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Welcome to New York City! Eric Yarbrough, M.D., and Roy Harker

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"The city that never sleeps" welcomes you. A large portion of our AGLP memberships call this city home and we are very happy to have you with us over the next week. If it's been a few years since you've visited us, you may want to direct your attention to some of our newer attractions. Freedom Tower is up and the 9/11 memorial is open for viewing downtown. The High Line Park along the west side has been lengthened and provides beautiful views of the Hudson River and the city. The Bowery is also brewing with entertainment and a new museum. While Chelsea was the gay center of the city before, Hell's Kitchen has come along with a multiple new gay bars and restaurants. Whatever your pleasure, New York has something to offer.



View all up-to-date AGLP schedule information on our website at www.AGLP.org by scanning this QR code.

And, of course, AGLP has much to offer during your stay as well! The AGLP Host Hotel in New York is the PARAMOUNT HOTEL NEW YORK (235 West 46th Street • New York, NY 10036 • <http://www.nycparamount.com>), a stylish, comfortable, and centrally located home base for all of your adventures in New York City. Recently updated but retaining its historical charm, the Paramount is the only Times Square hotel with genuine personality. AGLP Room Rates are Single, \$259/night and double \$299/night. To make your online reservations in the AGLP Block of Rooms visit www.aglp.org for more information. AGLP has a block of 45 rooms at the hotel.

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The Newsletter of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists

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Jose Vito, MD

We are so excited that the APA is having the annual meeting in our home town, the Big Apple.

The Planning Committee has been working hard to make sure we have plentiful opportunities to catch up, and meet our AGLP officers and welcome new and prospective members. See articles in this issue for times and venues of our daily events.

We'd love for every AGLP member to come to our annual meeting, which will be held on Sunday afternoon. Vote for new officers (see bios and pics in this issue) and perhaps a new name for our organization.

Don't forget to stop by our AGLP booth and say hello! We need lots of people to volunteer to populate our booth—please email Roy to sign up for a short stint of meeting and greeting.

We are looking forward seeing you all in New York City.

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AGLP Candidates for Board of Directors

The Nomination Committee of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists has developed the following slate of candidates for officers of the Board of Directors:

Amir Ahuja, M.D., for vice-president;

Sarah Noble, D.O., or Jonathan Weiss, M.D., for secretary;

Serena Volpp, M.D., or Jonathan Weiss, M.D., for treasurer.

The election of these candidates will take place at the AGLP Membership Meeting during the American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 4, 2014, between the hours of 2:30pm and 4:00pm, at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, Conference I, Lower Lobby. Nominations for officers may also be taken from the floor, which must be seconded by a member of AGLP in good standing. Self-nominations are not allowed. A member may not be nominated for office that is not in good standing with the Association.



Amir Ahuja, MD

Amir Ahuja, M.D.

Hello everyone. I am Amir Ahuja and I am running to be the Vice President of AGLP. I am currently a fourth year and one of the Chief Psychiatry Residents at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. LGBT rights has always been an interest and passion of mine, and so it thrilled me to discover a few years ago that there was an organization for LGBT and other sexual and gender minority psychiatrists. Through my time as Minority Chair of this organization, I have been able to accomplish many things. Initially, I worked on education and brought speakers to my program to pilot a symposium on LGBT Psychiatry. It was a big hit with the residents and filled a much-needed space in our curriculum, and I have repeated it every year since. I am now helping work on a DVD for residency training that AGLP is putting together to help every residency program become more aware of and educated on LGBT issues. When the APA came to Philadelphia, I was on the host committee and helped arrange events and meetings, in addition to my usual arrangement of the Minority / International Event we have at every APA. In addition to this, I have presented with the AGLP 5 times at the APA meetings and have chaired one symposium with one more to come this fall.

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Kenn Ashley, MD

President's Column

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CHANGES

Spring has arrived and winter is gradually loosening its grip, at least in most of the Northeast. In New York City we have a month for the city to sprout and bloom for the APA Annual Meeting 03-07 May. Members of the AGLP Local Arrangements Committee have been working to prepare a great meeting for all who will be able to attend. We will have our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday 04 May from 2:30pm to 4:00pm when we will be voting on a variety of important issues, including a name-change of the organization, which has been written about in the newsletter. Those who are available, even if not attending the APA Annual Meeting, should try and attend our AGLP events. Please check the website to keep tabs on our events during the meeting.

Since I will end my term as AGLP President at the end of the upcoming APA Annual Meeting, this is the last president's column I will write. It has been an honor to have been president for these past four years. I have worked with a lot of great people; Roy as our Executive Director remains amazing! Some of my goals were reached, but there are others yet to be achieved. I will leave it to our next president, Eric Yarbrough, to determine the course for the organization. I have every confidence in Eric who has been active in the AGLP for years. It will be great to have his energy, enthusiasm, and vision.

I will remain active in the organization as the Immediate-Past President, but since those responsibilities are few, it will allow me time to pursue other opportunities. Once again, thank you for the experience of being your president for the past four years. As always, feel free to contact me with questions/concerns/suggestions.



Eric Yarbrough, MD

Vice-President's Column

Eric Yarbrough, MD

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We are finally in April. The sky is still cloudy and it remains cold out. I'm not complaining by any means. I look forward to winter every year. If you were to tell me today, and the proverbial groundhog does, that I would need to endure six more weeks of sleet and snow, I wouldn't be phased. It's summer I dread. The hot and sticky days on the subways and walls of vapor off the sidewalks.

Welcome to New York by the way! You'll have come at the right time of year. May is usually quite nice. Last time the APA had a conference in NYC was 2004. New York has changed quite a bit. The center of the gay world seems to have shifted uptown. Many of the old Chelsea haunts have closed down and have been almost transplanted up in

Hell's Kitchen. In 2004, AGLP had a social at one of our newest gay bars, Therapy. Well Therapy is still there and surrounded by a plethora of other establishments. Take a walk up 9th Ave while you are here.

While you are here, you might as well try out the High Line too. It's an elevated park on the west side of town. It's crawling with tourists but for good reason. It offers stunning views of the city - particularly at sunset. For you art lovers, we have new museums popping up all over the city too. I'd recommend a visit to the Bowery for the New Museum of Contemporary Art. If you don't go for large red dots on canvas, you'll at least be impressed with the view from the 5th floor balcony. It offers a nice look at downtown with the adjusted skyline including the new Freedom Tower.

We hope to keep you busy with all the social events planned. Our main goal with these social events is networking. There are so many LGBTQ identified mental health care workers in New York City. The more experienced professionals I have in my rolodex, the easier my job becomes. It's great to have such an extensive network of providers to help me reflect on my own work with our population. No one is an island and attempting to function as one as a psychiatrist can be quite daunting. The diversity of knowledge in our organization can be an encouraging resource.

