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*San Diego Gaslamp Quarter
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Welcome to San Diego

Jonathan Koelle, M.D., and Roy Harker

"America's Finest City", San Diego is a world class cosmopolitan center with a casual beach town feel. Expect warm sunny days, cool nights, bays and beaches and ocean breezes. Hillcrest, the gay 'hood' is a charming collection of shops, eateries, and bars, many of which are listed in this guide. It is a short cab ride from downtown, but you may well want to have a car. Public transit exists, but it won't take you everywhere you'll want to go. Fifteen minutes up the coast lies La Jolla, a beautiful seaside village that is not to be missed. Across the bridge from downtown is Coronado, an island/peninsula town with great sunset views of the ocean and skyline, and the elegant Hotel Del Coronado. Make sure to take a walk through Balboa Park, home of museums, exhibits, and the famed

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Editor's Column

George Harrison



George Harrison, M.D.

I thought that I would use my column this month to plug a resource from UCSF AIDS Health Project (AHP), which is where I have worked since 1993. Jim Dilley and others here in San Francisco established AHP in 1984 to address the mental health aspects of the epidemic. One of the objectives from the outset was to educate providers about the unique aspects of HIV and mental health through trainings and publications.

Two of these publications are now available electronically for free. FOCUS: A Guide to AIDS Research and Counseling has been produced for over 20 years. Published 10 times a year, it reviews the intersection of counseling and HIV. In particular it addresses the medical, epidemiological, and social realities of HIV as well as the emotional impact of dealing with this disease. Each issue concentrates on a particular topic that is developed through two articles and a review of recently published items as well as reference list.

The other publication is HIV Counselor PERSPECTIVES, an educational resource for HIV test counselors and other mental health professionals. Produced quarterly, each issue explores a particular aspect of test counseling and other brief counseling interventions through a review of recent research and implications of this research for counseling.

AHP's web site includes information about how to get a free e-mail subscription to both of these publications and access to a searchable index of back issues, all funded by the Office of AIDS of the California Department of Health Services, the California Department of Mental Health, and individual donations.

To receive a free email subscription, go to http://www.ucsf-ahp.org/epubs_registration.php. Answer all required fields, and be sure to note in the appropriate one that you heard about this opportunity through the AGLP newsletter. Once you are signed up you will be sent a PDF of the issues when they are published. If you have any questions about these resources you can e-mail me at gharrison@aglp.org.

President's Column

Dan Karasic, MD



Dan Karasic, M.D.

Last night I was with my partner Tim (the DJ) in the Castro, as he was taping up flyers for his new club night. Tim whispered, "Look at that guy, behind you." I turned around, but I didn't see who he was talking about.

Tim explained that behind us was an older man, who from his attire was clearly a tourist. Tim saw the man approach A Different Light, the gay bookstore, and linger near the entrance before deciding not to enter, and walking off.

Tim knows what's its like to grow up gay in a conservative area—he's from Oklahoma. We imagined the internal process for the man, who appeared to be unable to enter a gay bookstore, even in the anonymity of being far from home.

The season of Rep. Mark Foley and the Rev. Ted Haggard is still fresh in our minds. We know the pernicious effects the closet has had on generation after generation. We also know that things are changing, and have hope in the next generation of young people, who by many accounts are more accepting of their LGBT peers.

However, LGBT youth today still face considerable homophobia and transphobia. In the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's 2005 National School Climate Survey, 38% of LGBT students had experienced physical harassment for their sexual orientation, and 26% for perceived gender expression. Harassed LGBT students were much more likely to skip school, were getting lower grades, and were less likely to plan to go to college, compared to their peers.

First Annual John E. Fryer, M.D. Award

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San Diego Zoo. So come and enjoy San Diego, a delightful city and a superb convention site.

Our host hotel is the San Diego Omni (75 L Street, San Diego, California 92101; Phone: (619) 231-6664). For questions regarding your reservation, call Travel

Planners, Inc., the official housing agents for APA and AGLP, at 800-221-3531. While there are no longer any rooms available at the host hotel, Travel Planners will be glad to find a suitable room for you nearby.

