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San Francisco Welcomes You Once Again

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Local Arrangements Committee

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2009 finds San Francisco hosting the annual meetings for AGLP and its sister organization, the APA (Is it just me or do they always seem to be following us around?) The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) chaired by Mason Turner, M.D. has prepared a great roster of events for your edification and entertainment. The final details are being prepared for these events as we come up to May and you'll be hearing much more about the specifics soon.

San Francisco is probably familiar to many of you as it is one of the few unique cities left in America. Even people that would never dream of living in such a crazy place find the city a great departure from the usual urban experience. We're a small town pretending to be a big city. We don't have the bravado of the big cities like NYC or Chicago or the expanse of LA but we still have destination shopping, eating and arts and it's kind of homey and tucked in at the same time. Oh yes, and we have hills!

Our convention home will be the Westin Market Street. This hotel is ideally located a block from the Convention Center and steps from mass transit. San Francisco's main tourist shopping district is also just a block or two away. While there are other more gracious hotels in our city, the Westin Market Street was a good balance of price and location when chosen from the APA hotels. To avoid confusion I feel I need to point out a couple of things. First, there are two Westins in downtown SF,

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As I'm wearing a few different hats (Newsletter Editor, AGLP Board member, and Local Arrangements Committee member) I'll say a bit from each perspective.

2009 will bring AGLP back to the West Coast again. The Local Arrangements Committee have planned a mix of events which are familiar as well as some changes that hope to make the most of what San Francisco has to offer. Our host hotel is centrally located to the convention center as well as the heart of the downtown and mass transit. When you are making plans to join us you won't need to rent a car unless you want to play hooky one day to escape to the beauty of Northern California (Wine Country) or maybe a quick sprint up to Yosemite.

But you may want to stick around as the AGLP meetings as well as the APA convention should be a fascinating mix of medicine, politics, and economics this year. Our AGLP events kick off in earnest with a symposium focused on Women's Issues. (You know, the L in aglp). The symposium will be held at AIDS Health Project/UCSF, home to my day job as Medical Director. The Opening will be near the Hotel at a very fun venue in the Union Square area. And our Closing Banquet will be a reminder that the West Coast is part of the Pacific Rim as Yank Sing provides us with a Chinese Banquet at Rincon Center.

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A funny thing happened on the way to this issue of the *Newsletter*. I am participating in the AIDS Ride from SF to LA again this year and as part of preparation for this volunteers took part in a one day first aid and safety training. To counter the boredom as the day wore on we decided to learn firemen's lifts. I picked up my buddy and felt my back make a familiar if unwanted twinge. I thought "that's going to hurt." What I didn't realize was that besides aggravating my back I had managed to give myself a hernia. Motivated by pain I worked my way through the medical and insurance systems and had the repair done just last week. I was back in the office in two days and much more functional by the end of the week. What I noticed was whether from pain or medications, my moods and thoughts were significantly altered as I went through all of this. This has reminded me all too well of how poorly I do with sickness or pain. And once again it gave me just a small idea of the difficulties my patients face on a regular basis. So I guess you'd say I got quite a bit out of the safety training.

I can't let this occasion pass without a quick mention about Prop 8 here in California, the very disappointing state constitutional amendment to eradicate marriage rights for gays and lesbians. The California Supreme Court has just heard arguments to overturn this and will have a ruling perhaps as soon as the Convention. The odds makers predict that the amendment will be upheld and it would be up to the voters to rescind the amendment in a future election.

This is such a sad and defeating moment for all of us. It was a bad mix of the loss of the opportunity to turn the corner on equality for the GLBT community and at the same time identifying that given a chance, California citizens were willing to enshrine discrimination in our Constitution. This last in some ways is the saddest of all. This amendment and all the equal rights movements have always been about bringing those who have power to put aside their own issues in favor of a higher cause. It is up to us to make our case but unfortunately it seems that it is up to the majority to decide our fate.

