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*New York State Senator Thomas K. Duane
Receiving the Distinguished Service Award*

Photo by Mary Barber

Executive Director's Report Roy Harker

As you might expect from the "Big Apple", the events of this year's Annual Meeting were ambitious and successful on many, many levels. Our gratitude and thanks go out to all those who dedicated much time and effort in the process. In particular, I would like to thank the New York Local Arrangements Committee: Ubaldo Leli, Chair, Stewart Adelson, Kenn Ashley, Phil Bialer, Gerry Dabbs, Jack Drescher, Mel Gilbert, Rajiv Gulati, Greg Hannahs, Lisa Heuer, Rick Hire, Petros Levounis, Bob Mitchell, Larry Soucy, Andy Tompkins, and Ron Winchell. Special thanks are in order to Phil Bialer and Danny Colvin, and Stewart Adelson and Hal Luftig for the exceptional welcoming receptions on Friday and Saturday evenings. Both couples were generous in the extreme in opening their homes for these well-attended events. These opening receptions are vital parts of the mission of AGLP in providing a welcoming environment for our membership. The events were co-sponsored by GALA, NYGLP, and GPNY.

Gifts and Grants in support of our activities were received from Wyeth-Ayerst, Pfizer, Forest Pharmaceuticals, GALA, NYGLP, GPNY, and most notably, GlaxoSmithKline (\$15,000 Educational Grant). While the events in the Big Apple generated extremely large expenses, they were offset by an extremely effective funding campaign and the generosity of many of our members.

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Editor's Column

George Harrison, M.D.

Shortly after returning from the New York meetings I joined 1,200 bike riders for AIDS/Lifecycle as we traveled the 580 miles from SF to LA. The purpose was to raise money and awareness for HIV services. Some were out about mile three- or four-hundred as I was surrounded by my struggling, sweaty, spandex wearing fellow riders, a thought occurred to me about service. I realized that my effort made me part of the solution to the problems caused by the epidemic. And it did so in a way that writing a check wouldn't do. I was investing something more important for this cause than just my money and this brought me into a new relationship with the epidemic. I felt that I "owned" a part of the solution.

Some may find this ironic as my work is much more directly related to HIV care than riding a bike. I am already identified with HIV through my work as an HIV psychiatrist for the past 10 years at UCSF/AIDS Health project here in San Francisco. But there was something different about this form of service that let me feel honored in this way. Maybe it is because my daily work life seems less like service in that I receive compensation in the form of salary and position. Maybe it was because the task at hand, the simple task of riding, was so far removed from the world of HIV of which I am so familiar. Or maybe it is because it's just hard to ride that far that it made it seem like I was doing something special.

So what do endorphin fueled thoughts about service have to do with the *Newsletter* you might be wondering. When Ellen Haller, the former Secretary for the organization, originally approached me about assuming responsibility for the *Newsletter*, I thought of all sorts of good reasons to refuse. But Cheryl Chessick, my predecessor, gradually convinced me that it wasn't an overwhelming task even for one that hates to write as much as I do. Now that some time has past since the annual meetings where I was nominated and dominated the field for the position (no one else was nominated), I have begun to see this as a similar form of service as riding. Both tasks spin off from my daily work, are focused on LGBT issues, and present significantly challenges for me. Oh, yes, and while there is no financial reward for either task they both give a sense of involvement difficult to achieve from the sidelines.

I am honored by this chance to serve the organization and appreciate all the support I've received as I start this endeavor. Specifically, I want to thank Ellen Haller, Mary Barber, Roy Harker, all the contributors, and especially Cheryl Chessick who has been providing service for all these many last years.

I figure with all this talk about service this is as good a time as any to put out an invitation for contributions. I'll entertain questions or submission for the *Newsletter*, all of which can be submitted to me at gharrison@aglp.org.

Submit now and explore the world of service in a new way!

President's Column

Mary Barber, M.D.



Mary Barber, M.D.

It is always a pleasure to reflect on AGLP's year after a successful annual meeting. And what a success it was! The local arrangements committee in NY showed wonderful hospitality through receptions at member homes. Local arrangements also put on a world-class interdisciplinary symposium on the past, present and future of homosexuality and psychoanalysis. The closing banquet with awards presentations was filled with good will in the most exquisite of settings. Membership is again on the upswing, and the Association has a really positive and forward-thinking energy. We have a lot to feel proud and grateful about as we move into our 2004-2005 year.

I want to welcome and congratulate new officers: Kenn Ashley, our new Vice-President, Mason Turner-Tree, our new Secretary, and George Harrison, whose formidable job as *Newsletter* Editor has started with this issue. A hearty thanks and congratulations also go to Bob Mitchell, who is returning as AGLP's Treasurer, and Dan Karasic, who after serving as Vice-President for four years has accepted the position of President-Elect, and will assume the President position next May.

AGLP said goodbye to two terrific officers this past May: Ellen Haller, who has been our Secretary for the past few years, and Cheryl Chessick, who has been *Newsletter* Editor. Both leave to head their respective APA District Branches. I say thank you to them, and know that their DB's are very lucky to be getting such leadership.

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As you've been reading in my columns, the AGLP board has gone through a 3-year planning process that has resulted in new mission, vision, and goal statements, a new logo, and several new projects. One of these projects, the Stuart Nichols, MD award, came to fruition this past May. At our closing reception in NYC, we gave the first Nichols award to the Hetrick-Martin Institute, home of the Harvey Milk School. The award includes a small cash grant of \$500, and represents a small step in AGLP's goals to foster a fuller understanding of LGBT mental health issues, and develop resources to promote LGBT mental health.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of David Scasta, funds have been pouring in for AGLP's educational documentary on reparative therapy. David provided the critical seed money for a one-day pilot, which was shot by Anat Salomon from Dyke TV and Alicia Salzer of DTV and AGLP this past May, during the NYC meetings. We now have footage of interviews with Jack Drescher, David Scasta, Ariel Shidlo, Michael Schroeder, and Robert Spitzer. Additional interviews are now being planned, thanks to the wonderful support of many members who are listed in this newsletter. A very special thanks goes to the William A. Kerr Foundation and trustee and AGLP member John Sweet. The Kerr Foundation has given a most generous grant of \$10,000 to the video project.

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Projects such as the Nichols Award, the reparative therapy video, and bigger and better Annual Meeting Symposia with CME credits require funding. We also have other projects on the table, such as the proposed APA award honoring John Fryer, MD, which according to APA bylaws needs to be endowed with a \$50,000 account before we can proceed. To help realize these several goals, we have hired a professional grantwriter to write a development grant for AGLP. If successful, the grant will be used to contract for additional professional grantwriting services. We have reached that stage of growth where such assistance is needed and will be most valuable in completing the projects we envision.

