



SOCIETY of GROUP PSYCHOLOGY and GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

2019 Mid Winter Board Meeting
January 26-27
Cincinnati, OH

Members in Attendance

Dr. Sally Barlow, Council Representative
Dr. Misha Bogomaz, Member-at-Large/ECP
Dr. Nikki Coleman, Member-at-Large/Diversity
Ms. Meredith Tittler Student Representative
Dr. Josh Gross/ Member-at-Large, Education
Dr. Verlin Hinsz, Member-at-Large/Group Psychology

Dr. Noelle Lefforge, Chair, Membership Committee
Dr. Cheri Marmarosh, President-Elect
Dr. Jennifer (Alonso) Martin, Member-at-Large/Practice
Dr. Joe Miles, Secretary
Dr. Amy Nitza, Treasurer
Ms. Debra O'Connell, Incoming Program Chair
Dr. George Tasca, Past President
Dr. Martyn Whittingham, President

Attending by Skype or Phone:

Dr. Leann Diederich, Foundation
Dr. Sean Woodland, CAPP Liaison

Meeting Called to Order at 8:15 AM

Dr. Whittingham welcomed the Board and introduced new members.

Dr. Miles oriented Board members to the Dropbox folder with documents for the meeting; asked Board members to pull up minutes from August 2018 Board Meeting and October 2018 Board Check-In Meeting (which had also been previously sent out via the Board listserv).

MOTION: Dr. Miles made a motion to approve the August Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Bogomaz seconded. All voted in favor; Motion passed. MOTION: Dr. Miles made a Motion to approve October Minutes, Dr. Bogomaz seconded. All voted in favor; Motion passed. Motion to approve August Minutes (Joe), Second (Misha).

Dr. Miles reviewed the leadership roster and asked for edits. Board members suggested updates, which Dr. Miles made. Updated roster is in the Dropbox folder under 2019 Board Meeting Documents.

Dr. Miles asked Board members to review the agenda for the Board meeting. **MOTION: Dr. Miles made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Bogomaz seconded. Discussion led to minor edits, which Dr. Miles made. All voted in favor of approving the agenda.**

Presidential Report (Dr. Whittingham):

○ **Group Specialty:**

- Dr. Whittingham congratulated the Board on the group specialty designation and acknowledged the work that went into that, including by Drs. Barlow and Brown.
- Specialty Council Next Steps: Several Division 49 folks (e.g., Drs. Brown, Marmarosh, Tasca, Whittingham) have been talking about what is next. (e.g., a standing committee on the group specialty). Dr. Whittingham suggests we need to think about what group is. We need a strategic plan involving dissemination to help folks understand what group is (and that they may not be doing it right). AGPA survey (n of about 40 major agencies, representing 160,000 clients) on group utilization, quality, types of groups, settings, etc. A lot of folks reported they want/need basic competency training (while also saying their group programs are going well). Routinely at practica and internship sites, people are told to lead groups without training.
- We have an opportunity now, with the recognition as a specialty, to bring awareness of group, the need to training, etc. We need to not just talk about this, but we need to also help provide the tools to address this. This needs to be a multi-year effort.
- Next step: Developing a standing committee. There are rules from Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional (CRSPPP) that we need to follow; Dr. Brown is looking into this. Our bylaws say what a standing committee should look like, but they are not the same as CRSPPP rules. **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Whittingham will set up a meeting of a Group Specialty Task Force at AGPA this year to begin the process of developing a Standing Group Specialty Committee.** (See below for related budget item)
- Dr. Barlow noted we need a PR campaign, including to the public; it needs to be sustained, with resources allocated. The campaign needs to be engaging and not put people off (e.g., calling them out as unethical). We need to think about tone, direction, resources, budget, partnerships, sustainability, etc. Dr. Whittingham would like to involve a PR expert he is connected to think strategically about this.
- Some first steps in this campaign: Drs. Burlingame, Marmarosh, and Whittingham are co-authors on a *Monitor* article coming out. AGPA Joint Board meeting will involve going over the survey that was administered (see above), reviewing data, discussing strategy – will report back to big agencies.