So if this doesn't set well with you and you are trying to find a way to make a difference, supporting tools that have an agenda focused on equality is a great place to start. AGLP is one of those tools. Psychiatry has been misused as the 'science' behind discrimination and AGLP has been instrumental in clarifying the issues, pressing for the necessary changes in our specialty of psychiatry as well as the policies of the APA. There are those that mistakenly believe that medicine and science stand apart from politics. That is as deluded as to say that our patient's lives are determined only by personal psychology and not also by the context of the society in which they live.

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President's Column

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Hope

I write this column at the beginning of a hectic weekend, with many unfinished tasks still weighing on my mind, and a dispiriting confusion induced by the today's most recent national economic reports clouding my outlook. In the last quarter, the Gross Domestic Product has lost 6.2%, in part because of a 4.3% fall in the consumer index—the greatest drop since 1982. With our new President in office, there is a new sense of national hope even as memories of stability, security, and social balance become more and more difficult to entertain. It seems the possibility for practical change in the economy and in our social fabric slips into the increasingly distant future. What months ago seemed within our grasp now appears years—even decades—away in the future.

As I imagine is the case with many of you, my office has become a true healing place where people come seeking answers, reassurance, or at the very least, validation that we all are in the same boat. Before the end of 2008, when one of my patients lost his or her job, it was with some kind of a reason: a poor performance review, too many absences, health issues, etc. Since the beginning of this year, however, with companies panicking after reviewing their end-of-year numbers, employees are being laid off without justification in terms of their performance. Over the last few weeks, I have been running through medication samples as never before in order to help patients who cannot afford to pay insurance premiums, or even pharmacy co-payments, after having lost their jobs. Daily, I have to play it by ear, following my heart waiving co-pays, reducing fees, and seeing unscheduled patients, wondering all the time whether we should expect the end of health insurance as we know it.

As practitioners of the most impalpable of medical specialties, how will psychiatrists readily substantiate the medical necessity of certain psychotherapeutic treatments, which are often considered luxuries, or have restricted proven efficacy in correcting psychological problems that, until recently, were commonly regarded as character faults, such as low grade depression, social anxiety, identity diffusion, attention deficit, and impulsivity? Frankly, the prospect of having to defend in court the medical necessity of many of our most common interventions is daunting, particularly when one remembers that administering "unnecessary medical services" is, since the Clinton administration, a felony.

I worry not only for my patients: will we providers, in the near future, have to worry about incessant Medicare audits, and fear the impossibility of maintaining the confidentiality of our patients' records? Should we prepare ourselves to shoulder an ever-increasing outpatient clientele as hospitals decline to accept patients who would be better served in a hospital setting, due to downsizing or closing? Here in New York, yesterday two well known hospitals located in Queens have announced that they are going to close on Monday.

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We Still Have Work to Do

During the past year both my institution and the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation have developed LGBT Committees to address services for the community. To give some perspective on the scope of this, HHC is the largest municipal hospital and health care system in the country serving 1.3 million New Yorkers. Additionally, my institution is addressing the issues and needs of the LGBT staff.

As a member of the LGBT Committee the progress that has made is apparent as well as how much more work is left to be done. I have been reminded of how one can become insulated and complacent with the gains that the LGBT community has made in terms of acceptance and human rights. Despite what seems obvious to me and those close to me, there remain individuals at all levels of the institution, including members of the Diversity Council, who did not know what the acronym LGBT/GLBT represents. I was reminded of my medical school years when a flyer for an LGBT Committee social event was defaced and how we faced this.

Some of the more interesting and frustrating discussions have been about language. Making the wording of administrative documents/policies more inclusive will be a lengthy process. The discussion about the difference between "orientation" and "preference" took up much more time than I expected both during and after a particular committee meeting. The committee has been active—organizing a staff train-the-trainer on LGBT issues, reviewing institutional documents and policies for inclusiveness, writing "Top Ten Tips for serving the LGBT Patient Population" for distribution to the staff, and developing a LGBT-focused rotation for medical students with the institution's GME Cultural Competency Committee.