Another year has passed for me as a mom as well, and as a mom of two little high-femme girls, that means another dance recital. I can happily report that 6-year-old Kennedy, three-year veteran of dance classes, wowed audiences not only with her tap, ballet and jazz steps, but with her expert hip wiggling as well. Four-year-old Trinity, in her performance debut, was the only one noticeably moving in her class of stage-struck preschoolers. The two definitely stood out from the crowd! Alleyne and I acted like over-the-top proud mommies of course, waving and cheering like fools.

If you are reading this and want to know how to stand out from the crowd and possibly even earn cheers, consider getting more involved in AGLP! You could write an article for the newsletter, or make a special donation to one of our new projects. An excellent way to get to know more about AGLP is to come to our fall business meeting, which will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2004, in Washington, DC. Anyone is welcome to attend and provide input as we plan for the Annual Meeting and other business. If you'd like more information, just contact me.

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AGLP Booth



Saturday Forum From left to right: Ralph Roughton, Diana Miller, Margie McGee, Kenneth Lewes, Elizabeth Young-Bruel and Bert Schaffner



Awards Banquet



New York Vista

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113 people were in attendance at the AGLP Symposium Homosexuality and Psychoanalysis: New Directions held at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. Registration fees in the amount of \$2,670.00 and the aforementioned \$15,000.00 grant from GlaxoSmithKline offset expenses involved with producing this successful event.

Other hospitality events supported in-part with AGLP funds included an AGLP Women's Dinner, an AGLP Board and Council Breakfast Meeting, an AGLP Planning Retreat and Breakfast, and a Medical student, resident, and early career psychiatrist brunch.

Feedback from our members has been generally favorable in regards to the banquet arrangements, venues and other planned events. We took in 18 new members during the week. Congratulations to all who made this possible! Each year AGLP Local Arrangements Committees set new standards for the future of these meetings.

Now looking to the future...

AGLP Fall Meeting Saturday, September 11, 2004

Plans for the AGLP Fall 2003 Business Meeting are in place and your attendance is strongly encouraged. This important planning meeting of the AGLP Council is open to all members, although Council members alone have voting privileges. The Bylaws allow the president of AGLP to appoint task forces whose chairs serve on the Council. If you have an issue that you feel needs to be brought to the attention of the membership, this is your opportunity! Your concerns and suggestions should be made known to Mary Barber, M.D., AGLP President, at least two weeks before the meeting date to be included on the agenda. The Meeting will take place in the JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004. from 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, September 11.

We have a block of rooms arranged, this year, by the APA Meeting Planning Department at the JW Marriott. You can reserve your room, and get other information on the Fall Component Meetings online by going www.psych.org, then go to the member's corner and click onto Fall Component Meeting. The room rate is \$199.00 per night plus tax.

A Welcoming Reception is being planned for Friday, September 10, at the home of Stuart Sotsky. His address in Washington is 3067 Ordway Street, N.W. If you plan to attend, please contact the National Office at 215-222-2800 or visit our website at www.aglp.org and make your RSVP. More information on this dinner, catered by Meals of Art, will follow.

Please make a point to attend these important meetings. I'll see you in Washington!

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Atlanta 2005

Our hotel is on the edge of one of the most desired residential areas in the city-Ansley Forest. There will be a Sat. 5/21 party for those arriving on Sat. [my understanding the AGLP program has



The Crown Room at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel, Atlanta

been pushed forward 1 day to Sun.] at the home of member Tom Mills within walking distance in Ansley Forest. The opening reception will be in another lovely Ansley Forest home that is just behind the Colony Square complex. On our arrange committee we are

fortunate to have a friend on mine, Jack, who was the editor of the Gay/Lesbian entertainment/bar guide and currently used by the city as a travel consultant for the city. So we expect to have a very good guide book.

I wasn't in San Francisco for our 25th, but it is my understanding there was no commemorative or historic program. The Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association was founded in Atlanta in 1978. This organization later became AGLP. Part of the 2005 program will therefore commemorate this occasion a couple of years late with personal comments, photos, and memorabilia.

Edward Nix, M.D.

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

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Annual Award Interviews

George Harrison

THE ANNUAL AWARDS THIS YEAR WERE GIVEN TO TWO PIONEERING LEGISLATORS, A PILLAR OF OUR ORGANIZATION, AND A GROUND BREAKING ORGANIZATION HELPING LGBT YOUTH. EVERY YEAR WE INVITE THE WINNERS OF THE AWARDS TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AND HELP THE MEMBERSHIP UNDERSTAND A LITTLE CLEARER WHO THEY ARE.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

THIS YEAR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATORS, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR THOMAS K. DUANE AND NEW YORK ASSEMBLYMEMBER DEBORAH GLICK.

Thomas K. Duane

SENATOR DUANE WAS ELECTED IN 1998 TO THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND WAS THE FIRST OPENLY GAY MAN AND FIRST OPENLY HIV-POSITIVE MEMBER. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PASSING LANDMARK CLINIC ACCESS, GUN CONTROL, HEALTHCARE PROTECTION, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGISLATION. HE IS AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR HUMANE PRISON CONDITIONS AND PRISONER RIGHTS TO MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. HIS PARTICIPATION SECURED THE PASSAGE OF THE HATE CRIMES PROTECTION ACT, A BILL THAT HAD LANGUISHED FOR 11 YEARS PRIOR TO HIS EFFORTS TO GET IT PASSED.

The Assn. Of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP) Distinguished Service Award recognizes contributions to the LGBT mental health as well as the community in general. What does it mean to you to be selected for this honor?

It is no longer enough to recognize that we are equal and leave it at that – when faced with those who would restrict our liberties and make our inequality law, we must now demand our full equality in every arena armed with the proof that our community is vibrant, viable, and a strong part of the proactive betterment of our country.

I am truly honored to have been selected by the AGLP for contributions to the LGBT community. Mental health encompasses a great variety of issues, not the least of which is the critical importance of bringing full equality and recognition to a community that has so long been marginalized. A community cannot be expected to reach its full potential, or even to grow, without having full access to all of society's goods. This doesn't only mean financial goods – something for which we can certainly argue that for many reasons, e.g. the LGBT community's general inability to marry and file joint tax returns, we are not granted full parity. Equal access also means that we cannot be discriminated against for any reason, that our schools must be safe places for students to learn free from harassment and bullying, that we must be allowed to marry and establish families that are the legal and social equal of any other.