I'd like to close with special thanks to Lonny Behar. He has been very generous in opening up Norwood to us for so many events. He's been very kind to AGLP and deserves our many thanks for his hospitality.

For everyone else, I look forward to seeing you here.

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This has allowed me to educate more people in our profession about LGBT people and the unique challenges and opportunities in treating this population. Hopefully, as Vice-President, I can continue my work in advocacy and education and help AGLP grow.



Sarah Noble, D.O.

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Hello Dear AGLP members. My name is Sarah Noble and I joined the AGLP in 2009 as a resident. I quickly became involved in the leadership council which was very exciting. More exciting was my first meeting in Hawaii where I felt that I'd found my professional family. The AGLP community proved to be warm and welcoming and provided both fun activities as well as serious academic conversation.

As secretary of the AGLP I would like to bring this experience to many more residents and early career psychiatrists. I would like our organization to feel like a place of inclusivity for all the LGBTQ psychiatry community, and for everyone to be as involved as they can be in planning events, mentoring, writing, etc... We are a vibrant community and our organization is a reflection of that.

Serena Volpp, M.D.



Serena Volpp, M.D.

I am honored to have been nominated to run for Treasurer of AGLP again! I am a Clinical Associate Professor at NYU School of Medicine, and am Associate Director of the NYU Public Psychiatry Fellowship. I have been working at Bellevue Hospital for the past ten years, and have a part-time private practice as well. My academic interests include public psychiatry, treatment of psychosis, and GLBT issues in psychiatry. I have taught a course for NYU residents on GLBT issues for many years, and have served as Co-Chair of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry's Committee on GLB issues. I have served proudly as Treasurer of AGLP for the last few years. Over that time, we have remained in the black, financially speaking, despite a gradually diminishing membership. In terms of our financial health, the membership size is one of the most pressing issues facing our organization, since membership dues provide the vast majority of our income. If re-elected, I would make this my primary focus in addition to the usual duties of Treasurer. We need both to retain and value our older members and to continue to recruit younger members to join us. I see diversity as a sign of strength; we need to continue to try to make AGLP an organization that represents and advocates for all members of our community. If re-elected, I will look forward to continued collaboration with all of you.



Jonathan Weiss, M.D.

Jonathan Weiss, M.D.

A native of Long Island, I earned a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from Princeton and a medical degree from the University of Illinois. Now an early career psychiatrist, I completed training at programs in New York City, including fellowships in child/adolescent and forensic psychiatry. I now serve as the psychiatrist for the forensic clinic of Family Court in New York City, evaluating children and families in delinquency and neglect/abuse proceedings. Active in the subspecialty organizations in addition to AGLP, I have also been accepted as a candidate for psychoanalytic training at Columbia.

I would be happy to continue to serve the AGLP membership either in my current capacity as secretary (please keep reading the minutes!) or as treasurer (as your membership supports our mission) and look forward to (re)connecting with members at this year's annual meeting in New York.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ghalib Ahmed, M.D.
Edmonton, AB, Canada

Rustin Carter,
Houston, TX

Andrea Giedinghagen, M.D.
St. Louis, MO

Jeffrey Neal, M.D.
Little Rock, AR

Philip Smith, M.D.
Washington, DC

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Please note that the deadline for making the reservations through this link is April 15, 2014. After that date, the rooms will no longer be protected, and we cannot guarantee availability.

Space for our hospitality suite and other meeting rooms will be at the Sheraton New York Times Square (811 7th Avenue 53rd Street • New York, New York 10019.)

There are a large number of receptions planned for AGLP members attending the convention. The first is Friday night, May 2, a social with LGBT Health Workforce conference attendees. On Sunday, May 4, our annual AGLP Women's Dinner is scheduled, as well as a Welcoming Reception at Therapy. Details on this and all AGLP social events are available online at www.aglp.org, in the *AGLP Guide to New York*, and beginning on page 9 of this newsletter. There are a number of social events planned for Residents/Medical Students, International and Minority, and Transgender members on Monday and Tuesday. On Sunday, May 4th, starting at 11:00am, we are offering a Guided tour of the "Highline," the elevated freight rail line transformed into a public park on Manhattan's West Side.

Our Annual Awards Reception is Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Norwood Club, 241 W 14th St, New York, NY 10011. The reception begins at 7:00pm and the awards ceremony itself will begin at 8:00pm. This year, AGLP honors Phil Bialer, M.D., The Rainbow Heights Club, Activist Ida Hammer, and Dr. Barbara Warren. The event is preceded by a private VIP Reception for AGLP Sponsors, Patrons, and their guests beginning at 6:00pm.

As always, there is much planning that has gone into making your stay during the Annual Meeting a pleasant one. We'll look forward to welcoming you to New York!

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Special Offer for AGLP Patron-Level Members

If you are an AGLP Member in either of the Founding, Patron, or Sponsoring categories, a special opportunity exists during your stay in New York: Free membership to the Norwood Club from Friday May 2nd - Friday May 9th (<http://www.norwoodclub.com>). Members are allowed to bring guests to the club. The club is open M-F from 10am - 1am and on Saturday from 6pm - 1am. It's closed on Sunday. The club is located at 241 West 14th Street, New York, NY. The Norwood Club will be the site of our Annual Awards Reception on Monday, May 5.

Please call (215-222-2800) or send an email to the National Office (rharker@aglp.org) if you would like to be enrolled in this one-week membership program being offered by the Club or if you are interested in upgrading your AGLP membership.

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NEWSFLASH: Learn to Evaluate LGBTI Asylum Seekers at this Year's Annual Meeting

Joanne Ahola, M.D.

Newsletter Co-editor

Medical Director, Research Institute Without Walls

Medical Director, Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights

Trainer, Physicians for Human Rights Asylum Network

Bringing Trauma Expertise to Immigrant Survivors: Forensic Evaluations of Asylum Seekers

1. Asylum Law, Human Rights Law, and the Critical Role of the Mental Health Professional Jillian M. Tuck, J.D.

2. Documenting Sequelae of Torture and Ill Treatment for Asylum Seekers Judy Eidelson, Ph.D.

3. Specific Vulnerable Populations: Forensic Evaluations of LGBT Individuals Joanne Ahola, M.D.

4. Specific Vulnerable Populations: Forensic Evaluations of Children and Adolescents Carol L. Kessler, M.D.

It seems that every week I am contacted about LGBTI refugees fleeing persecution in their home countries who need psychiatric/psychological evaluations as part of their applications for asylum here in the U.S. Fleeing with only what they are carrying, they do not have the evidence to prove the persecution they have suffered, except for the scars on their bodies and in their psyches. Your clinical findings, however, ARE evidence in a court of law.