The work of educating staff and patients on LGBT issues continues. As part of this education on LGBT issues, this year the AGLP Annual Symposium on Saturday, May 16th, will be "Women's Work: Lesbian Perspectives on LGBT Mental Health." See the AGLP website for more details regarding the presentations and other AGLP events in San Francisco during the APA. Please invite your friends and colleagues to the AGLP Symposium.

Hope to see you in San Francisco!

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Editor's Column

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Prop 8 is an amendment to a state constitution and may seem far a field from the work of LGBT organizations elsewhere, but it is the common thread of equal rights that unifies these things. AGLP has a vital role in this story and in the shape of the field of psychiatry. I ask you to go beyond renewing your membership and find an active role in AGLP for yourself and make change happen for all of us.

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Dr. Margie Sved to Receive the APA 2009 Ronald A. Shellow Award



Margery Sved, MD

This year the APA will give the Ronald Shellow Award to long time AGLP member Margie Sved in honor of her enduring commitment and her outstanding work throughout her long and valuable service to the Assembly. Dr. Sved's nomination was brought forward by her District Branch. The award will be presented to her at the Assembly during the Convention in San Francisco.

The Ronald A Shellow Award was established in 2004. This award is given to a departing member of the Assembly who has served the Assembly far beyond the general standards of service evidenced by most members of the Assembly. This award was developed in memory of Ronald A Shellow MD, Past Speaker of the Assembly.

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AGLP/APA Annual Meeting 2009; San Francisco, California, May 15 through May 21, 2009. Start making your plans today! More information will appear shortly on our website - www.aglp.org.



AGLP in Yosemite in May

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I'm planning an informal AGLP trip to Yosemite National Park on Memorial Day weekend from Thursday, May 21 through Monday, May 25, after the APA meeting in San Francisco (May 16-21, 2009). Yosemite is about a four hour drive from SF. We will leave sometime during the day on Thursday and plan hikes for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Gene Nakajima and I organized a similar trip about 6 years ago, and it was a lot of fun.

For general information about the park, visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/>

We are going to stay in Wawona area of the park, which is about 45 minutes south of Yosemite Valley. Wawona is less crowded and accommodations are easier to obtain.

There are two possibilities for housing, 1) the Wawona Hotel, and 2) the Redwoods in Yosemite, which are vacation home rentals.

The Wawona, a historic hotel, near the South entrance of the park, has only 104 rooms. You can reserve by phone at (559) 252-4848 or through the website http://yosemitepark.com/html/accom_wawona.html. There is no penalty for canceling reservations, as long as it is done 72 hours in advance. They will charge a one night per room deposit on your credit card, which you will get back if you cancel the room reservation.

It is likely that the Wawona will out of rooms by the time you call. If it is

please contact me, and you can use one of the extra room reservations, which I have made. I ask for a check for the first night's deposit to secure your reservation. At the hotel, when you arrive, you will be able to transfer the rest of the costs to your personal credit card. I only have a limited number of these reservations.

The other option is Redwoods in Yosemite, which vary from rustic cabins to luxurious vacation homes and have between 1 to 6 bedrooms. It is about 2 miles away from the Wawona hotel. Depending on how many people you fit in the home, and which house that you choose, this can be cheaper or more expensive than the Wawona hotel. The other advantage of the Redwoods would be that you will have a kitchen, living room etc. They have a 10 day cancellation policy minus a \$20 deposit. Their contact info is 888-225-6666 or www.redwoodsinyosemite.com. Booking is better by phone than by the web. As of January 25th there were about 5 cabins remaining for the weekend we are traveling. They can accommodate, from 2-8 people depending on the cabin you choose.