Our annual continuing education symposium will be on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Omni San Diego Hotel; Grand Ballroom D-E, Level 4 (75 L Street, San Diego, California 92101; Phone: (619) 231-6664). This year we have several members of the Board and others speaking on the subject of **Substance Abuse in the LGBT community**. A Continental Breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30.

The AGLP **Opening Reception** will be at the Santa Rosa Room of the Hilton Gaslamp, Sunday, May 21 from 7:00-9:00pm (401 K Street, San Diego, California, 92101; Tel: 1-619-231-4040). Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. There is no charge for admission. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your colleagues and others who may be interested in joining AGLP.

Discussion groups for Medical Student, Resident, and Early Career Psychiatrist (ECP), Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrists, Women's Issues, Parenting Issues, will be part of the scheduling at our hospitality suite, rounding out the schedule with time for social interaction and networking. Our website, www.aglp.org, is continually updated with the latest convention information.

Our **Closing Awards Banquet** is offered in a new time slot this year: **Tuesday, May 22**, from 7:00 to 10:30pm. Details on the location and award winners will follow shortly.

And on Wednesday, May 23, beginning at 9:00am, AGLP will be honoring **Larry Hartmann, M.D.**, with the **Second John Fryer, M.D., Award**.

While you are at the San Diego Convention Center, plan to visit the AGLP Booth – and please consider volunteering to staff the booth for an hour-long session. Sign-up sheets will be available at the booth and at the Hospitality Suite.

Continuing education, social interaction and networking, and leisure-time fun – all in the beautiful and gay-friendly city that is San Diego. We hope to see many of you there!

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San Diego Convention Center



Skyline/Marina view from Pt. Loma



Balboa Park Reflecting Pool

Vice President's Column

Kenn Ashley, M.D.



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Life Goes On. . .

The circle of life continues and after a year of significant loss and beginnings, I get that. Hopefully the new democratic majority will get moving on what they say is important and, apparently American voters feel is important. Here in New York State we finally have a parity bill calling for the coverage of mental health issues the same as other medical issues--not a perfect bill as there is no coverage of substance related disorders, but it is a place to start. Hopefully the federal government will also pass mental health insurance parity legislation. If your state does not call for insurance coverage on mental illness similarly to other medical illness, call upon your politicians to make it so.

In spite of the changes, some things remain the same; it is January and plans are being made for the upcoming APA Annual Meeting in San Diego and AGLP needs to continue to grow. The AGLP Symposium will be on the Saturday preceding the APA meeting and the topic will be on substance use disorders in the LGBT community. We are working to develop an exciting educational program. If folks are wondering about whether or not to attend the meeting, typical weather in San Diego is fabulous. Also, check out the APA programming by going to the APA website (www.psych.org).

I am also in the midst of planning activities for the AGLP Hospitality Suite--if you have ideas or are interested in presenting in the AGLP Hospitality Suite contact me (kashley@aglp.org) with you ideas. Also, continue to speak to colleagues who you think might be interested in joining our organization--download and print applications for membership from our website (www.aglp.org). I believe that all LGBT psychiatrists should be a member of our organization.

Kenn Ashley

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John Fryer, M.D. Award Fund Raising Campaign a Complete Success

With the arrival of funds from the Frank Rundle, M.D., Estate, AGLP has successfully completed its campaign to raise \$50,000 to endow the APA John Fryer, M.D. Award. Congratulations to all involved in this important campaign, and thanks to all who contributed. The successful completion of this project represents a huge milestone in the combined efforts of our AGLP members.

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AGLP Online Referral System Enhanced

The AGLP Online Referral System, available through our website at www.aglp.org, has been redeveloped with a new search engine that synchronizes the information contained in a subscribing member's profile with the user's search criteria. We currently have 188 AGLP members that subscribe to this program. If you would like to become an AGLP Referral Source, please contact the National Office at 215-222-2800 or email rharker@aglp.org.