Many times the answer to the request for a psych evaluation is no, as there are just not enough mental health professionals trained and willing to provide these life-saving evaluations. It is heart-breaking to say no, as 76% of asylum applicants will be deported to their home countries without an evaluation or legal help. Provide an evaluation, and chances for being granted asylum soar to more than 90%.

As trained health professionals, you know all you need to know to provide these assessments. It is, I promise, the most rewarding volunteer work you can do. The work will deepen your clinical skills and sharpen your writing. Come to this training, a Symposium on Tuesday morning, May 6th, and leave with the knowledge, skills and support to take on your first case. There could not be a better time to learn to do this work, as we are beginning to see more and more people fleeing Russia, Uganda, Nigeria, India, Belize, Cameroon... It is global LGBTI health right here at home.

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The **AGLP Guide to New York** will be available at the AGLP Booth and the AGLP Hospitality Suite starting Sunday, May 4. Be sure to pick up your copy of this ever-popular publication with information on things to do, places to go, and our favorite restaurants! It is available online as well in a very convenient pdf format with links embedded.

AGLP 2014 Award Winners

The Executive Board of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists proudly announces the 2013 Award Winners:

2014 James Paulsen, M.D. Award



Phil Bialer, MD

The 2014 James Paulsen Award is presented to an AGLP member who has made significant contributions to the ongoing life of the organization. It was named after a founding AGLP member. This year the award is being presented to long-time member **Philip A. Bialer, MD**, for outstanding contributions on behalf of the LGBT Community and service to AGLP, among other things, as Past President, Caucus Representative, and current Co-Editor of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*.

Dr. Bialer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester and went on to medical school at Ohio State University. After a one year internship in Internal Medicine at Mt

Sinai Medical Center, Dr. Bialer completed his Psychiatry residency at SUNY-Downstate. He then was accepted as the first Consultation-Liaison AIDS Fellow at the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City (one of the first such positions in the country). Dr. Bialer stayed on at Beth Israel to develop the AIDS Psychiatry program. He was the Chief of the Division of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine and the fellowship training director at Beth Israel from 1993-2008. While at Beth Israel, Dr. Bialer was also the director and PI of a Ryan White-funded program that provided mental health services to patients with HIV/AIDS attending MMTP and was one of five Physician-Ethicists leading the Ethics Program. Dr. Bialer is past president of Society for Liaison Psychiatry and currently sits on the Council of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine as chair of the Education Committee. Dr. Bialer is also a past president of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and currently is a member of the APA Assembly as the Representative for the Caucus of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Psychiatrists. In 2014 he became co-editor in chief of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

In 2009, Dr. Bialer joined the faculty of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as a member of the Communication Skills and Research Laboratory and to serve as the Associate Program Director for the Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship. He is an Attending Psychiatrist at MSKCC and an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Weill-Cornell Medical College.

2014 Barbara Gittings Award

The 2014 Barbara Gittings Award is presented to **Ida Hammer**, Peer Health Navigator, The Center for HIV Educational Studies & Training (CHEST)

Ida joined CHEST in November of 2012 as a Peer Health Navigator working with trans women to support their health goals and well-being. Prior to joining CHEST, Ida was a member of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project's Movement Building Team and had worked as the coordinator of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund's Name Change Project. She has also been an organizer of the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference. In 2011, she started the Trans Women's Anti-Violence Project as a trans feminist initiative to address violence and



Ida Hammer

oppression experienced by trans women. She regularly gives presentations and facilitates workshops at conferences and has conducted trainings with law firms, health care providers, and universities on issues affecting trans women. In 2013, Ida was named as one of the inaugural Trans 100 for her advocacy work. She is also a proud dyke-identified trans woman, and an organizer for the New York City Dyke March.

The Barbara Gittings Award is presented to a woman who demonstrates exceptional leadership and advocacy for lesbian issues. It was named after one of the founders of the gay rights movement and one of the activists instrumental in moving APA to consider depathologizing homosexuality.

The 2014 Distinguished Service Award



Barbara E. Warren, Psy.D., LMHC

The 2014 Distinguished Service Award for considerable and significant contributions to the well-being of the LGBT community, most notably through many years of mental health and advocacy programs at the Gender Identity Project at the LGBT Community Services Center and Office of LGBT Health at the Mount Sinai Health System is being presented to **Barbara E. Warren, Psy.D., LMHC**, Director for LGBT Health Services at Mount Sinai.

Dr. Warren is Director for LGBT Health Services at Mount Sinai Beth Israel/Mount Sinai Health System in New York City. For the past two years she served as Distinguished Lecturer and Director, Center for LGBT Social Science and Public Policy at Hunter College, City University of New York. For over 21 years, Dr. Warren served on the senior management team of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of New York City, where she was the inaugural Director for the Center's behavioral health programs and as Director for Planning and Research was responsible for the Center's local and national health policy and government relations initiatives.

The Distinguished Service Award, AGLP's first designated award, is given to an individual for outstanding contributions to the LGBT community. Over the years it has been awarded to AGLP members whose work extends past the reach of the organization, to supportive APA officials, and to public figures.

Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health 2014 Outstanding Resident Paper Award

Scott Summers, MD, psychiatry resident at the University of California-Davis Medical Center, has been chosen recipient of the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health* 2014 Outstanding Resident Paper Award. He was chosen for his case study, "New Onset Psychosis Following Abrupt Discontinuation of Hormone Replacement Therapy in a Transwoman"

Scott Summers was born and raised in Fresno, the heart of California's Central Valley. He attended local community colleges prior to matriculating to the

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Scott Summers, MD

University of California-San Diego where his undergraduate studies were in biochemistry and cell biology. Following this, he attended the University of California-Irvine and completed their combined MD/PhD Medical Scientist Training Program. His doctoral thesis in pharmacology involved the development of new drugs to treat the effects of chronic exposure to low gravity.

During his core third year clerkships in medical school, he was strongly drawn to psychiatry both because of the dramatic effects medications could produce for patients, but also the chance to deeply understand people's lives in a way that

was unavailable to other specialties. After graduation from medical school, he began a general psychiatry residency at the University of California-Davis Medical Center. During this time he has conducted clinical research on Fragile-X syndrome and drug trials for autism related conditions. He has also been active in the hospital's GLEE (Gays, Lesbians and Everyone Else who cares) group that organizes a hospital wide Coming Out Day annually and has been instrumental in deploying one of the nation's first gender identity and sexual orientation Epic EMR templates. He is presently finishing up his fourth and final year of training with plans to begin an academic career with the local Veterans Affairs hospital.

The JGLMH Outstanding Resident Paper Award includes a \$500 cash award and assistance with travel to the AGLP Annual Meeting in New York where Dr. Summers will present his paper, and publication in the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*. The award was initially supported by a generous grant from the William A. Kerr Foundation, and is being sustained by AGLP member dues and contributions.