President-Elect Report (Dr. Marmarosh):

- This year Dr. Marmarosh wants to learn as much as she can about the Board and continue the work described above related to raising awareness of group as a specialty, developing training standards, etc. to ensure people are not leading group without any

training. Dr. Martin suggested the group principles course via AGPA could be a starting point. Dr. Bogomaz noted ABPP is also interested in this.

Treasurer (Dr. Amy Nitza):

- **Closing the books from 2018:**
 - Dr. Nitza presented the budget vs. actuals from 2018. Income includes \$25,000 from Dr. Moreland's estate.
 - Income:
 - Most of the income comes from the journal (about \$40,000 each year).
 - We also have a small amount of income from memberships.
 - Expenses:
 - Dr. Nitza noted that the Programming Committee budgeted and spent really well (thank you!); not award money was given out.
 - Dr. Whittingham noted that the \$1,000 for BYU's group practice award was not included in the actuals presented. **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Nitza will get the award money for the 2018 Group Practice Award to BYU.**
 - We did not spend the money for recording at Convention – Ms. O'Connell recorded them on her phone. She asked if we could use the line item for recording to make the recordings accessible. There was discussion of getting the videos on youtube (Fellows and Presidential Addresses); Dr. Bogomaz believes youtube automatically captions them. Dr. Coleman suggested we add a process for recording the talks and uploading them to youtube in the Policy and Procedure manual. **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will add a procedure for recording and disseminating the Fellows and Presidential Addresses to the Policy and Procedural Manual. This will state that it is the Program Chair's responsibility to record the talks, the Fellows Chair's responsibility to share the expected scope (and any limitations, see below) of the addresses with the Fellows, and the ECP Member-at-Large/Task Force to get them on the website (and youtube).**
 - There was a side discussion about whether political comments need to be censored from these talks. **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will check with APA about the potential need for censoring, disclaimers, consent to record, related to Fellows and Presidential Addresses).**
 - Social media coordinator: We budgeted \$2,000 but determined we would take that out.
 - Line item for administrative services includes award plaques, etc. that have not had anywhere to go.
- **Proposed Budget for 2019:**
 - We are carrying over about \$90,000, which includes the \$25,000 from Dr. Moreland's estate (this will be transferred to the Foundation, see below)
 - Estimated income: \$40,000 from journal, \$2,500 from dues, \$90,000 carry over, \$200 interest.
 - Some estimated expenses discussed: \$2,000 budgeted for student travel awards, \$2,000 for student rep. to travel to Convention. Research grant has not been

given out recently. (Side discussion to be considered by person coordinating awards: Should we change the name to “award”?). Student diversity poster award and standard student poster award money are both included in the proposed budget (Side note: Dr. Bogomaz Misha noted that the Awards page is the most visited page on our website.)

- **Proposal for Seed Money for Group Specialty Task Force:** Proposed we include seed money for a meeting of a Group Specialty Task Force. Through discussion, it was determined that Drs. Nitza and Whittingham will determine the specifics of how the money is spent, but it will likely be for lunch/refreshments, an extra hotel night (if necessary), etc., rather than travel for individual people. This group will likely include Drs. Barlow, Brown, Gross, Lefforge, Marmarosh, Whittingham and others. The goal for the Task Force will be to determine the form that the standing committee will take. **MOTION: Dr. Whittingham made a motion to establish a Group Specialty Task Force for 2019. Dr. Marmarosh seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.**
- \$3,000 for a lunch and an extra hotel night, if necessary, for the Group Specialty Task Force was added to the budget. **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Whittingham will organize a meeting at AGPA this year.**
- **Proposal for Honorarium for GDN Associate Editors:** Dr. Tasca noted that associate journal editors get a stipend for most journals, and he proposed that there is a stipend for journal editors. George also is developing a best paper award, voted on by the Editorial Board, starting 2021 and would like to have a financial award associated with this, and invite the winner to come to APA to give a talk. Discussion was had about the award Money. **MOTION: Martyn motioned we remove the monetary awards from the budget for Group Psychologist of the Year, Professional Diversity Award, Practice Award, and Teaching Award. Cheri seconded. Discussion: What will this do in terms of ECP and student involvement? Yays: 10, Nays: 3, Abstentions: 0. Motion passed.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Bogomaz will remove the monetary award information from all awards except student awards on the website ASAP. Pending budget discussion.**
- Jen noted that we might not need the \$300 for the newsletter publishing fee (which had been used for the Wordpress site). We are proposing removing the line for “other liaisons.” **ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will look into what we need to do to archive the newsletter now that it has been migrated to the Division website so that we can stop paying our Wordpress subscription.**
- Discussion of allocating money to pay journal associate editors. Folks acknowledged that recognizing the work of the associate editors is important, but that we need to balance that with the realities of the budget. The Board would like to include \$2,000 in the budget for \$500 for each of the Associate Editors for 2019. This will be reviewed every year to ensure that **MOTION: Martyn motioned that we include \$2,000 in the 2019 budget for \$500 for each of the associate editors. This will be revisited each year to ensure that this can be maintained. Sally seconded. George and Joe recused themselves, everyone else voted in favor. Motion passed.**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Nitza will add a discussion of the Division's investments to her agenda for the April check-in meeting.
- **MOTION:** Dr. Hinsz voted to approve the proposed budget. Dr. Marmarosh seconded. All voted in favor. Motion Passed