I have long fought for such basic human rights for the LGBT community. After 30 years of languishing in the State Legislature, I finally saw the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act (SONDA) passed in December 2002. My Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) requires that every school be a safe place for learning, and that every school administrator ensure this safe atmosphere. Finally, I have introduced the "Right to Marry" bill that would legalize civil marriage between same-sex couples. From basic medical treatment to which civil spouses and domestic partners are entitled to broader contexts of liberty and equality, the mental health of the LGBT community has always been one of my greatest priorities. I am honored to be recognized for these efforts.

You have been an advocate for human rights both for the LGBT community and the HIV-positive community.

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Can you say what you think the challenges are for both of the communities? What do you envision the human rights challenges will be for the next 5 to 10 ears for each of these communities?

The most obvious challenge we face today is the ever-more-pressing issue of same-sex civil marriage. Marriage carries with it over a thousand state and federal rights that affect mental health in ways large and small – whether ensuring health insurance and medical treatment for a covered partner or whether granting simple peace of mind that one’s children cannot be taken away, that one’s assets will indisputably go to one’s partner after a death – marriage is a paramount issue.

The LGBT and HIV-positive communities face more immediate challenges, too. The crystal meth epidemic that is slowly but surely decimating LGBT populations is a physical and mental health emergency that is only now beginning to receive a fraction of the attention it requires. This new face of addiction is more potent than any our community has encountered before, and prevention, awareness, and treatment are all necessary components of fighting it. The mental health community is a key factor in combating this crisis, and the AGLP can and must play a role in this fight.

As someone experienced in the political process, how do you think that mental health providers can best effect change for the betterment of the LGBT community?

Mental health providers have played an important role in demystifying homosexuality and in recognizing the normality and possibilities of our families. It is now not enough, however, just to say that these things are acceptable, that they can work. In the face of a growing movement to restrict our families and to codify discrimination in law, more voices than ever before are necessary to make clear that are families are not just normal but are special and positive, that the children we raise are happy and healthy, that encouraging stability and strong bonds in any community only makes that community and society as a whole stronger. It is no longer enough to recognize that we are equal and leave it at that – when faced with those who would restrict our liberties and make our inequality law, we must now demand our full equality in every arena armed with the proof that our community is vibrant, viable, and a strong part of the proactive betterment of our country.

Deborah Glick

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DEBORAH GLICK WAS NEW YORK STATE’S FIRST OPENLY HOMOSEXUAL LEGISLATOR WHEN SHE WAS ELECTED IN 1990. HER AREAS OF LEGISLATIVE CONCENTRATION HAVE BEEN CIVIL RIGHTS, HEALTHCARE, LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS, REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PASSING THE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT ASSURING HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR THE WOMEN OF NEW YORK STATE. SHE IS CURRENTLY A PRIME SPONSOR OF THE STATE’S DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP LEGISLATION.



Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick Received the Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists recognizes individual who have made significant contributions to the LGBT mental health and the community as a whole. What are your reactions to being selected for this honor?

I was very surprised and honored to be selected by the Association for the award. I was curious about the selection process, because so few people focus on the work of state

legislators. In many instances, state legislators have more impact on the everyday lives of state residents than federal representatives, but are far less visible in the public arena. While I’ve worked hard for many years on a wide range of issues, I was pleased, though taken aback, that the Association would be aware of my efforts to the extent that they would honor me.

As the first openly lesbian state legislator in New York you have been a pioneer. What changes have you seen in the political climate in regards to the LGBT community? Related to this, what have been the political changes you have seen regarding women and women’s rights?

After 14 years in Albany, there have been many changes that are difficult to quantify, but are reflected in the number of other legislators who now find it essential to participate in lgbt community activities. From supporting funding for the non-HIV health and human services network to marching in pride parades in various jurisdictions to voting almost unanimously for a domestic partner hospital visitation bill this past month, there is clear evidence of a major shift in consciousness about the importance of the lgbt community. But we should make no mistake, whenever the needs of our community come in conflict with any other interest group, we are at risk.

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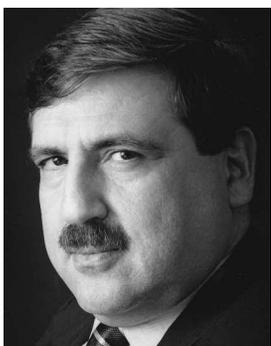
For example, legislators staked out their support for our community by voting for a sexual orientation non-discrimination bill to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations. Since the military discriminates against LGBT people it was barred from recruiting on state university campuses. Veteran groups were outraged and a bill to permit the military to recruit was presented. Many of our supporters were unable to see the military as an employer, (this was pre 9-11,) and were unmoved by the obvious conflict with supporting a discriminatory employer.

In relation to women's rights, we continue to have the most basic argument about a woman's right to control her own body. In addition, we have seen that the pay gap continues for most categories of work. The number of women in political office has inched up, but the overwhelming leadership posts are held by straight white men. Despite the progress on reducing crime, the levels of violence against women are astonishing. What has improved is the sense that women have that they can pursue any career.

James Paulsen Award

Jack Drescher

THIS YEAR THE JAMES PAULSEN AWARD WAS GIVEN TO JACK DRESCHER, M.D. DR. DRESCHER HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEMBER BECAUSE OF HIS



Jack Drescher, M.D.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION, TO PROMOTION OF OUR EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, AND HIS MENTORSHIP OF MEMBERS. HE IS CURRENTLY THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOR THE JOURNAL OF GAY AND LESBIAN PSYCHOTHERAPY WHICH HAS GROWN IN STATURE UNDER HIS EDITORSHIP. HE SERVED AS THE SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE APA AND HAS BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL APA COMMITTEE ON LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL ISSUES SINCE 2000. HE IS A DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF THE APA.

The Paulsen Award is given to honor a recipient for outstanding service and contributions to our organization. How is it for you to be honored by your peers in this way?

I am grateful to receive this honor. AGLP has been a very important part of my professional development since I was an early career psychiatrist.

So when a group of people you care very much about and who have given you so much then tell you that they think YOU'VE done something special and that they are going to give you an award--well, it's just the icing on the cake.

Given your long history of support for our organization, why do you think that LGBT psychiatrists should belong to AGLP?

We are fortunate to be living in times when "out" LGBT psychiatrists are no longer in danger of losing their jobs, academic appointments or medical licenses. And certainly, openly gay and lesbian psychiatrists have taken and are taking increasingly public profiles in psychiatry, even in areas having nothing to do with gender and sexuality.