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AGLP Newsletter Available in Electronic Format

All AGLP Members with a working email address on file with the National Office received the August and November 2006 issues of the Newsletter in electronic PDF format. The Executive Committee of AGLP is hoping that you find this format more convenient than the traditional print version and will elect to continue to receive this newsletter in this format.

There are many benefits to receiving the Newsletter in this PDF format:

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- This issue, and every issue of the AGLP Newsletter is available any time through our website at www.aglp.org.
- There is considerable cost savings to the organization with reduced printing and mailing expenses.

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Email continues to be the most efficient way for AGLP Members to stay in touch. If you have not supplied us with an email address, please consider adding it to your profile.

While you are there visiting your profile, make sure your email address and contact information is all up to date. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please be in touch with Roy Harker in the National Office.

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President's Column

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One means of coping with the societal and internalized stigma related to sexual orientation and gender identity is with alcohol and drugs. Substance abuse may start in LGBT youth rejected by family, when expression of sexuality and/or gender identity occurs in settings in which drugs and alcohol are omnipresent, and by those who are unable to act on their sexuality except under the disinhibiting influence of drugs and alcohol.

This year in San Diego, AGLP's Saturday Symposium will focus on substance abuse in the LGBT community. Understanding and appropriately treating substance abuse is critical to the care of our LGBT patients. It is also a lens through which we can examine the effects of societal and internalized homophobia, and the work that we do to help our patients better integrate their sexuality and gender expression, in working towards living better lives.

I look forward to discussing this further with you in San Diego.

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A Freshman in the Basement

David Scasta, MD



David Scasta, M.D.

Having gone through an online training program for freshmen and women Assembly representatives, for the first time in my nearly 30 years in the APA, I actually understood such matters as what a joint reference committee is. With new found insight, I descended into the subterranean Ballroom of the J.W. Marriott in November to take my place as the interim Assembly Allied Organization Liaison (AAOL) for AGLP – a position so new that my name often did not make it on the appropriate schedules and assignments.

When I was president-elect of AGLP in the mid 90s, I retained Dr. Carolyn Robinowitz to give me a private lesson in the inscrutable Byzantine structure of the APA. Carolyn, who is now the president-elect of the APA, had just left her position a deputy director of the APA to become the Dean of Students at Georgetown Medical School. She did the best she could in that afternoon in Washington to give me a framework to use when I became president and she graciously refused to accept a retainer for her time. While the training was enormously helpful in understanding the APA, nothing makes the process clearer than a stint as an Assembly representative. Suddenly, the names, the structure, the process begin to fall into place.

It is not that AGLP has not had representation in the Assembly in the past. The APA's Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Members of the APA, which is composed primarily of AGLP members, has sent a minority representative and deputy representative to the Assembly for nearly 20 years. But this is the first year that AGLP has sent an AAOL representative. We were an "affiliated" organization until 2006 when we were found to meet the requirements to become an AAOL organization and have a representative in the Assembly.

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The Assembly is composed of three main groups: representatives from the district branches, representatives from seven minority/under represented groups (M/UR), and representatives from 18 allied organizations (AAOL's). District branches are geographically oriented may include regular representatives, Member-in-Training representatives, and Early Career Psychiatry representatives, depending upon the size of the delegation. District Branches are then combined geographically in to seven regions, called Areas. The total number of Assembly members is hard to nail down since it changes. In November there were over 170 district branch representatives, which makes it, by far, the dominant group in the Assembly. More about this later.

As a freshman to the group, I came away with the insight that the real structure is not the structure on paper. In my more cynical moments I saw the real structure

as one that is made up of 150 representatives who are playing Congress and jockeying with each other to move up in the hierarchy towards president of the APA and 50 people who were truly invested in making the APA better. The Assembly is highly stratified to the point that Area representatives assume seats above and facing the floor of the more common assembly representatives. Officers and representatives from the Board of Trustee occupy a row of seats and tables above the area representatives. In the center is the speaker of the Assembly. Legislation in the Assembly comes in the form of "Action Papers" which range from the important to the mundane, from the insightful to the "I want to be noticed so I'm proposing an Action Paper that everyone will support so my name will be on it." It is the latter papers that can be quite vexing. To help separate out the dross, the Assembly divides into Joint Reference Committees which review the papers and can move a paper on the floor or scuttle it. If scuttled, the author can move the paper if the author insists. Much of the November meeting dealt with what control the author would have over his or her paper versus the reference committees.