The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health* (JGLMH) Outstanding Resident Paper Award for an outstanding paper written for publication by a psychiatry resident or other trainee. This award was supported in its first year by a generous grant by the William A Kerr Foundation, and includes a cash award, publication in JGLMH, and presentation of the paper at the AGLP meeting.

2014 Stuart Nichols Award

The Stuart Nichols Award is presented to a community service organization in the Annual Meeting city that supports LGBT Mental Health. It was named after Stuart Nichols, MD, a community psychiatrist who did addictions and HIV work and was a mentor to many AGLP members, and includes a cash award. This year's award is presented **The Rainbow Heights Club**.

Rainbow Heights Club, located in Brooklyn, New York, is an advocacy program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender consumers requiring mental health services. They provide socialization, support, peer advocacy, and a safe place for their LGBT clients to take the next step on their road to emotional recovery and wellness.

The award will be presented Monday, May 5, 2014, at a ceremony at the Norwood Club, 241 W 14th St, New York, NY 10011. The reception begins at 7:00pm and the awards ceremony itself will begin at 8:00pm.

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Dee Mosbacher, MD, Ph.D., accepts the 2014 AGLP John Fryer Award



Dee Mosbacher, MD, Ph.D.

Dee Mosbacher, M.D., Ph.D., psychiatrist, filmmaker, and activist for women's and gay rights, will receive the John E. Fryer Award from the American Psychiatric Association (APA) at their annual IPS meetings in October in San Francisco. The award is presented by the APA in association with the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and given in honor of Dr. John Fryer, a gay psychiatrist who played a crucial role in prompting the American Psychiatric Association to review the scientific data and to remove homosexuality from the APA's diagnostic list of mental disorders in 1973.

Dr. Mosbacher founded Woman Vision, a nonprofit aimed at promoting tolerance and equal treatment of all people, in 1993. Through Woman Vision, Mosbacher has produced nine documentary films dealing with women's and LGBT rights. *Straight from the Heart* (1994), directed and produced by Mosbacher, portrays parents' love and acceptance of their gay children, and was nominated for an Academy Award. *All God's Children* (1996) deals with gays and lesbians in the black church, and the stigmatization of homosexuality in the African American community. *No Secret Anymore* (2006) chronicles the life and love affair between gay activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, and *Training Rules* (2009) explores the issue of homophobia in college sports.

In 2012, Woman Vision launched a project called The Last Closet, a web-based campaign and video project to end anti-gay bias in men's professional sports.

Dee Mosbacher's 1985 documentary, *Closets are Health Hazards: Gay and Lesbian Physicians Come Out*, was remarkable at the time, as many fewer physicians were able to be open in their lives and work, and the general public did not associate the words "gay" and "physician." She followed this up with the 1991 film *Lesbian Physicians on Practice, Patients, and Power*, largely filmed at a Women in Medicine conference.

Dee Mosbacher lives in San Francisco with her wife of many years, psychiatrist Nanette Gartrell.

Created by AGLP in 2006, The John E Fryer, MD Award honors an individual whose work has contributed to the mental health of sexual minorities. The award was endowed through a generous grant from the Gill Foundation, a bequest from the estate of psychiatrist Frank Rundle, and contributions from many AGLP members. Other past awardees include Barbara Gittings and Franklin Kameny; Past APA President Laurence Hartmann; Psychiatrist and Researcher Richard Pillard; San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome; LGBT activist Evan Wolfson; and Bishop Gene Robinson, and Caitlin Ryan.

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The Assembly Allied Organizations and Sections Liaisons (AAOSL) Report

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David Scasta M.D.

In 2006 I became the first AGLP liaison to the Assembly (legislature) of the APA. I have had the privilege of sponsoring and/or being directly involved in legislation on behalf of AGLP that put the APA on record as supporting gay marriage, opposing the don't ask/don't tell policy in the military, decrying the death penalty for homosexual behavior in Uganda, and in writing the APA's recent comprehensive and far-reaching position statement on LGB matters. I have also had the honor of being nominated twice by my colleagues to become the speaker of the Assembly, which is its presiding officer, albeit not elected. I however have been elected as the chair of the allied organizations committee (the AAOSL Committee), and, in that role, give AGLP a presence on the Executive Committee of the

Assembly. Providing our President and Executive Board continue to grant me the privilege of being AGLP's representative, in 2016 I will have been in the Assembly for 10 years. It will then be time for someone new to take the mantle.

We like to think of the APA as a member organization. In actuality, it is not. The APA is a corporation that is in essence owned and run by the Board of Trustees. Members can choose to be part of the APA, or not, but have no direct say on what the APA does or how it is structured.

It takes four or five years for an Assembly representative to truly understand how the Assembly works. I want to use my article for this issue of the Newsletter to describe some of the lessons I have learned over the last eight years to give readers an insight into the APA and how it interacts with the Assembly with the hope that it will pique the interest of one of our members who will be willing to make the long-term commitment to take over where I will leave off.

The Assembly of the APA

AGLP had always had an indirect presence in the Assembly through the LGB minority/ underrepresented (M/UR) representative, but that representative actually represents the LGB Caucus which is part of the APA and under its rubric. Years ago, the president of AGLP was automatically made president of the APA Caucus. With the advent of the Assembly liaison position for allied organizations, the two positions are now held by different people and the Caucus and AGLP are separate. The one major difference for the new allied organization liaisons, however, was that the allied organizations were expected to bear the travel and lodging costs of their liaisons to the two annual plenary sessions of

the Assembly and to two local Area meetings. Functionally, both for myself and other small allied organizations, those expenses become a personal expense for the liaison. In the long run, it is a small price to pay for the opportunities that come with serving and feeling like one can make a difference in what the APA does.

The Assembly represents the 35,000 members of the American Psychiatric Association, which is the largest psychiatric organization in the world and has an annual budget of over \$50 million. We like to think of the APA as a member organization. In actuality, it is not. The APA is a corporation that is in essence owned and run by the Board of Trustees. Members can choose to be part of the APA, or not, but have no direct say on what the APA does or how it is structured. That is why the trustees of the Board stop representing the members that elected them to the Board the moment that they become a member of the Board of Trustees. Board members represent the Corporation, not members. Although there is a procedure for members intervening and forcing the Board of Trustees to reverse or take a particular position (providing that position does not represent a fiduciary risk to the Corporation), that procedure has such a high bar that, functionally, it is vacuous. There simply is no way that a referendum can get the minimum 40% of members to vote in this day and age with the massive size of the APA and all of the competing demands on members' time and attention. Officers of the APA are generally elected by between 20% and 30% of the membership and no referendum in recent history has gone beyond 30% – even the most recent one which had members up in arms about the new complex and onerous maintenance of certification requirements coming out of the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry which seem to be tacitly supported by the Board. The Assembly provides representation from the members to advise the Board, but ultimately, has no powers other than what the Board grants.