Nevertheless, as recent political events play themselves out--particularly the political scapegoating of gay people by one of the nation's two political parties--the world is still not entirely safe for LGBT psychiatrists or our patients. If we do not hang together we can still hang separately. I believe that AGLP offers a voice of gay reason, not only to our professional organizations like APA, but to the wider world as well. For that reason alone, I believe every LGBT psychiatrist should belong to AGLP.

But, on a more selfish note, I would also add that with AGLP membership comes with a free subscription to the journal I edit.

The journal you edit is an important contribution to the understanding of the mental health issues in our community. What makes you passionate about this particular forum?

Working on the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy* is a labor of love. It has become part of my own continuing education experience and given me the opportunity to learn many new things. I am also fortunate to have the support of a diverse group of editors, book review editors, guest editors, editorial board, and contributors. Many of us share a rich oral tradition in treating LGBT patients and the JGLP is helping to put them in writing where they are reaching a wider audience.

Two journal projects give me particular pleasure. The first is an ongoing series of interviews that chronicle the experiences of AGLP members whose professional lives span the period both before and after 1973 (when APA removed homosexuality from the diagnostic manual). Fellow editor Joe Merlino and I are going to collect all the interviews into a volume, tentatively titled "Gays, Lesbians, Psychiatry: An Oral History," to be published by

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The second project has been inviting contributions from analysts whose earlier works pathologized homosexuality. I applied for analytic training at a time when few institutes would accept an openly gay psychiatrist. Yet many prominent analysts have changed their opinions about homosexuality and have not published their newer views anywhere. So I decided to try asking some of them if they would be interested in telling the world of their changed views. To date, we have had contributions from two analysts of international repute: Joyce McDougall and Otto Kernberg-- both of them quite willing to update their opinions and set the record straight--so to speak.

Nichols Award**Hetrick-Martin Institute**

David K. Mensah, Executive Director Hetrick-Martin Institute
Accepting the Nichols Award

THIS YEAR AGLP CREATED THE NICHOLS AWARD TO HONOR A PROGRAM IN THE CITY HOSTING THE MEETINGS THAT PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH OR RELATED SERVICES TO THE LGBT COMMUNITY. THE FIRST RECIPIENT FOR THIS AWARD WAS THE HETRICK-MARTIN INSTITUTE (HMI). AS THEIR WEBSITE STATES "THE HETRICK-MARTIN INSTITUTE HAS GROWN FROM A SMALL, VOLUNTEER-LED GRASS-ROOTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION INTO A LEADING PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER OF SOCIAL SUPPORT AND PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AT-RISK YOUTH, PARTICULARLY LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER OR

QUESTIONING ("LGBTQ") YOUTH. HMI YOUTH MEMBERS, RANGING IN AGE FROM 12 TO 21, COME FROM 172 ZIP CODES THROUGHOUT ALL OF NEW YORK CITY AND THE SURROUNDING METROPOLITAN AREA. THEY ARE OF ALL COLORS AND SIZES, COME FROM ALL KINDS OF BACKGROUNDS, AND HAVE MORE ENTHUSIASM AND CREATIVITY THAN CAN BE IMAGINED."

HMI HAS THREE MAIN MISSIONS. THE HARVEY MILK SCHOOL, FOUNDED IN 1983, IS THE FIRST AND LARGEST PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AT RISK. THEIR GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS MOVE SAFELY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE AND ACHIEVE THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL AS THEIR LIVES UNFOLD. THE AFTER-SCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES DIVERSE PROGRAMMING FOR A LARGER NUMBER OF YOUTH. THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A SAFE AND ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT. THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES OUTREACH TO YOUTH AT RISK, PROVIDES THEM WITH INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES FROM HMI AS WELL AS COUNSELING AND REFERRALS.

DAVID MENSAH, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HETRICK-MARTIN INSTITUTE ACCEPTED THE AWARD. LAWRENCE HORNE, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT, RESPONDED TO OUR QUESTIONS.

This award recognizes excellence in providing services to the LGBT community. As the first honoree of the award what do you think HMI's greatest contributions have been to the community?

The greatest contribution that HMI has provided is the visibility and particular needs of LGBTQ youth. In addressing those needs, HMI has put together a number of programs to help youth with homelessness, health, education and job readiness and training. In conjunction with the Harvey Milk High School (HMHS), HMI is helping to provide educational tools to offer youth increased opportunities for development into adulthood.

In the past 25 year that HMI has been in existence, the stressors on LGBT youth have evolved. What are the most important forces now that demand that a place like HMI exists? What are the trends in service needs likely to be in the ongoing years?

Some of the same conditions exist, while others have evolved. Dealing with primarily at-risk youth, we attempt to provide a healthier and more stable environment for youth to seek education, socialize and develop. Concerns with HIV on the rise, we have re-emphasized HIV awareness among teenage youth and are putting into place new programs with collaborating health and social service agencies.

How can gay and lesbian psychiatrist better support their child and adolescent LGBT clients?

One of the most important ways would be to get youth into social settings and supportive environments to decrease their aloneness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS THIS YEAR AND ON BEHALF OF AGLP, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK.

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Phil Bialer, AGLP Past-president and Award Nomination Chair

AGLP Council Meeting New York, New York Sunday, May 2, 2004

Park Central Hotel

Times Square Room, Mezzanine Level

Welcome: Mary Barber, M.D., President Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Announcements: Staffing Booth: Sign up sheet was sent around to all present. Council members were encouraged to purchase tickets for the Closing Party.