Secretary/Publications Committee (Dr. Miles):

- **Update on bylaws changes:**
 - As discussed in our previous meetings, we are seeking to revise bylaws to change terms of President-Elect and President to two years and eliminate the Past President position. After our October check-in meeting, Dr. Miles contacted APA about the process for getting a vote set up for the bylaws change. They said, we need a 30-day voting period for bylaws changes. APA Division Services can administer the vote for a flat fee of \$200 (for setting up the vote, helping to answer questions about ballots and then tabulating the results, plus the cost of printing/postage for any paper ballots that may need to be distributed). They anticipate an additional 2-3 weeks of time in addition to the 30 days to handle the voting process. APA Division Services shared a description of the process, along with sample ballots, wording, etc. If anyone is interested in reviewing these, please contact Dr. Miles.
 - Dr. Parks said he can deliver a complete revision of the Bylaws to the Board by this summer, with all decision points identified and options summarized by the summer of 2019, so the Board can vote on the revised Bylaws at the August Board meeting. The alternative would be to assign someone else to gut the bylaws and do a front-to-back rewrite, asking the Board to address each decision point as s/he encounters them. The Board agreed that we would like Dr. Parks to continue with the revisions, and thanks him for his work on this. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Parks will continue to work on the revisions to the Bylaws with the goal of getting a full revision to the Board by the summer to be voted on at the August Board meeting.
- **Update on Policy and Procedures Manual:** Dr. Miles has received edits and feedback from Drs. Tasca and Parks. Feedback from Dr. Whittingham is expected next, and then Dr. Miles will continue to pass it around to the Board members for their edits and feedback. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Whittingham will send Dr. Miles his edits to the Policy and Procedure Manual and he will incorporate these revisions and send on to the rest of the Board for their comments.
- **Newsletter:** We have now officially transitioned *The Group Psychologist* Newsletter to the Division's website. APA is handling putting the newsletter up on the website. It looks great! They require that we use a specific template when we sent them content (see attachment). We can request stock photos for any article, which we should take advantage of (they will find photos). Dr. Treadwell did note a few concerns he would like us to discuss: (1) we are limited in terms of pages (20 pages, using the template below), and (2) he wonders if the new template is reader friendly. We also ran into some hiccups getting the last issue up. APA had problems with their program, which

held it up. They assure us, though, that those are resolved, and that they can typically get the newsletter up within 10 days of receipt of the content from us.

- **Contracts:** We now have up-to-date, signed contracts for our Newsletter Editor, Incoming GDN Editor, and GDN Editor. These can be found on Dropbox folder in a folder labeled "Publications Materials."
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Miles will work with Dr. Parks and APA to ensure that we have a clear description of who the voting members of the Board are, and that we have a definition of a quorum.