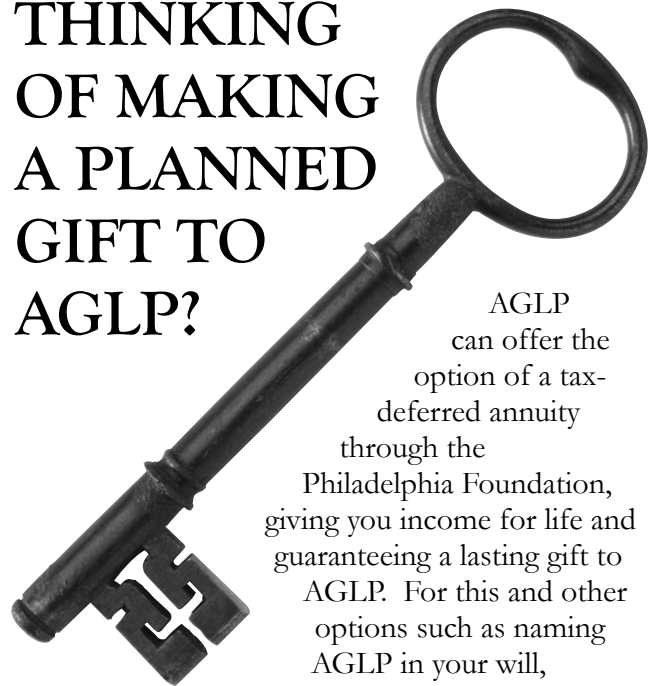
Plan now because Yosemite is a highly popular tourist destination on a holiday weekend.

If you have any questions, call me at 415 246-0888 or e mail me at hrubin@aglp.org. Please let me know if you are going so I have an idea of how many people to expect.

Hope to see you in May,

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2ND ANNUAL AGLP PSYCHOTHERAPY CASE CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH AT 1:00 TO 2:30 PM IN THE HOSPITALITY SUITE, WESTIN MARKET STREET
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I am delighted to confirm we will be continuing the tradition started last year by the Psychotherapy Committee of hosting a psychotherapy case conference in the AGLP Hospitality Suite during conference week. This year we are honored to have as our invited discussant Julie Leavitt, MD. Dr. Leavitt is a psychiatrist and an advanced candidate at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California. Besides her private practice, she is the Medical Director and faculty member at the Access Institute for Psychological Services in San Francisco. Our case presenter will be Dr. Julie Henderson, a PGY-4 resident at the University of Toronto.

ANNOUNCING OUTSTANDING PSYCHIATRY RESIDENT PAPER AWARD GIVEN BY THE JOURNAL OF GAY AND LESBIAN MENTAL HEALTH

The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health (JGLMH) is a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal that is indexed by PsychInfo. JGLMH is the official journal of the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP, www.aglp.org). We are seeking outstanding resident papers on LGBT mental health; these can be original research papers, case series and detailed case reports, or review articles. The award includes \$500, publication in JGLMH, and assistance with travel to the AGLP annual meeting (held concurrently with the APA) to present the resident's work.

The deadline to be considered for a 2009 award is April 1, 2009. Co-authored papers are eligible as well, but the resident must be the first author.

Send entries or direct questions to Roy Harker at RHarker@aglp.org.

This award is supported by a generous grant from the William A. Kerr Foundation.

HIV PSYCHIATRY- WHAT RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Sunday, May 17, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Marriott San Francisco, Pacific Conference Suite H, Fourth Floor
Marshall Forstein, M.D.

Psychiatric patients are at increased risk for contracting HIV. Conversely, people with HIV are at a higher risk for developing a psychiatric or neuropsychiatric disorder over the course of their illness. Therefore, it is vitally important that psychiatric residents are able to assess patients for exposure risk, understand complex HIV-related medical conditions, manage psychiatric and substance use disorders, and understand drug interactions and toxicities.

This Sunday afternoon workshop will provide a guide to the differential diagnosis and psychopharmacologic treatment of HIV-related mood, anxiety, and psychotic disorders and include case discussions and information on psychotherapy with HIV-positive people. Attention will also be paid to the warning signs of impairment associated with neuropsychiatric disorders.