The basic structure of the Assembly is geographically centered on district branches. The 70+ district branches are grouped together into seven geographic regions, called Areas. Each district branch sends a representative to the Assembly based on the number of members in the district branch (one representative for every 450 members).

The district branch representatives within an Area elect an Area Representative and Deputy Area Representative. The Area Representative presides over the meetings of the Area during the November and May meetings of the Assembly and also at two local Area meetings in preparation for the Assembly. The Area Representative and Deputy Representative also serve on the Executive Committee of the Assembly – which is where much of the power is centered in the Assembly.

Because there are many minority interest groups which would not have enough members within a district branch to dominate the branch and thereby be able to send a representative with their preferences to the Assembly, a matrix of collateral representatives have been added to the Assembly to insure that those interests are represented. Each Area sends a representative and deputy representative for Early Career Psychiatrists and for Resident Fellows (formerly called members-in-training). These two collateral groups elect a chair and vice chair. The chair sits on the Assembly Executive Committee. The minority/underrepresented group (M/UR) is composed of representatives from each of the minority caucuses. Each of these caucuses can send a representative and a deputy representative to the Assembly. The chair of the M/UR committee sits on the

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APA/AGLP Annual Meeting May 2 to May 7, 2014 New York, New York

Shaded areas require Registration/RSVP
Register/RSVP online at www.aglp.org

AGLP Host Hotel
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235 West 46th Street • New York, NY 10036
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FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

Social with LGBT Health Workforce conference attendees
6:00 to 9:00pm
Session 73
1359 1st Avenue (@ 73 Street), New York, NY 10021
(212) 517-4445 • www.session73.com

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

Residents/Medical Students Late Night Gathering
10:00pm
Hells Kitchen
Bar-Tini Ultra Lounge
642 10th Ave, New York, NY 10036
<http://www.bar-tiniultralounge.com>

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

AGLP Board and Council Meeting
8:30am to 12:30pm
Conference H, Lower Lobby
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

AGLP Booth Open
10:00am to 4:00pm
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Booth #1900

Partner's Event: Guided tour of the Highline
11:00am to 12:30pm
Cost: \$15
The High Line is an elevated freight rail line transformed into a public park on Manhattan's West Side. It is owned by the City of New York, and maintained and operated by Friends of the High Line. Founded in 1999 by community residents, Friends of the High Line fought for the High Line's preservation and transformation at a time when the historic structure was under the threat of demolition. It is now the non-profit conservancy working with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to make sure the High Line is maintained as an extraordinary public space for all visitors to enjoy. Please RSVP nick.koppelperry@gmail.com.

Resident and Medical Student Brunch

12:15pm
At the home of Lukas Hassel and Petros Levounis
357 West 29th Street, #3A (between 8th and 9th Avenues, much closer to 9th Avenue, on the north side), New York, NY 10001
212-643-9369

AGLP Annual Membership Meeting

2:30pm to 4:00pm
Conference I, Lower Lobby
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

Women's Dinner

7:00 to 9:00pm
Westville
333 Hudson Street (corner of Hudson and Charlton St)
212-776-1404
RSVP NOW!...

Opening Session Reception

8:00 to 11:00pm
After-dinner drinks and networking
Therapy
348 W 52nd St, New York, NY 10019
(212) 397-1700

Residents/Medical Students Late Night Gathering

10:00pm
Chelsea – G Lounge
223 W 19th St, New York, NY 10011
<http://www.glounge.com/>

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

AGLP Hospitality Suite

8:30am to 5:00pm
Liberty 5, 3rd Floor
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

JGLMH Outstanding Resident Paper Award Presentation

10:30am to 12:00pm
This year presented to Scott Summers, MD, for his case study, "New Onset Psychosis Following Abrupt Discontinuation of Hormone Replacement Therapy in a Transwoman"
AGLP Hospitality Suite, Liberty 5, 3rd Floor
Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

AGLP Booth Open

10:00am to 4:00pm
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Booth #1900

Invitation Only: AGLP VIP Members Reception

6:00 - 7:00pm
NORWOOD CLUB
241 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011
RSVP NOW!...
VIP Members include all those who contribute above the General Membership rate of \$225.00. If you would like to upgrade your membership to any VIP level – Sponsoring (\$300), Patron (\$500), or Founder (\$1,000) Level – please contact Roy Harker, AGLP Executive Director, at RHarker@aglp.org.

AGLP 27th Annual Awards Reception and Ceremony

7:00 - 9:00pm

Hors 'd'oeuvres, Wine and Beer

No admission charge

Award Presentation at 8:00pm

This year honoring Phil Bialer, M.D., Ida Hammer, Dr. Barbara Warren, Psy.D., and the Rainbow Heights Club, a project of Heights-Hill Mental Health Service.

NORWOOD CLUB

241 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011

212-255-9300

Lambda Legal National Awards Party

9:00 - 11:00pm

Chelsea Piers in NYC. Includes and open bar, dessert bar, and great socializing for \$95 at Pier 60. If interested, please contact Dan Hicks at 202-841-7587.

Residents/Medical Students Late Night Gathering

10:00pm

West Village – Upstairs at The Duplex

61 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014

<http://www.theduplex.com/site/upstairs-the-duplex>**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014****AGLP Hospitality Suite**

8:30am to 7:00pm

Conference B, Lower Lobby

Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

Fellows Special Session: Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Psychiatrists in Training: Understanding the Training and Clinical Experiences of TGNC Psychiatrists

9:00am – 10:30am

Chair: Jack Pula MD

Presenters: Tamar Carmel MD, Lisa Donohue MD, Evan Eyler MD, Hilary Maia Grubb MD, Nate Sharon MD

Conference L, Lower Lobby, Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

AGLP Booth Open

10:00am to 4:00pm

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Booth #1900

Movie Screening and Discussion: Bridegroom

2:30pm to 4:00pm

Dan Hicks, MD, Moderator

BRIDEGROOM is a documentary directed by Linda Bloodworth-Thomason that tells the emotional journey of Shane and Tom, two young men in a loving and committed relationship — a relationship that was cut tragically short by a misstep off the side of a roof. The story of what happened after this accidental death—of how people without the legal protections of marriage can find themselves completely shut out and ostracized—is poignant, enraging and opens a window onto the issue of marriage equality like no speech or lecture ever will.

AGLP Hospitality Suite, Liberty 5, 3rd Floor

Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel

International/Minority Psychiatrists' Dinner

6:00 to 8:00pm

KTCHN New York

508 W 42nd St, New York, NY 10036

212-868-2999

RSVP NOW!...

AGLP Transgender Psychiatrists' Member Outing

8:00pm

Ardesia

510 West 52nd Street (btw 10th & 11th Avenues), New York, NY 10019

212-247-9191

<http://www.ardesia-ny.com/>

RSVP NOW!...