Member-at-Large, ECP (Dr. Bogomaz):

- **ACTION ITEM:** Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Tittler, and Drs. Bogomaz and Marmarosh will get together to see if and how they can raise awareness about the awards we offer.
- Misha said that there are people who join, get added to the list, but then fade away. Misha suggested that we should follow up with new members. George noted that when he was President-Elect and Student Rep. followed up by email with new members to help keep them engaged. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Bogomaz will connect with Dr. Lefforge, the Membership Chair, and Ms. Tittler, the Student Rep. when he is notified to add people to the listserv so they can follow up and try to help them become engaged in with the Division. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Miles will make sure the updated Policy and Procedure Manual has a procedure described for engaging new members (i.e., that the Membership Chair and Student Rep. will reach out to new members as they are notified).
- Dr. Bogomaz noted that the ECP Member-at-Large has traditionally fronted the money for the Hospitality Suite at APA and he wonders if there is a different way. It will be important to think about as a new person steps into the role.
- Dr. Bogomaz noted that we, as a Board, tend to never have enough time for our meetings. How can we address this? More frequent Zoom meetings? Longer/more meetings at APA? Options discussed: bi-monthly meetings, extra day meeting at APA, starting mid-winter meeting on Friday night (e.g., with a dinner meeting), pre-APA convention Zoom meeting. Dr. Whittingham proposed we have two check-in meetings (as we have in the past), and add a pre-meeting Zoom before APA meeting (and Mid Winter, if it works out). **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Miles will develop a schedule of meetings for the year, including Mid Winter, an April check-in via zoom, a pre-August Board Meeting zoom call, the August Board meeting, and an October zoom check-in, so people can get these on their calendar.

Program Committee (Ms. O'Connell):

- Quality and quantity of proposals has seen downward trend. Received 8 poster submissions (down from 22 in 2018, and 12 in 2017). There seems to be fluctuation. Division 49 was a part of 2 collaborative proposals, neither were accepted as collaborative proposals. This was down from 5 collaborative proposal submissions. We ended up filling all of our allocated hours. Dr. Miles noted this might be an APA wide trend. Ms. O'Connell said ratings were down for those proposals we did receive.

- We received seven proposals for presentations. We were allocated 13 hours. This has been consistent (has not gone down).
- We discussed whether we want to dedicate more programming hours, and we discussed adding a presidential initiative for one hour. We also discussed reducing the fellows hours to one hour instead of two. We also talked about how we might best use our hours to up our attendance, reach other people. ACTION ITEM: The Program Chair will allocate one hour for a Presidential Initiative (in addition to the Presidential Address), starting this year. Dr. Whittingham will develop a Presidential Initiative session and will get back to Ms. O'Connell so she can change the schedule (taking one hour from the fellows address). Dr. Marmarosh will start thinking about a Presidential Initiative for 2020. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will add that the Program Chair is to dedicate one hour to a Presidential Initiative (in addition to the Presidential Address) to the Policy and Procedure Manual, and that the President is responsible for developing this program during their Presidential year.
- Poster awards: Who is responsible for the diversity and regular poster awards? Dr. Coleman rated the Diversity Poster, President-Elect rated regular poster award. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will look in our minutes and Policy and Procedure Manual to see if there is guidance about awards and will share with Dr. Marmarosh.
- ACTION ITEM: Ms. O'Connell will look into hotel policies regarding food.

CAPP Liaison (Dr. Woodland):

- Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice (CAPP), a subsidiary of the APA Practice Organization, reports to the Board of Professional Affairs through APA. APA Practice Organization (has historically involved itself in furthering the interests of practitioners) is no longer going to be around after late June 2019. They are migrating to APA Services Incorporated (APASI). This is because APA is trying to shift its focus to be more involved in federal advocacy. A big piece of that is where and how they get funding for their advocacy efforts, so they have had to restructure in order to raise/spend more money on advocacy efforts. CAPP is going to be dissolved, and they are trying to figure out where the tasks of CAPP will be moved (e.g., what other committee). Board of Professional Affairs has been discussed as one possibility. CAPP will turn into the Advocacy Coordinating Committee (ACC). Every year, they still do the Practice Leadership Conference. It is a four day conference every March, and last day is a trip to Capitol Hill to advocate. One of the things they talk to Congress people about every year is adding psychologists to the Medicare definition of physician. Dr. Woodland's question is, given that CAPP is dissolving, to what extent he should still be involved in those liaison efforts? It is unclear how they will involve liaisons after June. There is a meeting in March, which will be the last CAPP meeting. Sean can go if the Board wants him to. Dr. Whittingham suggested Dr. Woodland find out more about the agenda for the meeting. Dr. Barlow might know more about it in February. ACTION ITEM: Drs. Barlow and Woodland will confer after the APA Council meeting, and will try to find out more about the agenda for the CAPP meeting to determine whether this would be a meeting worth attending.