Nomination Committee Report: Phil Bialer, M.D. The slate to be announced at the membership meeting was:

President Elect: Dan Karasic
Vice-president: Kenn Ashley
Secretary: Mason Turner-Tree
Treasurer: Bob Mitchell
Newsletter Editor: George Harrison

Awards Committee Report: Phil Bialer, M.D. Distinguished Service Award will be given to New York State Assembly member Debora Glick and State Senator Tom Duane. The Paulson award will be given to Jack Drescher. The Stu Nichols Award is a new award this year which honors a local community health program focused on GLBT issues. This year, the inaugural Stu Nichols Award will go to the Hetrick-Martin Institute.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Robert Mitchell, M.D. AGLP came close to an balanced budget in 2003. Member dues income was higher than expected, however, this increased income was offset by the organization not receiving an expected grant and by the fact that expenses were slightly higher than budgeted. As a result, 2003 had net \$3870 more expenses than income for 2003. For the 2004 budget, Bob and Roy anticipate that AGLP will break even. AGLP has received grant support from several different pharmaceutical companies and from Haworth Press. Roy stated that he has created a new budget category called Gifts and Grants which will include the student travel fund and Stu Nichols award; he explained that grant-giving organizations are interested in seeing that non-profits are benefiting their members with this kind of activity. Gifts and grants is currently approximately 3% of the total budget, and Roy recommended the Council consider increasing this to 5% of the budget in the future. The Council agreed in general with the recommendation. An additional budget line item discussed is that AGLP currently pays a total of \$3700 per year to APA for our classified ad, and Roy suggested that we consider dropping this ad given that that many new members join via the web, but he does not recall anyone joining because they saw this print ad. Motion was made and seconded to stop publishing this ad and passed unanimously. Decision was made to retain \$2000 of this amount for potential future advertising expenses but to return the remainder to our general funds. Additional new line items created in the budget include a hospitality category and a Fall Meeting line item (previously these expenses came out of miscellaneous funds). Motion made and seconded to approve the budget; the motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Chessick, M.D. Cheryl had two goals for this past year which were each moderately successful: The first goal was to have more people get involved in the *Newsletter*. Cheryl succeeded in arranging for two additional people (besides herself and board members) to write articles. The second goal was to have member-to-member interviews which happened a few times. Cheryl was thanked for her service to the organization; she has been in close contact with the presumed incoming *Newsletter* Editor, George Harrison. Next submission due date is July 15, 2004.

Journal Editor: Jack Drescher, M.D. 2004 and 2005 volumes are in to the publisher. Jack has 3-4 years of topics in process. Upcoming issues will cover treating LGBT pts in

public sector, bare backing, prostate CA in gay men, relationship between gender identity and sexual orientation, LGBT child psychiatrists, and discussion of Spitzer's "ex-gay" study. Jack asked the Board to begin seeking his replacement as editor and would welcome working with this person in the transition period. A potential replacement was named and will be contacted by Mary and Dan. A new rate has been negotiated with the publisher.

Caucus Report: Margie Sved, M.D. and Mark Townsend, M.D. Mark reviewed the basic structure and function of the Assembly. There are a total of 7 MUR groups; each has one assembly representative and one deputy representative. The Assembly advises the Board of Trustees but does not, itself make policy. This year, much of the focus of the Assembly meeting was on the current status of psychologist prescribing legislation in Louisiana where legislation passed through both houses of state government in 6 days and is now on Governor's desk waiting for either a signature or a veto. The MUR groups have been working for several years on changing APA policy to allow members to become members of more than one APA minority caucus simultaneously (eg women's caucus and LGB caucus or Hispanic caucus and LGB caucus). Each minority caucus voted to approve this policy in May, 2003, however, just prior to this issue coming forward in the Assembly for a vote earlier today, the Hispanic and African American caucus leadership suggested some changes leading to the issue being tabled until the next Assembly meeting rather than being brought to the floor for a vote. Mark stated that both he and Margie were surprised by this event as they had been under the impression that all of the caucuses and their leaders were in support. He suspected that the turnover in caucus leadership contributed to this change. The APA Board of Trustees has approved, in principle, a policy put forward through the Assembly by Margie which would allow members to voluntarily identify their sexual orientation on their membership materials. The Board did, however, mandate that Margie first discuss confidentiality and legal issues with the APA's attorney which she is reportedly in the process of doing. Lastly, an application for AGLP to become an official Allied Organization of the APA is currently pending.

GLB Committee Report: Jack Drescher, M.D. Committee will meet tomorrow. Jack has been in contact with APA about Virginia's law which prohibits companies from providing same gender domestic partner benefits and a new Michigan law that health professionals can conscientiously object to providing treatment to LGBT pts. Francis Lu chairs the APA Committee on Minority Affairs and will come to GLB Committee tomorrow to discuss these issues and ways that APA can be of help. Bob Cabaj will chair a white paper commission to develop material on LGBT issues in DSM-V. Jack has also had contact with APA about reviewing and potentially revising the sexual d/o category in DSM. He's begun to draft an action paper from the committee which would have the APA on record as opposing the proposed federal amendment against same gender marriage.

Local Arrangements 2004 New York: Ubaldo Leli, M.D. Phil presented on behalf of the committee; all committee members were thanked for their service. Attendance was 110 (115 registered) at the symposium on 5/1/04. Opening reception tonight is at a nearby bar called, "Therapy." The Council had a general discussion about holding events Friday and Saturday nights; the general opinion was to leave it up to each local arrangements committee to plan what would work best in their host city.

Local Arrangements 2005 Atlanta: Ed Nix, M.D. Dan Karasic reported that the educational symposium will be held on Sunday rather than Saturday with the board meeting held on Saturday in May, 2005. The idea is that this would allow attendees to travel on Saturday rather than miss a day of work on Friday. The AGLP host hotel will be near a gay neighborhood in Atlanta; much of theatre will be in walking distance. The hotel will be an official APA hotel (hence on the shuttle service route). Opening party will be at Tom Mills' house.

Local Arrangements 2006 Toronto: No chair yet; Phil has been talking with some individuals about participating, and will follow up with them.

Committee Reports:

Development: Rick Hire, M.D. Rick asked members of the Board to thank those who have given AGLP grant support. Rick worked with GSK to secure grant support for the CME symposium this year. He plans to follow up with a member of AGLP who runs a family foundation and is interested in possibly supporting getting the journal into medical school libraries. Rick also suggested that our next membership mailing include

notification that members consider remembering ALGP in their estates. Mary suggested putting a notice in the newsletter also. Mary and Roy have sent grant applications to several foundations. So far, they have been turned down for each proposal, but they have been encouraged by several to re-apply. Proposal was made by Mary to upgrade the Chair of development committee to become an Executive Board member. A petition to that effect was signed by 10 members of Council and will be presented as a bylaws change at the general membership meeting. Mary stated that everyone on the board should be active in both development and in membership. Mary announced a retreat on development tomorrow from 9-12 PM. Rather than have a facilitator at the retreat, she suggested using that money to hire a grant-writer to submit a grant to fund a grant-writer for at least a year. Motion made and seconded to do this proposal; it passed unanimously. Rick mentioned that he is on a GAP committee which is developing curriculum for residencies on LGBT issues, and suggested that once published on the web, this curriculum could be a potential draw for members to join AGLP.