Seating is limited and a box lunch will be served, so please RSVP by May 8th to: dpennessi@psych.org

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President's Column

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On the other hand, even as hard times and difficult choices loom ahead of us, the present moment is not such a bad one for the LGBT community. I cried sitting through the movie, *Milk*, not so much for the poignancy of its plot or the impressiveness of its cinematography, but rather because in watching the movie I relived the hope and exhilaration, along with the devastating oppression of the historical moment the film depicted. Those of us who have been around long enough to have witnessed the changes of the past thirty years should be the first to realize that, despite the bleak condition of the economy, the constantly challenged struggle to legalize same-sex marriage, and the on-going efforts to secure basic civil rights for LGBT citizens, there is a breeze of hope blowing through our community. The election of President Obama represents an undisputed turning point in history, and makes it a little more realistic for us to envision the day that a gay president enters the White House. Iceland, in electing an openly lesbian premier, has demonstrated that this dream is not a fantasy.

Otto Rank believed that the most painful trauma for a human being is birth: birth is the moment of deepest transformation. In this time of incredible social change, Rank's assertion rings especially true. Trauma is all around us, but also a web of possibilities and hope. As LGBT mental health practitioners, each one of us must hold fast to the conviction that the world is getting better. We need to understand that this time calls on us to console and support rather than to analyze; to be present rather than to instruct and to remember that, as often happens in treatment, things sometimes have to get worse before they get better. Part of AGLP's stated mission is "opening minds". Let's also try to open hearts and to keep our hearts open in the process.

I look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco.

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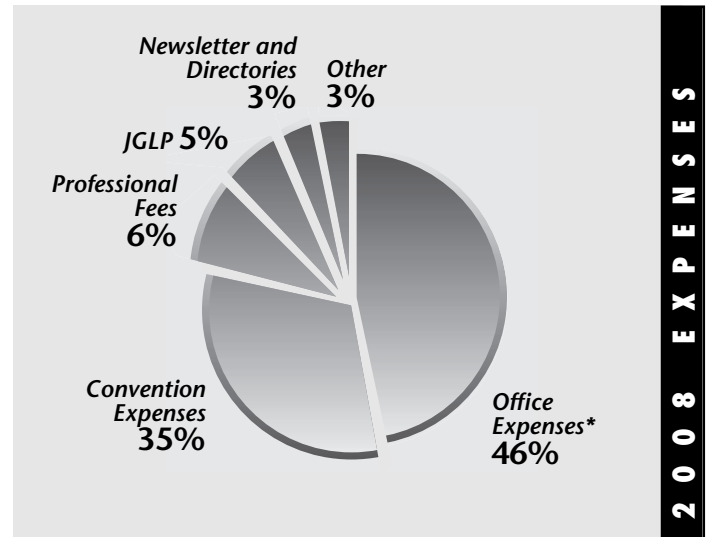
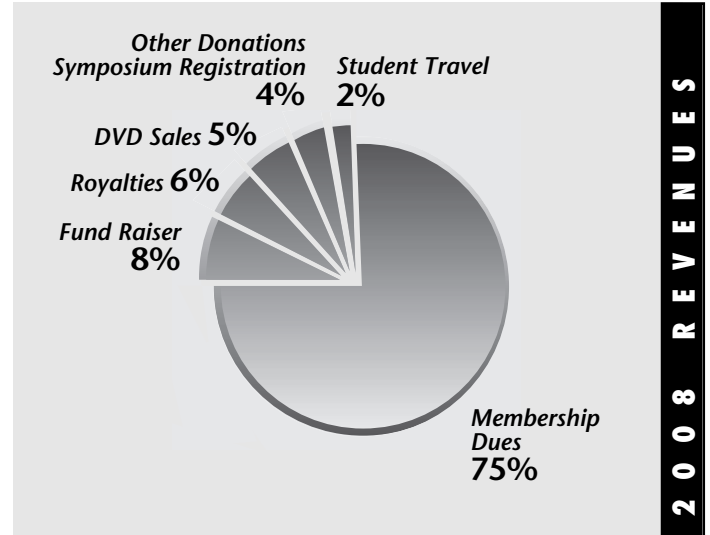
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**2008 AGLP
Financial Statement**

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LEDGER SUMMARY

	2008	2007**
Total Receipts	\$ 90,372	\$ 90,826
Total Disbursements	\$ 93,430	\$ 107,961
Receipts/Disbursements	\$(3,058)	\$ (17,135)
TOTAL ASSETS		
Beginning of Year	End of Year	
\$21,307.00**	\$19,257	

*Includes salaries, postage, supplies, book inventory and mailing expenses, bank service charges, credit card processing charges, and telephone and internet services.
** Audited figures

San Francisco

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the Westin St. Francis on Union Square, usually just called the St. Francis and the Westin Market Street. Which brings me to the second point. One wonders about Starwood Hotels when they were gobbling up hotels like a game of Monopoly. When they re-branded this hotel a few years ago they chose to name it after a street that the hotel is near but not actually on. I guess the Westin 3rd Street didn't have quite the ring they were looking for.