AAOL members are assigned to the Area meetings for the geographic area where the AAOL representative resides. In the Area meetings, the district branch representatives as well as the associated M/UR and AAOL representatives discuss the action papers and decide on the Area's response. Some Areas vote as a block, some do not. Being from Pennsylvania, I was assigned to Area III. I got a warm welcome, even beyond some of the glad handing of once and future candidates for higher office. I was surprised that the group readily heard anything that I as a newcomer had to say. More importantly, I was able to corner some people about road blocks that the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues (an executive branch committee) was having with fellowships and the DSM-V. I actually got to speak with Dr. Darrel Regier, chair of the Office on Research about the

noticeable lack of attention to LGBT issues in the Research Agenda publications which were put together in preparation for the DSM-V. These contacts are the true value of the Assembly experience and make the tedious hours of political wrangling on the floor well worthwhile.

Being an Assembly representative can be fulfilling because you go away with the feeling (or, at least delusion) that you are making a difference in the APA. But I also came away with a bit of disappointment at how many of our representatives are so focused on their own agendas and advancement. Not that I didn't expect some of that, but I get discouraged about how pervasive the focus is. It seems hard to get people in the Assembly to think about what is best for the APA, not, what is best for their career and position in the APA. The people who seemed most invested in altruistic service to the APA were the higher level officers, who, already having "made their bones," now could focus on what is best for the APA. In all fairness, my impression is colored by the fact that, at my age, nothing that I do in the Assembly is going to make any real difference in my career which makes it a little easier to let some of the status issues slide.

My assigned focus and job was to be on the look out for issues that affect AGLP and LGBT peoples. For that reason, I fought against a proposal to institute elec-

Minutes of the Fall Meeting of the AGLP

Present: Dan Karasic, Chris McIntosh, Mary Barber, Gene Nakajima, Petros Levounis, Ubaldo Leli, Andy Tompkins, Phil Bialer, Karl Jeffries, Jack Drescher, Roy Harker, George Harrison, Mark Townsend, Marshall Forstein.

The Board and others met on Sunday, October 8th, at the Marriott Marquis in New York City for the fall meetings of the AGLP. Dan Karasic presided. It was announced that Vice President Kenn Ashley and Secretary Mason Turner were unable to attend. Minutes were recorded by AGLP Newsletter Editor George Harrison.

Report On Upcoming Meetings:

San Diego, May 19-24, 2007:

The Local Arrangements Chair is Jonathan Koelle who was not present. Roy Harker and Dan Karasic provided details.

Recommendations for hotels were reviewed. Rates of hotels close to the Convention Center during the APA run around \$350. An alternate hotel 3 miles from the Convention Center was the Sheraton which would be in the high \$200's. This will be where the Academy of Child Psychiatry Meetings will be held. Because of Roy Harker's work with the APA over the last few years AGLP's room and meeting space will be folded into the APA's general pool. Any hotel situation will need adequate rooms, probably 2 hospitality suites, and 3 reception rooms. There was an idea of having two hotels; one more expensive and close to the Convention and the other less expensive and nearer the GLBT area of San Diego. Details of options were pending from APA with a plan to be emailed to the Board in 2 weeks for a final decision.

Other events during the meeting were discussed. There was a concern that the opening reception present the origination in a positive manner and be a way to increase our visibility as well as attract new members. Dan Karasic indicated that the Opening reception will probably be held in an official APA hotel as this will be provided to AGLP as part of Affiliate status. The problem with this will be that food for the event will come from the hotel catering and will probably be expensive. This expense will be the responsibility of AGLP.