- Dr. Woodland asked what advocacy questions the Division might be interested in addressing. Dr. Whittingham wants to know to what extent the new structure allows for advocacy for higher reimbursement rates for group. We can make arguments about utilization, put them into an article and share that with CMS. We also need to find out what the new structure and where we fit. What will they be doing? Dr. Bogomaz suggested we need to figure out how to better use our liaisons, especially now that group is a specialty.

Journal Report (Drs. Marcus and Tasca):

- **Dr. Marcus' Report:**
 - We continue to “squeak by” in terms of the number of submissions needed to make our issues of *Group Dynamics*.
 - Dr. Marcus noted the quantity of group therapy submissions has gone up (makes up about half of the manuscripts published in the journal at this point).
 - Dr. Parks is coordinating a special issue that may help raise quantity of submissions. Dr. Tasca's call for two new types of submissions may also raise number of submissions.
 - Dr. Marmarosh asked which type of articles get the most downloads. Off the top of his Dr. Marcus thought group therapy get slightly more. Dr. Tasca noted methods issues are also highly accessed.
- **Dr. Tasca's Report:**
 - Reconstituted Editorial Board. Everyone except one person from previous Editorial Board members are staying on. Six to eight new Board Members joining. Four Associate Editors staying on.
 - Dr. Tasca held an Associate Editors meeting in fall of 2018, Dr. Tasca is also trying to connect with the Editorial Board and engage them in helping increase the number of submissions.
 - A couple changes that have been implemented: Two open calls for articles: Practice Review and Evidence-Based Case Studies (Dr. Tasca has descriptions and exemplar articles on the journal website). GDN now also requires a “structured abstract” which will hopefully make them more reader friendly. Discussion part of the abstract cannot say “results are discussed;” has to be more meaningful. We are now also including bullets on the results and implications after the abstract to help get information out to a broader audience.
 - Dr. Tasca would like to do a number of special issues. The first one will be edited by Dr. Parks, and it aims to show the synergy between group psychology and group psychotherapy (based on an upcoming book edited by Drs. Parks and Tasca where six chapters are group therapists talking about a concept in group psychotherapy and how it can be applied in group therapy. The other six chapters are group psychologists doing the inverse).
 - Other possibility is doing a research methods special issue. Associate editors have been asked to develop a special issue related to their areas of interest.
 - Most Valuable Paper award will start 2021; will include a talk at Convention.
 - Dr. Tasca would like more webinars, starting in March of his first editorial year.

- Current impact factor indicates each published article is getting cited 1.5 times per year, on average. Clinicians don't cite articles, they download them and read them (which is good, but does not relate to impact factor). So, we need to be making sure we have articles that people will cite.
- Dr. Hinsz asked about journal publicity through APA. Dr. Tasca said there are ways we can explore (e.g., Clinician's Research Digest, Monitor, free downloads/open access, summary articles that appear in the newsletter).

Membership (Dr. Lefforge):

- 37 new members in 2018.
- Still many unpaid members. 221 out of 397 members don't pay membership dues, so we need to explore how can we increase the number of paid members and how can we add value to membership. Membership survey is in the works to determine where members see value, what they would like to see, etc.
- Another issue: 4-5 people per month cancel membership.
- There might be opportunities that develop now that we have the Group Specialty designation and are working toward a Group Specialty Standing Committee.
- ACTION ITEM: Dr. Bogomaz will add a section to the Division webpage including resources for members only (e.g., mentoring resources, syllabi, a database, training materials). What this section includes should be visible to non-members (e.g., a table of contents), but not the actual content.
- ACTION ITEM: Dr. Gross will get report from Dr. Ribiero about how the webinars went, work with her about if/how to move forward. Dr. Bogomaz will work on moving webinars to the Division website.
- We will continue how to explore getting members involved (e.g., inviting new members to serve on committees).