As I mentioned if you want to shop in all the familiar stores they are almost all here near the hotel. My idea of fun in a different city is to get as far away from the familiar as possible. I have often thought that San Francisco kept all the interchangeable big branch shopping in one part of the city as a way to save the rest of the city. Most of the residential neighborhoods contain a commercial district which offer the unique, the precious, or the down right odd. While you will see Starbucks on every other corner, with very little effort you can find yourself in a part of town that offers new sights and most importantly, eats!

When you are in San Francisco you have the chance to eat some of the best food from almost everywhere. And you can pay very little from a hole in the wall place such as Turtle Tower in the Tenderloin serving the most delicious North Vietnamese pho. Or lux it out and do some real damage to those credit cards at our most sought after restaurants: Luce, Gary Danko, Waterbar, Coi, or the sacred, French Laundry. For background information be sure to check out the San Francisco Chronicle upcoming list of the top 100 restaurants to be published in the paper on April 4th. I'm sure that you've notice the more that you pay, the less convenient the experience so make sure to get your reservations early.

You like museums? We have museums.

There are our sturdy institutions such as the Legion of Honor, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the SFMOMA. And joining these is a new edition of the de Young in Golden Gate Park across from the new Academy of Science, the new Jewish Museum and the Asian Art Museum. But there are a bunch of smaller venues working with a more focused collection. The Cartoon Museum is near the hotel, the Museum of GLBT History on Mission, or the Cable Car Museum near Nob Hill exemplifies the diversity of the collections here in town.

But for goodness sake, get outside! The most beautiful, life affirming part of this area is the land and water. Leave the conference, the shopping, and the eating behind (well maybe take just a small snack) and get up a hill or across a bridge. Take the BART. Take a ferry. Take a bike. Get out and stay out. You'll be glad you did.

In town the Embarcadero wraps from the AT&T Ball Park to the wharfs, Golden Gate Park is to the west (when's the last time you saw a buffalo?) and the Presidio is to the north just before the Golden Gate Bridge. Marin is so very accessible and with a little extra effort you can get away from it all. Or take a day trip to the wineries of Sonoma and Napa counties. To the east behind the cities of Berkeley and Oakland is Mount Diablo. By May the hills will have started to turn golden brown and the air will be filled with the promise of the summer heat to come. The peninsula is home to a variety of county parks. One of my favorites is Wunderlich County Park in Woodside. This was the country estate of James Folgers, the coffee baron. Where ever you find yourself, if you head towards a hill you'll find a special place that will remind you of how lucky you are to be here.

We hope that you join us and fall a bit in love with our town. I still feel much as I did when I first here came all those years ago. I remember my UCSF Residency interviews with Francis Lu over at San Francisco General Hospital. Towards the end of the interview he asked why I wanted to come to San Francisco. Being a bit jagged from anxiety and the exhaustion of the interview circuit, I froze. Not being able to think of some captivatingly interesting thing to say, I finally just blurted out the truth, "Because it's San Francisco!" To which, Francis, in his continuous wisdom said, "Yes, of course." And we turned to look out his windows out over the Mission and towards the hills of Twin Peaks beyond.

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AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference**Wednesday, November 12, 2008***

3:45pm (EST): 12:45 (PST) SKYPE Conference Call

In attendance: Andy Tompkins, Stephan Carlson, David Scasta, Ubaldo Leli, Mary Barber, Roy Harker, George Harrison, Kenn Ashley

I. REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETINGS

Hotel: Hotel options were again discussed with input from Dan and George. Plan was to have more information to finalize discussion at next meeting.