The possibility of having the closing at the Zoo would be too expensive. There was a discussion of the utilizing the event as a fundraiser vs. just covering the costs. The dinner has drawn anywhere from a low of 59 in Atlanta to selling out 125 seats in San Francisco. It was mentioned that the award winners might sometimes draw an audience.

The meeting booklet will be assembled by the direction of Jonathan.

The symposium will focus on Addiction. There was a discussion of the balance of pharmacotherapies vs. other interventions. There was a general desire to have the option to present both. A variety of structures for the day were suggested such as pharmacology in the AM and other interventions in the afternoon. Another suggestion was to have an AM overview with PM breakout groups focused on a variety of interventions.

Other aspects of the symposium were considered. CME's would be desirable but expensive. The APA will not assume sponsorship of CME's for Affiliate programs outside the APA's convention program. Gene Nakajima offered to inquire at the GLMA convention if they continued to have the capacity to sponsor CME's. It was observed that the symposiums on Saturday were better attended which was believed to be secondary to Sunday competition with APA events. Pharma sponsorship of the event will be needed. There was a discussion about the possibility of

Pharma booths at the event. The ECP events and Resident Events will be assigned to the respective committee chairs. Tamara Lazenby from New York will coordinate the organization of the Women's event. Mary Barber will assist her. MS/Resident HIV training update will be held on Sunday from 12 to 4. The HIV committee will hold a confidential meeting.

Awards: Mary Barber

There are four awards. The Fryer award recipient has yet to be determined from a list of suggestions. The Paulson Award will be given to David Kessler. There was a need for suggestion for the Distinguished Service Award. Mary Barber asked that ideas be emailed to her.

The Fryer Award will be presented alternating Conventions and IPS meetings. It will be presented in San Diego in May of 2007, Chicago IPS in fall of 2008, and then San Francisco in May of 2009. Because of this alternation, it was proposed that on years when the award was not being presented at IPS that AGLP provide a seminar as was done this year to increase the presence of the organization. An alternative plan would be to go to D.C. for the fall meetings of the APA with the possibility of doing an educational event for the members of other components. The decision about where AGLP fall meetings occur was discussed with the possibility of this being the President's or the Board's decision.

Board and Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Roy Harker and Petros Levounis

Roy Harker presented the financial documents from the preceding years. The budget often goes into the negative in the fall. This year there was expected to be a surplus of \$5400. In 2005 the surplus was \$3500. Budget cuts have decreased the cost/member ratio from \$244 to \$186. Prepayment of dues by Michael Golder, Jack Drescher, Kenn Ashley, Dan Karasic, and George Harrison helped with the financial situation the organization experienced during the summer.

There was a discussion of finding a variety of funding streams to support the organization. It was felt that Pharma grants are diminishing but these remaining sources should be pursued. It was observed that one of the most important factors for the organization's large grant from Janssen was a primary contact and when this was lost the grant ended. A suggestion was made that an alternate source of income might be from the banking industry in the form of a branded AGLP credit card or from grants from the banking community foundations. Also, there was a reminder about wills and other financial structures that would allow members to donate money to the organization.

Mary, Dan, and Petros Levounis presented information about the process of writing grants. It was emphasized that while people may feel that they don't have the capacity to write a winning grant that the process is not as daunting as it appears. Much of the material had previously been generated already by Mary Barber and others for grants that have already been submitted by AGLP.

Roy Harker reviewed specific items for the budget. \$1000 for travel expenses had been established for the new AGLP Affiliate Representative. \$2500 was owed for attorney fees. \$11600 was owed in deferred costs. \$20,000 was expected from the Rundle estate. The last issue of the Newsletter (August 2006) went out as a pdf to all members with email addresses. The cost for this issue was \$268. The usual cost for publication is \$1600. There was \$5400 in new revenues. Roy Harker explained that for a balanced budget in the next year that convention expenses needed to be pared by 5% for the San Diego Convention.

Rolling membership in which a membership year begins at the time of payment

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has been instituted. This is the system for new members and is different than the schedule of a calendar membership for existing members. The system will give email reminders in months prior to due date and then will ask for people to rejoin after their membership expires. Consideration of using monthly debit/credit card payment would be made difficult by cost of each transaction. Rolling membership will help to smooth out the wide fluctuations in the treasury.