Past President Report (Dr. Tasca):

- Dr. Tasca thanked the Board for their work during his Presidential year. Highlights: Yalom at the Convention/dinner; Specialty Council decision during his presidential year.
- Two candidates for President-Elect (maybe a third) will be announced soon. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will check in with Keith Cooke at APA about election dates.
- Early Career MAL and Secretary positions will be open at the end of this year. Board discussed possible nominations. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Miles will send Dr. Tasca descriptions of open positions from Policy and Procedure Manual so he (and others) can recruit.

Diversity (Dr. Coleman):

- Dr. Coleman noted we need to increase membership on the Diversity Committee and/or change bylaws. We have a minimum of five members written in the bylaws: Chair, member-at-large, and student representative are only three specified.
- The Board discussed how can we engage people? One thing might be to raise awareness about the awards (e.g., in the newsletter).
- Board members made recommendations for specific people who might be interested in joining the Diversity Committee ACTION ITEM: Dr. Coleman will reach out to some of

the contacts suggested by Board members to try to grow membership and involvement with the Diversity Committee. ACTION ITEM: Drs. Coleman and Lefforge will talk about the possibility of coordinating a survey data collection.

APA Council (Dr. Barlow):

- Sally's term ends this year. We need to generate names for people to run next. Rex Stockton has approached Sally about running himself. Sally suggested Noelle, but she has a current position on the Council with Nevada. Sally suggested that being politically savvy is one thing that would help in terms of qualifications. Being a group person and knowing about group dynamics, confidence. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Tasca will continue to solicit nominations for open positions (Council Rep., Member-at-Large/ECP, Secretary) and follow up with the folks suggested by the Board.
- Advocacy Coordinating Committee: See Sally's report.
- ACTION ITEM: We need a process for determining if/when/how to make statements related to current social issues (e.g., immigration, etc.). To be continued...

Awards (Dr. Marmarosh):

- The Board reviewed our awards and those involved in reviewing nominations (President-Elect, Dr. Marmarosh, oversees all awards):
 - Group Psychologist of the Year: Presidential Trio (Drs. Marmarosh, Tasca, and Whittingham)
 - APF Awards: Foundation Chair (Drs. Keim and Diederich)
 - Excellence in Teaching of Group Dynamics: Member-at-Large for Education and Training (Dr. Gross)
 - Excellence in Group Practice: Member-at-Large for Practice (Dr. Alonso)
 - Moreland Dissertation Award: Dr. Dennis Kivlighan
 - Grand Research Poster Competition: President-Elect and Program Chair (Dr. Marmarosh and Ms. O'Connell)
 - Student Poster Award: Student Rep. (Ms. Tittler)
 - Diversity Poster Award: Member-at-Large for Diversity (Dr. Coleman)
 - Student Travel Award: President-Elect and Program Chair (Dr. Marmarosh and Ms. O'Connell)
 - Student and Professional Diversity Awards: Member-at-Large for Diversity (Dr. Coleman)
- ACTION ITEM: Everyone should look at the awards that they are in charge of on the website and see if they need to be updated. The deadline for the Professional Diversity Award needs to be changed to June 1, 2020.
- The Board discussed process for disseminating information about awards: Listservs; Facebook (make deadlines "events" on Facebook)
- Based on budget discussions, we need to take out that monetary awards are given for all awards except student awards.
- ACTION ITEM: Dr. Marmarosh will send out emails soliciting award nominations for Group Psychologist of the Year, Excellence in Group Practice, Excellence in the Teaching of Group Dynamics, Student Diversity Award (to be submitted to

Division49awards@gmail.com by June 1, 2019). Dr. Marmarosh will also provide information about each of the poster awards (student diversity and standard)

Foundation (Dr. Diederich):