Membership: no current chair; report was given by Roy. 10% of new members came from the website this past year. Organization has grown 9% over past two years. Current number of dues paying members is 540 (last year 515 at this same time of year). The biggest percent change was in resident members, and the number of members at the patron level is also growing. Margie Sved reported that AGLP's numbers mirror APA membership trends. Margie volunteered to chair the AGLP membership committee given that her term as the assembly representative is coming to an end. 25% of current members still owe dues for 2004. Women, minorities, and individuals from non-major cities and rural areas remain under-represented in our membership.

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004 (Projected)
Associate	31	29	28	28	20	31	32
Founder	1	1	2	2	1	5	3
Full	358	350	340	298	292	250	272
International	30	39	43	34	28	20	22
Medical students	23	19	16	16	23	38	41
Newsletter only	1	2	1	4	6	10	13
Patron	1	2	1	4	6	10	13
Resident	108	98	87	62	59	76	70
Sponsor	14	21	24	29	36	50	51
Early career					35	38	39
Totals	632	622	607	533	562	577	603

Women: no current chair. No report.

Minority Outreach: Gene Nakajima, M.D., Kenn Ashley, M.D. No report

International: Gene Nakajima, M.D., Kenn Ashley, M.D. AGLP members continue to be active in participating in scientific program of World Psychiatric Association. Abstracts are being submitted

HIV: no current chair. No report.

Psychoanalysis: Ubaldo Leli, M.D. No report. (Ubaldo had to leave the meeting early)

LAGCAPA: Stewart Adelson, M.D., Rob Pinney M.D. Stewart thanked AGLP Council for its welcoming of him and LAGCAPA issues. Last year, Stewart had proposed coordination between the organizations with goals of pooling resources of both organizations and increasing joint memberships. LAGCAPA has become incorporated, and they are working towards establishing formal non-profit status. LAGCAPA is in the process of negotiating a separate contract with Roy to possibly become their first ED and they are developing a new membership category of joint membership with a new dues structure. New proposed dues for LAGCAPA: Non-ALGP members = \$100 vs. \$75 for joint membership with AGLP (current dues are \$50 for all). MITs would have fees waived for LAGCAPA. Stewart has also begun a series of interviews on the history of LAGCAPA for the journal and discussions with GLMA regarding issues faced by LGBT youth. LAGCAPA is hosting a reception this coming Tuesday evening to which Larry Kramer has been invited.

ECP: Rick Imirowicz, M.D. No report.

MIT: No representative present; No report.

Med Students: Many new medical students have become ALGP members. A mentor/mentee program has begun and has had much AGLP participation. Currently, more people have signed up as mentors than there are mentees. Andy Tompkins will become MIT rep to the Council this fall, and he introduced new medical student representatives; there will be three this coming year.

Transgendered: Wynelle Snow, M.D. No report.

New Business:

1. Retreat; see above
2. Development chair position; see above
3. Video project; briefly discussed-will receive more attention at development retreat tomorrow
4. Fryer award project-see above
5. Task force on women-not discussed
6. LAGCAPA joint membership-see above; issue will be further reviewed and discussed by the executive council

Respectively submitted,
Ellen Haller, M.D.

AGLP Annual Meeting 2004

New York, New York

Monday, May 3, 2004

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Park Central Hotel

Broadway Room, Mezzanine Level

870 Seventh Avenue at 56th Street)

Approval of minutes; motion made and seconded and passed unanimously

Welcome: Mary Barber, M.D., President. Meeting was called to order by Mary both evenings at 6:40. Local arrangement committee members were thanked for all of their hard work.

The membership committee members are:

Ubaldo Leli, Chair, Stewart Adelson, Kenn Ashley, Phil Bialer, Gerry Dabbs, Jack Drescher, Mel Gilbert, Rajiv Gulati, Greg Hannahs, Lisa Heuer, Rick Hire, Petros Levounis, Bob Mitchell, Larry Soucy, Andy Tompkins, Ron Winchell.

Thanks were also given to Dan Karasic for his work helping to organize the Saturday CME Program and hospitality suite events.

Announcements: Staffing Booth. Members were encouraged strongly to help staff the booth in the convention center.

Closing Party Reservations. Members were encouraged to purchase awards banquet tickets.

Phil announced awardees: Debora Glick and Tom Duane for Distinguished Service Award, Paulson award to Jack Drescher, Stu Nichols award to honor a local community organization is going to the Hetrick Martin Institute.

Nomination Committee Report: Phil Bialer, M.D.**Slate:**

President Elect: Dan Karasic
 Vice-president: Kenn Ashley
 Secretary: Mason Turner-Tree
 Treasurer: Bob Mitchell
 Newsletter Editor: George Harrison

Floor was opened for any nominations from the floor. None were offered. Vote to be held on 5/4/04 on this slate.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Robert Mitchell, M.D. In 2003, AGLP ended up with just under a \$4000 deficit. We did not receive a grant which had been expected, however, this loss of expected income was off set by a significantly increased number of members leading to more due income than expected. Office expenses were kept under-budget, however, other expenses were slightly over budget. For 2004, expect to maintain approximately the same numbers of members and expect to receive a grant to help offset annual symposium expenses. The organization will be stopping advertising in *Psychiatric News* to save on expenses. The 2004 budget will have increased amount of money available for medical student travel. Overall, Bob anticipates a surplus of \$6700 in 2004. Line items have been added for hospitality events and for symposium income and expenses and Roy has also added a line item for gifts and grants. Out of this line item will come the student travel fund, the Stu Nichols award and other gifts and grants. The AGLP Board discussed increased this amount from its current 3% of total budget to 5% over the next few years. Funding organizations like to see non-profits such as ours disbursing money besides the fact that it is also a good thing to do. In addition, the budget now has a line item for Fall meeting expenses. The surplus for 2004 will be used to off set the need to tap into reserves in 2003. Mary encouraged members to consider joining at levels higher than the general membership level.

Report from Executive Director: Roy Harker. Mary and Roy have written several grants to no avail so far. 105 people have opted for electronic newsletter saving ~\$1100/year for the organization. 115 people attended the Saturday symposium which was very successful. Roy was thanked for all of his incredible hard work and dedication to AGLP.

Newsletter Editor: Cheryl Chessick, M.D. George Harrison reported for Cheryl. Next deadline for the newsletter will be July 15, 2004. Mary mentioned that the post-convention edition typically includes interviews with the awardees; George stated he will follow up with these individuals.

Journal Editor: Jack Drescher, M.D. No report.