Newsletter: George Harrison

The last edition of the newsletter was sent as a pdf to any member that had register an email with AGLP. This was a cost savings measure. Previously 45% to 50 % of members had elected for pdf's while 83% have registered emails. AGLP will continue to publish some copies of the Newsletter for promotion and those without email. There was a discussion of attempting to email the Newsletter as a pdf, which can be an ungainly large file and blocked by some providers vs. sending the link to the pdf, which resides on the AGLP server. A continued effort to get email addresses from the remaining 17% of members will be pursued, possibly by including a mention of this in renewal letters.

Journal Report: Jack Drescher

Material through 2007 has been submitted. Jack's last edition as Editor will be vol. 12, 2008. A meeting with Mary Barber and Howard Rubin, the new Co-Editors was to occur after the meeting. Jack's experience was that it worked well to have a group of co-editors to work as editorial board. The Board expressed its gratitude for the significant contribution that Jack Drescher had made as Editor.

Women's Committee: None

No report.

Early Career Psychiatrists: Chris McIntosh

No report.

Medical Student Report and Resident Report: Medical Students Representatives Marc Manseau, Shelly Cohen and Resident Representatives Andy Tompkins and Karl Jeffries

The committee reported that they will focused on increasing student and resident membership as well as the mentorship program. Possible ways to recruit students included AMSA, the National Psych Interest Group listserv, and GLMA. Because the success rate has been much higher with face to face contact effort will be made to go to events with prospective members. AMSA's event will be in D.C. this year and it may be possible for an AGLP member there to host an event for interested parties. Marc planned on attending the North East Regional meeting in Boston and Marshall Forstein offered to help with a reception. Shelly would be available to go to an event in Chicago.

A suggestion was made that the way to move forward with mentorship might be to contact the Minority Affairs Office and see if there would be mentors of color that could do this for GLBT trainees. Minority Affairs already has a mentoring forum. Information about this will be presented to the Medical Student Committee. Also, this discussion surfaced the idea of using the AGLP listserv to inform members of things like the need for mentors for medical students. Jack Drescher agreed to monitor this and Roy Harker will see about executing this.

Membership:

The Board expressed its gratitude for the significant amount of work and success

that Gene Nakijima and Jack Drescher have had with recruitment in the past year. They will continue to work with this committee. It appears that for the present the precipitous membership decline has been halted. There continued to be a need to bring new members into the organization because of inevitable attrition. The Board was encouraged to actively recruit both between meetings and have a presence during the meetings.

LAGCAPA:

Dan Karasic will work with members of LAGCAPA to try to identify someone that would chair this committee.

HIV Committee: see San Diego notes.**Caucus Report: Mark Townsend**

Because AGLP and the GL Caucus are separate now, AGLP will need to need a council liaison position to the caucus. As AGLP is an affiliate organization, AGLP will also need to elect a new assembly representative. It would be expected that the representative position would also be an executive committee position. This change in the executive team would require a change in the bylaws. The procedure for this is that the Secretary generates a letter with language about the amendment 90 days prior to the May meetings. At that meeting the bylaws could be changed.

Report of the AAOL Representative to the APA for AGLP

SUBMITTED FOR THE MINUTES BY DR. SCASTA.

"The Assembly of the APA has not met since I was appointed the interim representative for AGLP to the APA Assembly as an allied organization. I have completed a new member orientation. The first meeting is in November. The current action papers have more to do with the Assembly process and its relationship and power relative to the Board of Trustees. I have not seen any action papers that are specifically relevant to AGLP. The Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues has been working with the APA regarding a brief supporting gay marriage in Maryland, which has faced some new opposition from a new, unnamed member of the Judicial Action Committee. The chair of the Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues (Serena Yuan Volpp, M.D.) has been gathering additional data and articles for the Judicial Action Committee. She may want to report more details about her activities with that regard at this Fall Meeting of AGLP.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Scasta, M.D."

