

May 2021 Division 49 Meeting Agenda
May 24, 12:00-12:00PM CST

Zoom Meeting:

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/92519420747?pwd=eUQ2Um9MaFloQm44c2ZuTGNEeUEExZz09>

Attendees Present:

Nathaniel Wade, Group Practice
Martin Kivlighan, Secretary
Misha Bogomaz, ECP
Eric Chen, Diversity Committee
Amy Nitza, President Elect
David Marcus, Group Psychology
Shala Cole, Membership Committee

Vinny Dehili, Incoming Program Chair
Lisa De La Rue, Program Chair
Noelle Lefforge, Education and Training
Debra O'Connell, Treasurer
Tom Treadwell, Newsletter
Michele Ribeiro, Council Rep

Not Present:

George Tasca, Journal
Mary Baggio, Student Representative
Cheri Marmarosh, Past President

Sean Woodland, APA Services, Inc. Liaison
Leann Diederich, Foundation Committee

EBGT Proposal/GPGSC (Josh/Noelle)

- Dr. Gross provided a recap of the history and processes that have unfolded with the EBGT proposal and the current state of this proposal.
- Dr. Kivlighan reminded the board that the board voted and approved to move forward with the EBGT proposal via email (Dr. O'Connell motioned to support the EBGT proposal, Dr. Bogomaz seconded the motion, and the motion passed with five yes and 2 no) and the purpose of this board meeting is to approve specific aspects of the proposal, such as the budget and deliverables.
- Dr. Lefforge provided an overview of GPGSC (See accompanying PPT deck). Dr. Lefforge reviewed the counsel leadership, the tasks of the counsel, and specifically focused on the specialty petition. The specialty petition renewal is due January 1, 2025.
- The board shifted to discussing the structure of the GPGSC. Dr. Gross posed the question of whether GPGSC should remain an ad hoc committee or become a standing committee. Dr. Nitza discussed the interesting dilemma of GPGSC structure with officers and bylaws outside of the Division as well as GPGSC members not being members of the division or APA. Dr. Nitza noted that this is not a limitation, but rather a challenge that needs to be attended to in this process. Dr. Bogomaz discussed the possibilities of GPGSC as an ad hoc committee, a standing committee, or creating something different. Dr. Marcus raised the dilemma that it seems as though the division is moving away from group psychology, particularly regarding GPGSC, and making this a standing committee may further solidify that divide. Dr. Chen asked Dr. Lefforge for her insights on how we can use the resources within the division to support the work of GPGSC. Dr.

Lefforge confirmed that there is a lack of people power and resources to support the

work of GPGSC, and identified this as a primary reason and need for the division to further integrate and support GPGSC.

- At this time, the board shifted from discussion of the GPGSC to the EBGT proposal due to limit constraints. The board agreed to come back to the discussion of the structure and relationship between GPGSC and Division 49.
- Dr. Gross suggested a web editor be appointed by the board to oversee the EBGT project for the division and handle issues related to sustainability.
- Dr. Ribeiro shared the div 52 website as an example of how we might structure and build our website.
- Dr. Nitza clarified that the webmaster will be charged with updating and the sustainability of the EBGT website for the division.
- Dr. O'Connell identified the issue of how much money the division is able to provide Dr. Burlingame to support the EBGT project.
- Dr. Ribeiro and Dr. Treadwell identified two issues at hand, 1) how much can the division financial support this project, and 2) how does the division sustain this project in the future. Discussion followed regarding financial support and sustainability of the EBGT project.
- Dr. Ribeiro motioned to fund \$5000 to support the EBGT project with an itemized receipt needed upon receipt of the payment. Dr. O'Connell seconded this motion. Dr. Chen identified that this money is to support the project as oppose to supporting a postdoc. The motion passed 12-1.
- Dr. Ribeiro confirmed that the board will request from Gary Burlingame an invoice for the available \$5k funds from the division, deliverables and when those will be submitted to the division. Dr. Burlingame will also need to submit the proposal to the board for submission to APA.
- **TO DO: Executive Committee will create the request and proposal for Dr. Burlingame.**
- **TO DO: Dr. O'Connell will contact Dr. Burlingame with this information and funding proposal.**

Division Assessment Form (Dr. Cole)

- Dr. Cole gave the board a quick update on the Academy. Dr. Cole submitted the proposal to waive membership fees for BIPOC members of the Academy to general counsel and the division cannot offer free membership to BIPOC members. Rather anyone who joins the Academy will be offered 2 free years of memberships regardless of race/ethnicity status. Dr. Cole also discussed various initiatives that they are thinking of developing for the Academy. The hope is to build a network to foster and mentor future leaders that value BIPOC and diversity issues.
- Dr. Cole also notified the board that the division form is due in June 2021 and needs the board to approve the form and membership fee structure. The board agreed to maintain the current membership dues for 2021-2022.
- Dr. Lefforge suggested considering changing the name from the Academy. This will be followed up via email between board members.
- **TO DO: Dr. Cole and Dr. Gross will submit the division assessment form to APA for processing.**

Policies and Procedures Manual and Bylaws Update (Dr. Gross)

- The board discussed how soon the bylaws will become effective and confirmed that the changes will not take effect until after membership voting and approval.
- Dr. O'Connell motioned to approve the revisions to the policy and procedures manual with the caveat that additional information needs to be added to the manual. Dr. Ribeiro seconded the motion. The board approved the motion with a vote of 10-0.
- **TO DO: The board will adopt the new policies and procedures manual and board members will help to fill in the needed information about past award recipients.**
- **TO DO: Dr. Kivlighan will send the Bylaw revisions to the division for member review and vote.**

Division Staff Liaison

- Dr. Gross identified a need to identify a board member to be the staff liaison for APA.
- Dr. O'Connell identified Dr. Marcus as a good fit.
- **TO DO: Dr. Gross and Dr. Marcus will follow up via email about the duties and responsibilities of this position.**

Awards

- Board members identified nominees for division awards per Dr. Marmarosh's request.
 - Meredith Tittler - Diversity award (Dr. Wade nominated)
 - Dave Kenny – Group Psychologist of the year award (Dr. Marcus nominated)
 - Carlos Canales – Group practice (Dr. Wade nominated)

Closing of the meeting

- **TO DO: Martin to schedule board meeting for mid- to late-July.**
- **TO DO: Noelle will reach out to the board to form a sub committee to prepare for**

future conversations about GPGPSC.