Caucus Report: Margie Sved, M.D. and Mark Townsend, M.D. Caucus meeting was begun on 5/4/04 at 5:45 PM. Margie will be rotating off as Assembly representative after 10 yrs of service, and there will be an election this coming Winter for both a new representative and deputy representative. Volunteers were sought to run for the deputy position. Mark will be running for representative. General process was discussed: Caucus members will be asked for nominations for the deputy position; the representative position will be an unopposed election. Mark asked for a sense of the caucus regarding the idea of APA members being members of more than one minority caucus simultaneously. In the Assembly on 5/2/04, support was pulled for this position paper (most likely due to term limits) by two of the MUR caucuses, and the issue will re-appear at the November Assembly. The proposal that was pulled was for people to be able to join more than one caucus and vote in more than one caucus. A new proposal was proposed instead which would allow individuals to be members of more than one caucus but to only be able to vote in a single caucus. Consensus of the LGB caucus was to not compromise but to negotiate with other caucuses to re-establish support for the position paper as originally written. The APA Board has approved the plan of APA members being able to identify their sexual orientation using check off boxes on their membership materials. The current status is to hammer out language with the APA attorneys. Margie will follow up. Caucus meeting was closed at 5:55 on 5/4/04.

Report from APA AIDS Committee: Marshall Forstein, M.D. Two different groups currently exist within the APA focused on AIDS issues: the AIDS Committee and a steering committee in APIRE. The latter just received a grant to do minority student education at five national sites and 10 students will spend a month in September during which they'll receive intensive training. The steering committee also plans to develop a 4th year

residency intensive training elective. Committee has a large SAMSA grant and are planning to re-do practice guidelines. The new APA director of Minority Affairs met with the steering committee and was helpful regarding funding resources. Plan to develop real-time video conferencing internationally. The committee held a very well attended symposium today and members were also involved in a workshop this afternoon about sex on inpatient units which included discussion of same sex contact.

Report from APA GLB Committee: Kenn Ashley reported on behalf of Jack Drescher. The committee may need a new member; interested individuals should contact Jack. Committee members discussed absence of LGB issues in the President's commission on health disparities. Lowell Tong will be involved in a videotape on health disparities that, at first, did not include sexual minorities, but due to the intervention of Francis Lu, it now will. An action item that would mandate that every APA document that mentions minority issues would also mention sexual minorities; this has not yet been passed by the JRC. An action paper will be drafted by Jack to have APA strongly oppose the proposed constitutional amendment against same gender marriage. An additional topic of discussion was Virginia's law that does not allow companies to offer DP benefits; APA moved to Virginia last year and was forced to drop their DP benefits. APA has been in strong support of changing this law in the State. Committee also discussed a proposed new law in Michigan which states that health care practitioners can opt out of treating any class of patients not covered by Michigan Civil Rights legislation (i.e. LGBT people) and to opt out of performing abortions. Apparently, the law was passed by the legislature but has not yet been signed or vetoed by the governor.

Local Arrangements 2004 NYC: Ubaldo Leli, M.D., Local Arrangements Chair. Ubaldo thanked all of the committee members and also Dan Karasic for his advice and help. He also thanked the sub-group that arranged the Saturday symposium and the 3 other organizations which participated in the planning and hosting of events: New York Gay and Lesbian Physicians, Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists of NY, and Gay and Lesbian Psychoanalysts.

Vice President's report: Dan Karasic, M.D. Next year's Saturday symposium will be held, instead, on Sunday in Atlanta as a trial run. This change is happening to allow members to travel on Saturday rather than on Friday. Ramifications include effect on the Sunday medical student/resident/ECP brunch and the Saturday women's dinner. General discussion ensued about this change. Suggestion was made for the symposium to go from 9-4 and to hold events late that afternoon before the Sunday night opening reception. An additional change is that the Council meeting will occur on Saturday rather than Sunday. At the next annual membership business meeting, we will evaluate this change in scheduling.

Committee Reports:

Membership: This committee hasn't had a chairperson for about a year, however, Margie Sved has volunteered to become its new chair. The report was given by Roy. Membership has grown 5% over the past year and by 4% the previous. Numbers have gone up gradually but steadily since 2001 with every category increasing, but with the largest growth seen in MITS. 10% of membership became new members by joining over the website. 25% of members still owe dues from 2004. Women, minorities, and individuals living in large parts of the mid-west remain under-represented. Requests come into the office for referrals all over the US, however, we sometimes don't have any members within 1000 miles of the caller.

Women: No report; no current chair

Minority Outreach: Gene Nakajima, M.D., Kenn Ashley, M.D. Plans are in place for some members to attend the regional WPA meeting in Athens in March 2004 and Cairo in 2005. International psychiatrists are being encouraged to join AGLP. There was a good turn out at the party last night.

International: Gene Nakajima, M.D., Kenn Ashley, M.D. See above.

HIV: No report

Psychoanalysis: Ubaldo Leli, M.D. Committee meeting was held today and plans were discussed for next year's meeting. The committee decided to have a case presentation in hospitality suite with a couple of discussants. Workshop on shame did not occur this year due to lack of attendance, however, Ubaldo recommended holding the workshop again next year. Symposium was a great success.

LAGCAPA: Stewart Adelson, M.D. Rob Pinney reported on behalf of Stewart. They now have a standing committee on homosexual issues in the AACP and have incorporated as an organization. They have produced a newsletter and are growing in size. Symposium will be held on 2-5 PM Tuesday on GID. Many details are pending regarding the two organizations working together with respect to some sort of reduced fees for joint membership.

ECP: Rick Imirowicz, M.D. No report.

MIT: No representative present; No report.

Medical Students: Andy Tompkins. Andy reported on behalf of himself and Brian Palmer (Brian has been elected president of the AMSA). Andy thanked the organization for its support via student travel grants. He stated there's been a huge number of responses for the mentorship program with more mentors than mentees. Program will continue next year. Andy will be attending Johns Hopkins for residency and will become the new MIT representative. New student representative, Eric Yarborough, was introduced. Eric asked for ideas about ways to increase membership and arrange for speakers on LGBT issues.

Transgendered: Wynelle Snow, M.D. No report.

Development: Rick Hire, M.D. Mary reported on development plans; see below under President's report for details.

Local Arrangements, Atlanta 2005: Ed Nix, M.D. They're working on recruiting student and resident reps to the committee. Active planning are ongoing.

New Business/President's Report: Mary Barber, M.D.