Residents/Medical Students Late Night Gathering

10:00pm

East Village – The Boiler Room

86 E 4th St, New York, NY 10003

<http://www.boilerroomnyc.com/>**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014****Society for Liaison Psychiatry Annual Awards Dinner**

6:00pm, Dinner at 7:15pm

Honoring Phil Bialer, MD

Griffis Faculty Club

Weill Cornell Medical College

1300 York Avenue at 69th Street, NYC

Please pay in advance through paypal:

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New York Help: AGLP App for Smart Phones

An App for AGLP members is available for download. If you use an iPad, iPhone, or other Smart Phone or portable wireless device you can access AGLP schedule information, the AGLP Membership Directory, and even the new AGLP online *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health* through your portable device.

To add this:

- On your smart phone, go to the App Store and search for "Memberclick" to download this app for free.
- To set up your connection, you will need the Organization Name: "aglp" (note: lower case only); your AGLP Username; and Password just like you use on the AGLP website.



Real time schedule information is updated constantly, as is the AGLP Member Directory. You'll find this especially useful if you plan to join us at the APA in New York this year. If you have any questions regarding this new feature, contact the National Office for help.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Part-time Medical Director position near Minneapolis, MN-Flexible Schedule

PRIDE Institute, a 42 bed dual disorder residential treatment center, located in Eden Prairie, MN is recruiting a part time contract Medical Director Psychiatrist for their residential programs. PRIDE Institute is committed to providing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients a road to recovery through evidence-based substance abuse, sexual health, and mental health treatment.

A dedicated professional team provides individualized treatment, meeting the personal needs of their diverse customers in a safe and nurturing environment. All programs are staffed by highly trained and dedicated multidisciplinary treatment teams. Position duties include; administrative and education functions, assessments of diagnostically complex clients for addiction and psychiatric needs, availability to other medical, LADC and mental health staff for diagnostic and clinical questions and supervision of staff.

Independent Contractor compensation benefits include:

- Generous hourly rate
- Malpractice reimbursement
- CMEs

Requirements:

- Board Certified in General Psychiatry with experience or certification in addiction medicine. Experience and familiarity with the LGBT community is preferred
- Active Minnesota license or ability to obtain licensure.

PRIDE Institute in Eden Prairie is located just 12 miles southwest of downtown Minneapolis and was voted #1 place to live last year in Money Magazine. Eden Prairie itself offers a ton to do with outdoor recreation at Lake Bryant and is just minutes to the city where you can also enjoy shopping, fine dining, the arts, sports and university academia (with nearby University of Minnesota.)

Pride Institute is owned and operated by a subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc. (UHS). For more information, please visit www.uhsinc.com or visit www.pride-institute.com. Or for immediate consideration for this position, please forward a copy of your CV to Victoria.miller@uhsinc.com, or I can be reached directly by phone at 866-227-5415 x 225.

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Assembly Executive Committee. Finally, psychiatric organizations allied with the APA (i.e., outside the APA) and sections (i.e., special interest groups within the APA) are allowed to send liaisons (AAOSL's) to serve in the Assembly. AGLP is one of the 19 allied organizations and sections. The chair of AAOSL committee sits on the Assembly Executive Committee. All of the collateral representatives are assigned to the Area in which the representative resides. Attendance at the local Area meetings is a necessity to fully participate in the Assembly.

Every year, the Assembly elects its presiding officer, the Speaker-Elect, who one year later presides over the Plenary and guides the Assembly as the Speaker. It also elects a Recorder who tracks action papers and certifies representatives. All three officers: the Speaker-Elect, the Speaker, and the Recorder, have specific duties. These officers are the only Assembly members who are paid a stipend for their duties. All other Assembly members receive travel and lodging reimbursement except for the AAOSL's. Food is provided to everyone at APA expense.

The Assembly makes its positions known primarily through legislation, called "action papers." Any representative can write an action paper. Given the almost 200 personalities who are involved in the Assembly, action papers range from the pertinent to the arcane. To help weed out and refine the action papers, every action paper is submitted to a Reference Committee. Every Area and each of the collateral groups send a representative to each of the five Reference Committees. There thus are 11 members on a Reference Committee, one of whom is appointed chair by the speaker. The Reference Committees hold hearings on action papers before action papers go to the floor of the Assembly in the Plenary and work with the author to refine the action paper. The reference committee then recommends to the Assembly that the action paper be past, rejected, or modified as recommended by the Reference Committee. Any Reference Committee's changes are given preference and are heard first. The author optionally may move the paper to be passed as written. More often than not, the Assembly follows the recommendations of the Reference Committee.

Once an action paper is brought to the Plenary, the action paper is debated briefly using Sturgis Parliamentary Procedure, and then voted upon. Most votes are done by voice. Under that circumstance, each representative is accorded a single vote. All representatives are equal. If there is a question about the vote count, a standing vote can be called in which votes are actually counted. If six representatives from at least two different Areas call for a Vote by Strength, a Vote by Strength is compelled. In a Vote by Strength, the district branch representatives each are given one vote for every member they represent. The Area Representatives, Deputy Area Representatives, and all the collateral group representatives are each given only one vote apiece. By way of example, a New York district branch representative may cast as many as 450 votes on a matter while an early career psychiatrist representative for Area 2 casts only one vote. In all, the district branch representatives have about 30,000+ votes while all the collateral groups together have a total of about 42 votes. A Vote by Strength in essence disenfranchises everyone except a geographic representative. Most votes are not done by strength because they are time-consuming and difficult to do. There is a move within the Assembly to institute electronic voting which would make Vote by Strength easy to do, causing the collateral representatives some alarm. Officers of the Assembly are elected in a Vote by Strength.

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Once an action paper is past, it is sent to the Joint Reference Committee, which is composed of representatives from the Board of Trustees and the Assembly. The APA President-elect serves as chair and the Assembly Speaker-Elect serves as co-chair. Action papers that are modified, in essence, by a massive committee called the Assembly, sometimes leave the JRC scratching its head trying to figure out how to implement the paper. The JRC may choose to simply table the action paper and it ends there. More typically, the action paper is sent to a Council for revision and recommendations for implementation. Councils report to the Board of Trustees with members appointed by the president of the APA. Once a Council has worked out a plan for implementation, the action paper is generally sent back to the Joint Reference Committee which typically sends it to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may choose to accept the work of the Council — or not, or ask that it be modified. More than one action paper has been nixed by the Board of Trustees.