- Dr. Moreland's gift to be allocated for "philanthropic" purposes, so should go to the Foundation so it can be guaranteed to be used only for the Dissertation Award.
- The \$500 the Division has been paying for the Moreland Award can be reallocated to the Travel Award; the \$1,000 for the Moreland Award will all be from the Foundation.
- There were issues with the way that the money came to the Division. Dr. Moreland's will said it was for the Division (Foundation was not specified). So, it was deposited to the Division's account, with the understanding it would be sent to the Foundation. Dr.
- This year, the Foundation will get about \$4,500 from investments, which will be used for the Moreland Dissertation Award (\$1,000) and the Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy Grants (\$3,500 total).
- Going forward, the Foundation will be in charge of the Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy Grants, and the Moreland Award.
- Long term plan needs to be to think about ways to generate income for the Foundation.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Diederich will coordinate with Dr. Nitza regarding the Division's budget and the Foundation's budget (we believe that there is a budget line for the Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy Grants in the budget that should not be there since these are coming from the Foundation). Dr. Diederich suggests the Division funds the \$1,000 Moreland Award this year, since the \$25,000 has not yet been transferred. Then the Moreland Award line item can be deleted for 2020 (and the line item for the two grants can also be removed). Once this has been sorted out, we will have a quick zoom meeting to vote on the revised budget.

Member-at-Large for Practice (Dr. Martin):

- **Social Media:**
 - Dr. Martin has been monitoring/managing Division Facebook account. Highest rated post was Halloween post. The Yalom post and the 2018 social event in the hospitality suite being shut down because of the nosuse were also big hits.
 - Dr. Martin wants to leverage the social media better, and asked Board members to send announcements, awards, social advertisements, and other content to share. Dr. Tasca suggested we include the journal table of contents or an announcement of new issues. **ACTION ITEM:** Dr. Tasca will send Dr. Martin the new GDN Table of Contents when it is available to post on Facebook. All Board members are asked to send Dr. Martin content as it becomes available.
- **Database for students applying to internship:**
 - Drs. Martin and Ribiero, and Ms. Frantell took over developing this database. They will be sending out a link to a Qualtrics survey so people can provide information about programs with strong group programs (and what makes the group program strong, e.g., number of groups, primary treatment modality, having a group coordinator, measuring outcomes, CGPs on staff, types of groups, theoretical orientations, number of groups interns can lead, types of group

training interns receive, supervision of groups, how many clients do you see per year in group, what percentage of your overall therapy services are group, do you do a group screening and if so what does it look like) ACTION ITEM: Dr. Whittingham will share his agency survey on group utilization with Dr. Martin to see if there are questions that she would like to add. ACTION ITEM: Drs. Bogomaz and Martin will consult with Merrill Miller, APA Website Specialist (SPMCWebUpdates@apa.org) to talk about having an interactive database developed for the website. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Whittingham will connect with Dr. Martin to figure out IRB approval for publishing the database.

○ **Outreach at Convention:**

- Last year the Division had bookmarks to give out at Convention. The Board discussed another promotional items. Dr. Whittingham said that it is especially helpful to have the time/location of the social hour on whatever promotional items we use. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Martin will look into other similar promotional items for the upcoming Convention. Board members are asked to share ideas with her. ACTION ITEM: Ms. O'Connell will develop promotional materials for the website and will share them with Dr. Bogomaz to get uploaded.
- Dr. Coleman suggested a raffle at the social that can be tied to social media (e.g., winning something for liking a page)

Student Committee (Ms. Tittler):

- Ms. Frantell administered a survey to students. The response was not great. One thing that came up was that students are looking for experiential sessions at APA. Ms. O'Connell said she prioritized that type of program at the Convention in San Francisco, but that it was not well attended by students. The Board discussed the development of this type of programming, including some of the challenges. It was noted that programming on basics of group work seems to be well attended. ACTION ITEM: The Board and the Incoming Program Chair should consider thinking about holding an hour of programming for providing programming related to the basics of group work and an hour for an experiential program. Ms. O'Connell will transmit this information to the incoming Program Chair.
- ACTION ITEM: Dr. Lefforge will share the names and contact information for student members with Ms. Tittler. Ms. Tittler will also collect information from interested students at Convention.
- Mentoring program has been explored in the past, but did not really take off. Ms. O'Connell said that at Convention this year, they are going to try a meet and greet with internship coordinators in the Hospitality Suite.
- Student committee goal is to address both student recruitment *and* engagement/retention.

Image(s): Joe_Miles_Headshot.jpg attached to JIRA