Education in Professional Psychology
  - Group Dynamics
- **Action Item – Noelle to follow-up with Cheri on collaboration and routes of publication**