In short, getting an action paper through the APA is protracted, convoluted, and difficult because so many voices need to be heard. A representative cannot succeed without developing coalitions with other members. It is for that reason that, even though I represent LGB matters in the Assembly, I have been involved in a wide variety of unrelated issues (such as the maintenance of certification problem). The alliances that I make in working with members on their favorite legislation prove valuable later when I want to move issues related to LGB matters. Those coalitions take time. The longer one is in the Assembly, the stronger those coalitions become. What I would like to do in the following two years is to have my replacement shadow me to be introduced to the process thereby shortening the learning curve and fostering the coalitions that are necessary to have any true influence in the Assembly. Any member who might be interested in taking on this role should contact Dr. Kenneth Ashley, the president of AGLP, to express an interest in the position

Let me close by stating how much I appreciate and have benefited from AGLP's willingness to have me as its representative. It has defined much of my life over the last eight years.

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Listings of Upcoming Subspecialty Meetings of Interests to Members

Kenn Ashley, MD

KAshley@aglp.org

Many AGLP members are members of other organizations such as the ones listed here. As a way to increase the visibility and effectiveness of AGLP, members that participate in other organizations are encouraged to hold gatherings at these meetings to increase networking potentials. In the past these have ranged from a hosted get together at a member's home to more formal presentations combining the issues central to AGLP and the primary meeting issue. If you are interested in improving communications between the subspecialties and AGLP, contact our President, Kenneth Ashley, MD, at KAshley@aglp.org for more details and suggestions.

American College of Psychiatrists <http://www.acpsych.org/>
Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, Texas
February 19-23, 2014

APA Institute on Psychiatric Services
2014 San Francisco, California, October 30-November 2
2015 New York, New York, October 8-11

APA Annual Meeting
2014 New York, NY, May 3-7
2015 Toronto, Canada, May 16-20

Association of Women Psychiatrists
<http://www.associationofwomenpsychiatrists.com/index.php>
Meetings have been in conjunction with the Annual APA Convention

Black Psychiatrists of America (BPA)
<http://www.blackpsych.org/>

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL)
<http://www.aapl.org/>

American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry
<http://www.aapdp.org/>

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<https://www.emergencypsychiatry.org/>

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
<http://www.aagppga.org/>

American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT)
<http://www.aadprt.org/>

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JGLMH available online FREE to AGLP Members

The *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*, the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, is now available for viewing online free to all AGLP Members. The content is searchable with search words and phrases, and you can even download and print particular articles if you like.

The IT and production editors at Taylor & Francis have developed a new and streamlined way to access all of the content for articles published in the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*. AGLP members with valid and current memberships can now access the Journal directly through the AGLP website free of charge as a member benefit. Go to www.aglp.org, click on the Members Area link (upper right hand of the screen) and once you are logged in, a box will appear on the right side of the blue banner to access the content. The older system, using a separate username and password, is being eliminated.

You should find this new streamlined approach to access more user friendly. If you have any questions at all, or need to be reminded of your username and password, please contact the National Office at rarker@aglp.org.

Online help is available for any problems you may encounter. We hope that this new method will provide greater ease and dependability to the entire process.

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AGLP Monthly Executive Board and Council Meeting Minutes

AGLP Executive Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2014
3:00pm-4:00pm EDT

In attendance: Kenn Ashley, Roy Harker, Eric Yarbrough, Jonathan Weiss, Jose Vito, Sarah Noble, Jack Pula.

Excused: Joanne Ahola, David Scasta, Chris McIntosh, Amir Ahuja, Chris McIntosh, Serena Volpp, Ubaldo Leli.

ITEM: APA NYC

AGLP has selected the Paramount for a slate of hotel rooms for members. Conference space for AGLP has been arranged at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in midtown Manhattan.

PLAN: Roy will proceed with ensuring a block of rooms for AGLP at the Paramount.

A panel on transgender issues, although not accepted by the APA for the annual meeting, will nonetheless be sponsored by the APA minority caucus.

ITEM: John Fryer Award

The APA GLBT caucus will announce to caucus members about the Fryer Award. The APA will also announce the award in *Psychiatric News*.

PLAN: Roy will confirm whether there will be an end date to attain the matching funds from APF. AGLP will begin to help raise funds for the fund with help with APF.

ITEM: Elections

3-5 people, to be named by mid-February (90 days prior to the annual meeting), can serve on the nominating committee. Elections in spring 2014 will take place for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Election of the president-elect will take place in May 2015.

ITEM: Membership development.

Names of lapsed members were distributed for follow up.

ITEM: AAOL succession planning and trainee

AGLP will start a 2-year process to find a successor to the current AAOL liaison.

PLAN: David Scasta will write a newsletter article describing his current role as AAOL liaison.

ITEM: Newspaper publication dates

The newsletter editors want to shift back by a month submission deadlines. Kenn suggested just moving the winter (January) issue earlier to include APA presidential candidate statements.

ITEM: Name changes.

AGLP: "Advocating growth and leadership in psychiatry" plus a tag line of "Opening Minds." Roy stated that an announcement of a vote on the name change would need to be sent to membership 90 days in advance (i.e., mid-February 2014).

ITEM: Board reports

Eric reported that the next local arrangements committee will be 1/21/14 at 7 pm. Work will commence on the AGLP guidebook to NYC. Kenn will speak with Eric about a common social event with a concurrent meeting in New York.

Jack is seeking a new co-chair for the transgender committee. Roy added that there is also a vacancy for the HIV committee.

There will be a women's social event during the meeting; details to follow.

AGLP will be represented at upcoming international meetings. Kenn Ashley and Gene Nakajima have submitted proposals to the WPA meeting in Madrid, Spain in

September 2014. Aron Janssen, Dan Karasic, and Jack Pula will speak on educating residents on transgender issues at the WPATH meeting in Bangkok next month.

Next meeting: Monday, 2/24/14 at 3 pm.

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AGLP Executive Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2014
3:00pm-4:00pm EDT

In attendance: Kenn Ashley, Jose Vito, Eric Yarbrough, Jonathan Weiss, Amir Ahuja, Joanne Ahola, Serena Volpp, Sarah Noble, David Scasta. Excused: Roy Harker.

ITEM: APA annual meeting in New York City this May

Meeting space for AGLP has been secured at the NY Times Square Sheraton Hotel. AGLP will also host a convention booth at the Javits Center. A block of hotel rooms has also been secured at the Paramount.

PLAN: Roy may consider having attendees register for time slots to staff the booth in advance of the meeting in May.

ITEM: Local Arrangements Committee

Eric reviewed the recent work of the committee in advance of a number of planned events during the meeting in New York in May. The AGLP guidebook to NYC will be completed by March.

There will be an AGLP welcome reception on Friday 5/2/14, jointly with John Paul Sanchez LGBT workforce conference organized by John Paul Sanchez, meeting contemporaneously in the city. Further details will be forthcoming once a venue is selected.

There will be an opening reception for AGLP Saturday night 5/3/14, possibly a river cruise depending on the expense. The closing awards reception will take place at Norwood Club on Monday night 5/5/14.

The AGLP business meeting will be the afternoon of Sunday, May 5, 2013.