There was a discussion about the APA requirement for Affiliate Reps to have a stipend for their travel and lodging for meetings. If the Affiliate Rep had this stipend there would be a situation where one board member had travel stipend and the others did not.

The issue of representation for the transgendered and the Council on Minority Affairs was discussed. There was a suggestion that it would be helpful to have a Transgender Task Force to generate policy. Dan Karasic will follow up with Francis Lu from the Council about these recommendations.

New Business:

The need for a committee on LGB and DSM V was discussed. Advocacy about transgender issue relating to Gender ID disorder and support of an amicus brief might take different forms. One suggestion was to vote in members that would carry this issue. Another tack would be to advocate more directly with those in charge of the pertinent committees of the APA.

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tronic voting which would give instant and correct counts when voting on action papers. Electronic voting would give the district branches virtual complete control over what is passed and what is not. Currently, the tiny group of M/UR and AAOL representatives can make themselves heard by being very vocal during voice votes on issues that are critical to them but not of great significance to others. The small delegations can thus sway legislation that might go the other way if left to the *liaise faire* vote of the majority, voting nonchalantly with electronic buttons. And, electronic voting would cost the APA \$20,000 per session.

A couple of our more vocal AAOL reps pushed the AAOL group, when it met separately, to again ask the APA to fund AAOL expenses as it does the district branch members, rather than have individual allied groups provide the support. I have a different perspective. If the APA is gracious enough to offer an allied organization a seat in its governance, the least that organization can do is fund the costs of its representative. If that means that an individual member of an AAOL organization has to pay his or her own way (as is the case with AGLP), so be it – that is the cost of volunteerism. More than anything else, the Assembly needs benevolence and self-sacrifice. These are the qualities which will foster better lives for people who wrestle with psychiatric difficulties – and that is what the APA is all about.

David Scasta, M.D., DFAPA
Interim Representative to the APA Assembly for AGLP.



AGLP Pre-Convention Symposium:

Substance Abuse in the LGBT community

AGLP's annual continuing education symposium is planned Saturday, May 19, 2007. The event will be held at the Omni San Diego Hotel; Grand Ballroom D-E, Level 4 from, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

We have several members of the Board and others speaking this year on the subject of **Substance Abuse in the LGBT community**. AGLP Secretary, Mason Turner, MD, will speak on epidemiology. He is an Associate Psychiatrist at Kaiser Permanente, Chemical Dependency Recovery Program in San Francisco. Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A., who is AGLP's Treasurer will discuss the psychopharmacological treatment of alcohol dependence. He is the Director of The Addiction Institute of New York. We are also happy to have Jodi J. Prochaska, Ph.D., M.P.H., who is an Assistant Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, UCSF, talking about nicotine dependence and psychopharmacologic interventions. A presentation on motivational interviewing will also be included in the day long Symposium.

A Continental Breakfast will be available beginning at 8:30.

Please make plans to join us. It should be a great experience.