Video project: Project is to produce a video about reparative therapy to educate the general public regarding mainstream psychiatry's view on reparative therapy and homosexuality in general. Despite attempts, AGLP hasn't been able to secure funding for this project to date. However, David Scasta has donated \$2000 of his own money to produce a one day shoot in NY on 5/3/04 which will lead to a short trailer to be used in securing additional funding. Mary asked members to seek additional funding through donations by themselves, friends, family, etc. Dyke TV is donating a significant amount time and resources to help with the production aspects of this project. They will use an 8 min segment on their TV show. Goal is complete a 20-30 min documentary to be distributed to PBS, HBO, PFLAG, etc.

Retreat: Mary has arranged for retreats annually at both May and September meetings for the last several years which have led to a new logo, new mission and vision statements, and an overall better definition of ourselves. An additional retreat was held on 5/4/04, facilitated by Roy and Mary focused on funding with specific attention paid to the video project, the APA award, improving our website, and developing a new display booth for the Annual Meeting. A volunteer was sought from the membership to become a web editor.

Development chair position: Executive Board and Council discussed having this position become a member of the board. A petition was signed by 10 members to change the bylaws to reflect this addition. Motion was made and seconded on 4/3/04. It was then tabled until the business meeting on 5/4/04.

Task force on women AGLP membership is 10% women currently. Members were encouraged to seek out potential members to be appointed for this task force which will work to increase the proportion of women in our organization.

Scheduling issues: Mark raised issue of why the awards dinner is on Wednesday given that some people need to return home sooner. General discussion about considering changing to a single business meeting rather than two meetings on both Monday and Tuesday. Suggestion made to have further discussion at Fall meeting; general consensus was that the membership was in support of this change.

Elections: Motion was moved and seconded for slate which was voted upon and approved by acclamation. Election was also held for the bylaws change adding the Development Office to the AGLP Board. Vote was taken and this motion passed unanimously.

Local News: Personal Updates

Respectively submitted,
Ellen Haller, M.D.

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Women's Dinner

Photos by Mary Barber



Women's Dinner



Women's Dinner



Awards Banquet

Member in Training Column

Andy Tompkins, MD

A New Beginning

The transition from medical student to intern has not been difficult for me as of yet. My knowledge has not been tested, my stamina has yet to fold, and the excitement over getting a page has yet to wear off. Granted, I have begun my year at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, the first of four years in Baltimore, MD, in an outpatient clinic. I rotate between neurology and community psychiatry watching and now performing initial intakes, neuro exams, and making assessments. I have written my first prescription, dictated my first progress note, and made my first (of many) psychiatric diagnosis. The leisurely pace has given me time to reflect on the greater picture, and to start decorating my new condo. Lavender or buttercream? I just don't know...

This initial editorial as your new Member-in-Training rep to the AGLP board is meant as a reintroduction of myself. I was one of two medical student reps to the board until this past May. I loved my time so much that I decided to apply and was accepted as your MIT representative. Moving to Charm City, away from the bustle, acceptance, friendships, and professional relationships of Manhattan has been a challenge but I face it with courage and a supportive intern class. I must say, though, I do not want to serve alone. If others are willing to help in any fashion, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at my new address dtompki1@jhmi.edu. My goals for my position include an increase in total membership, an increase in the value of membership for fellow MITs, and a sense of togetherness amongst all of us across the nation. Baltimore is the home of our national anthem, that song which we will be broadcast from Athens during the Olympics, binding all citizens of this country together. I hope to play a similar role in binding the future of psychiatry together behind our common professional and personal issues. We may be poor and overworked, but our energy and determination keep this nation's psychiatric floors open overnight. We are a necessary and valuable commodity, one which when together can make powerful change. Lofty, nonconcrete goals (I know) which would love to take shape in the hands of others.

One last reminder of the scarcity of time and for the continued vigilance of psychiatric professionals. One week before my graduation from New York Medical College, a classmate of mine

committed suicide. She had completed all of the graduation requirements, sent out her invitations, been accepted to a great OB/GYN residency, yet still could not see value in her life. The shock tore threw me, squelched my own joy, and made me reexamine my perceptions of normality. Her smile and wit hid the true pain behind the lip-glossed exterior. After all, life is fleeting and will not often end in the manner in which we would like. In my eternal optimism, though, I must still persevere. She would want that – take on the ills of this country, of my patients, and passionately change all for the better!

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Medical Student's Column

Adam Pruett

Greetings AGLP members from your new medical student representatives, Adam Pruett, Eric Yarbrough, and Lisa Heuer. Eric and I happen to be roommates in Birmingham, Alabama, and consequently, look forward to working closely with Ed Nix to plan the social events for AGLP's next convention in Atlanta. Although Lisa is farther away, a simple telephone call will allow us to divide the tasks among the three of us hopefully to make Atlanta's convention as great a success as in NYC.

Sadly, I must report the departure of the former med student representatives, Andy Tompkins and Brian Palmer. Both of them worked diligently over the past few years to raise the bar of what is expected of med student representatives. Luckily, Andy has been retained as GME representative. On a more personal note, we wish to congratulate Andy on his residency at John Hopkins and Brian on his upcoming term as president of AMSA. We look forward continuing their great work.

Additionally, I would like to thank Roy Harker and the local arrangements committee for a most incredible time in NYC, as well as those who volunteered to host the many incredible events. The scholarships that AGLP provides are some of the most generous available for medical students wishing to attend conventions and for that we are eternally grateful. Nightlife and numerous receptions allowed medical students to bond informally with other physicians, residents, fellows, and other medical students.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED AT THE SPONSOR AND PATRON LEVEL, AND TO THOSE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF AGLP WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE STUDENT TRAVEL FUND FOR 2001.

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Personally, I enjoyed getting to know lots of new faces, as well as catch up with others I had met in San Francisco. On a more academic note, Eric and I attended the Saturday conference on analysis and enjoyed the heated debate on the place of analysis in LGBT therapy. Even if you missed all the excitement of Time Square, clubs like the Cock, and Central Park, we personally invite you to the deep South in Atlanta for next year's convention. We hope our work mirrors that of those in NYC.

Speaking of work, we have started thinking about what we want to do in our first year with the AGLP. Of course, we hope to continue with the mentor program that Andy and Brian have started. If you are interested in being a mentor or finding a mentor, please contact me at ajpruett@uab.edu to add your name to the list. Something we talked about in New York was creating a network of residents and students who could talk about issues like coming out in residency/school etc. Moreover, we thought about creating a list of LGBT topics germane to psychiatry that leaders of school groups could take back to their home institutions. If you have any ideas about either social programming in Atlanta or academic programming, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Again, we look forward to serving the upcoming year with AGLP. Thanks again for putting your trust in us.



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