A number of social events are also planned: a resident/fellow/early career brunch Sunday morning 5/4/14, as well as events for women psychiatrists, transgender psychiatrists, partners and minority/international (the latter likely for Tuesday 5/7 evening.)

Several events will also take place in the AGLP meeting space at the Sheraton: the resident paper award, a psychotherapy case conference to be planned, a process group for residents.

The board is requested to consider suggestions for the following AGLP awards to be distributed in May:

Nichols Award for a local organization: Rainbow Heights clubhouse, Ali Forney Center, the Gay Center, and SAGE;

Paulsen Award: Phil Bialer.

The Distinguished Service and Barbara Gittings awards need recommendations for awardees.

PLAN: Serena asks Eric to project number of attendees needed to subsidize medical student price. Amir will research a trip to the theater as an event for partners.

ITEM: LGBT track at IPS

Four LGBT-related sessions have been accepted for the IPS conference in San Francisco in October 2014: LGBT mental health training; mistaken identity LGBT from education to implementation; transgender surgery for low-income patients in California; and psychotherapy for the LGBT community. Annette Primm, director of the APA Office of Diversity and Health Equity (DHE), would like to add an additional workshop at the IPS on psychiatric treatment and support of transgender patients. The Fryer award talk will also be delivered in San Francisco.

ITEM: Fryer Award fund

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Fundraising continues for the fund. To date there have been no successful grants.

ITEM: Nominating committee

The committee has developed the following slate of candidates: Amir Ahuja for vice-president; Sarah Noble and Jonathan Weiss for secretary; Serena Volpp and Jonathan Weiss for treasurer. Nominations for officers will also be taken from the floor.

PLAN: Roy will send out information by the end of February about the vote to take place at the AGLP annual meeting. Kenn adds nominations from floor.

ITEM: Membership development.

Names of recently expired AGLP members were distributed for follow up.

ITEM: AAOL succession planning and trainee

The position of liaison will become available within 2 years, to succeed David Scasta. David suggests a candidate should be beyond early career level and could shadow him at Assembly meetings for on-site training.

PLAN: David will suggest to Kenn possible candidates. David will write a newsletter article about the role of the AAOL liaison.

ITEM: AGLP name change/bylaws revisions

Sarah, with editing from Roy, compiled a list of possible taglines to accompany AGLP's possible name change.

Roy will send examples of tag lines to the membership in advance of the business meeting on Sunday 5/4/14.

ITEM: Treasurer's report

Serena reported that by the end of 2013 membership had steadied in compared to 2012.

ITEM: Newsletter

The next newsletter will be out by the 2nd week of April. The deadline for articles will be no later than 3/31/14 to include as many details as possible about events at the AGLP/APA meeting in May. Event organizers should submit articles about their planned outreach/social events. There will also be an article about the Norwood Club, host to the awards reception, and about the resident paper award winner.

Next meeting: 3/17/14 at 3 pm. Eric will be away 3/17.

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AGLP Executive Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2014
3:00pm-4:00pm EDT

In attendance: Kenn Ashley, Serena Volpp, Jonathan Weiss, Roy Harker, Jose Vito, Chris McIntosh, Amir Ahuja.

Excused: Eric Yarbrough, Sarah Noble, David Scasta.

ITEM: APA annual meeting in New York City

The Paramount has been selected as the AGLP hotel for overnight bookings, although meeting space has been procured at the Sheraton for both the hospitality suite and meeting rooms (including for the board meeting and business meeting on Sunday 5/4/14). Other events scheduled for New York include: an awards reception the evening of Monday 5/4/14 at the Norwood Club; a Friday night party 5/2/14 co-sponsored with a concurrent LGBT workforce conference on the Upper West Side; and an AGLP-organized river cruise Saturday night 5/3/14; and a minority outreach dinner Tuesday evening 5/6/14, possibly at a restaurant in Hells Kitchen.

Rainbow Heights clubhouse was selected as this year's Nichols Award recipient.

The AGLP business meeting will be the afternoon of Sunday, May 5, 2013.

PLAN: Distinguished Service and Barbara Gittings awards nominees are still needed; the board will need to vote via email on final selections. Roy will access information from the Local Arrangements Committee in order to survey membership about interest in the cruise on Saturday night 5/3/14. For use of the hospitality suite during the conference, contact Eric to reserve a time.

ITEM: Fryer Award fund

Fundraising continues for the fund. To date there have been no successful grants.

PLAN: Roy will contact the American Psychiatric Foundation to check on monthly reporting statements of donations to the Fryer award fund through the APF (in addition to AGLP.) Fundraising will also continue at the APA meeting in New York.

ITEM: IPS San Francisco

Dee Mosbacher, MD, PhD will receive the Fryer Award in San Francisco in October 2013 during the Institute for Psychiatric Services meeting. A large number of LGBT-themed programs will be on the schedule at IPS in San Francisco, including a panel on transgender populations organized at the request of Dr. Annelie Primm, Director of the APA Office Diversity and Health Equity (formerly the Office of Minority and National Affairs, OMNA)

PLAN: There will be a board meeting scheduled for San Francisco.

ITEM: Membership development.

Names of recently expired AGLP members were distributed for follow up. VIP members may receive a membership pass for a week to the Norwood Club, and there will be a VIP reception preceding the awards reception at Norwood.

PLAN: In order to welcome new members at AGLP events board members will be assigned as greeters/ambassadors and/or contacted in advance of the meeting, based on a list of new members Roy will distribute. Roy will be in touch with Lonny Behar about Norwood and VIP perks there. Also, all new members to AGLP will be assigned a "buddy" who will welcome the new member via email, be a resource regarding the organization, etc. The details have yet to be worked out, including generating a "buddy" list.

ITEM: AAOL succession planning and trainee

The position of liaison will become available within 2 years, to succeed David Scasta.

PLAN: Roy sent David a reminder email to submit a newsletter article about the role of the AAOL liaison.

ITEM: AGLP newsletter

The deadline for submissions has been extended to March 31.

ITEM: Trans committee co-chair.

Laura Erickson-Schroth was approved as co-chair of the transgender committee.

ITEM: President's report

Kenn and Gene (likely) will have workshops at the World Psychiatric Association meeting in Madrid this fall. PLAN: AGLP is seeking new medical students and resident committee chairs.

ITEM: Treasurer's report

Membership figures, although slightly lower as compared to last year, are still on track.

ITEM: Roy's report

Mary Barber and Alan Schwartz are aware that AGLP is liable for a \$1700 penalty due Getty Images for inappropriate use of one of its copyrighted images on the Group of Advancement for Psychiatry syllabus hosted on the AGLP website.

PLAN: Roy will apply for a grant from Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights for underwriting of a reception for the Fryer Award winner to be hosted by Howard Rubin and Gene Nakajima.

Next monthly telephone conference: Monday 4/21/14 at 3 pm.

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