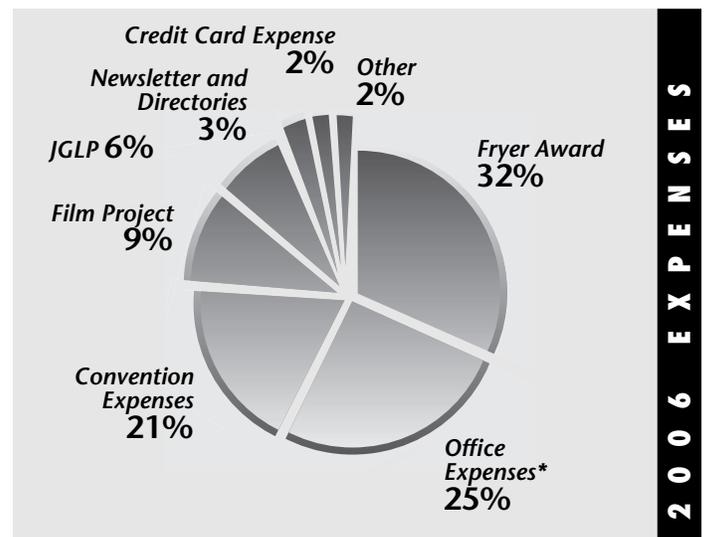
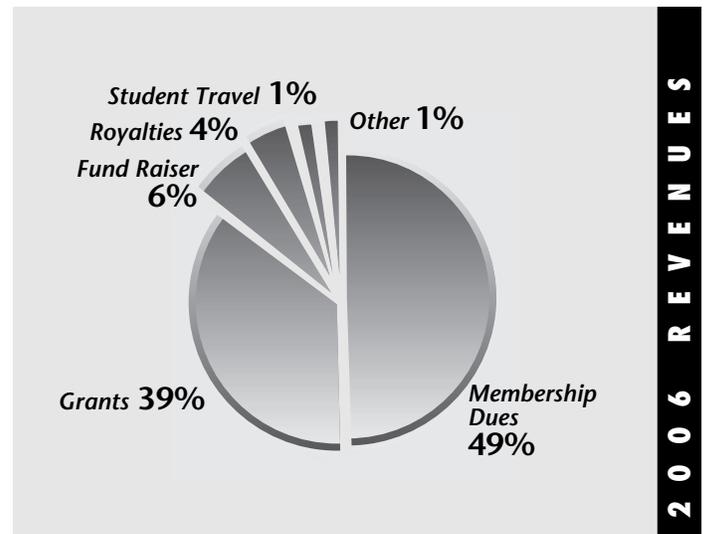
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	2006	2005
Total Receipts	\$ 150,925.98	\$ 135,120.73
Total Disbursements	\$ 158,302.61	\$ 131,700.39
Receipts/Disbursements	\$ (7,376.63)	\$ 3,420.34

TOTAL ASSETS

Beginning of Year	End of Year
\$37,696.61	\$33,228.35

*Includes salaries, postage, supplies, book inventory and mailing expenses, and telephone and internet services.

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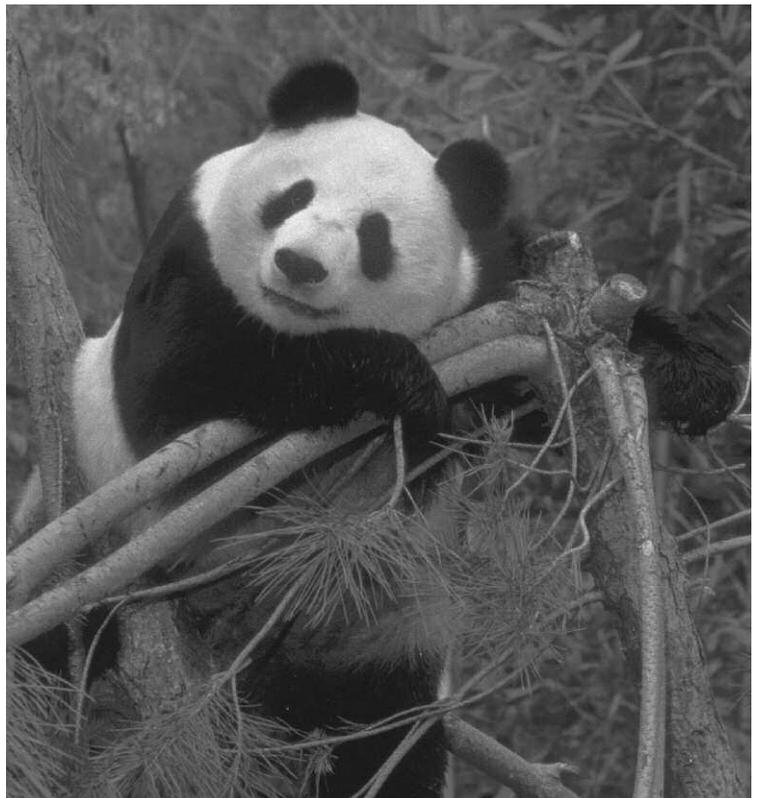
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