Booth: A deposit was place for the booth.

Guide: The *Pink Shrink* will be done by George.

Resident Events: There is a possibility of a Resident's brunch to be held at a member's home.

Awards: The Awards have been set and letters have been sent to awardees.

Symposium: Kenn has been in discussion with Mason Turner, chair of Local Arrangements Committee (LAC). Difficulty with funding and CME was discussed.

Symposium with be focused on Women/Lesbian issues and will be held at AIDS Health Project/UCSF on Saturday, May 16. Costs will be significantly contained.

Opening: Opening reception ballroom will not covered by APA this year. Budget is \$4000.

Closing: Closing reception will be at Yang King Banquet hall. A contract still needs to be finalized.

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Director: Roy Harker: Renewals are coming in at steady pace. Draft of audit was received for fiscal year 2007. Roy plans to finalize by Friday, November 14.

Development Officer: Stephan Carlson/Rob Lopatin. BAPHR grant is hopeful. Stephan and Roy will send in needed IRS documentation. Mary will be working with Stephan and Rob to come up with grant for GAP speaker's bureau. Roy will look into AGLP's participation with Independent Charities of America.

Newsletter: George Harrison: Next newsletter deadline is November 24th.

Journal: Mary Barber, Alan Schwartz: Next edition prepared for January 2009 distribution. Other editions will include transcripts of AGLP symposiums and unsolicited research. Medline and ISI listing is being discussed with Taylor and Francis. Editorial board is currently in review.

AAOL: David Scasta: Minority groups and AAOL may be eliminated due to financial constraints, with only one person possibly representing all minorities in the APA. As well, there is a request to reduce APA governance by 1 million dollars. Full email details will follow.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Retired Membership Level: Will be discussed over email over the next month.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, 2008

3:45pm (EST) – 12:45 (PST)

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference**Wednesday, December 10, 2008***

3:45pm (EST) - 12:45 (PST) SKYPE Conference Call

In attendance: Kenn Ashley, Roy Harker, David Scasta, Ubaldo Leli, Gene Nakajima, Andy Tompkins

I. REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETINGS

Hotel: Not finalized but 3 possibilities. We decide to accommodate a Board conference call for Mason to participate.

Booth: Everything in order.

Booklet: George is working on the booklet. Deadline is 2/1.

Women's events: Women's dinner has been chosen and will be reported. Mary would like a movie, *Tru Loved* (www.truloved.com) shown. This is a film about children with gay parents. Gene will investigate sites to show movie.

ECP/Residents: Andy will contact Karl, Eric, and Marc about this issue.

AGLP Awards: Dan Karasic: No response from Gavin Newsom as of yet to see if he will accept the award.

Kenn Ashley: Educational program and hospitality suite. Psychotherapy committee really would like to have meeting in suite if the suite is chosen either at the host hotel or one close to it.

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Officer: Stephan Carlson/Rob Lopatin: BAPHR grant came through!

International: Gene Nakajima: Gene went to Berlin and talked to the President-elect of German Psychiatric Association. Most likely, there will be a GLBT component of the association in the upcoming year.

AAOL: David Scasta: Possible changes in APA's organizational structure. Nothing has occurred as of yet. David encouraged AGLP to speak to Nada Stotland. There most likely will not be Fall Components next year so future EC phone calls will decide the location of AGLP's fall meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None Discussed

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14, 2009 (This may change according to Mason's schedule.)

3:45pm (EST) - 12:45 (PST)

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference**Wednesday, January 14, 2009***

3:45pm (EST): 12:45 (PST): SKYPE Conference Call

In attendance: Ubaldo Leli, Roy Harker, Andy Tompkins, George Harrison, Kenn Ashley, Mary Barber

I. REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETINGS:

AGLP has received check from BAPHR for the convention.

Hotel: Westin Market Street has been finalized as AGLP hotel.

Booth: We will not have TVs at the booth this year due to cost..

Booklet: Mary suggested an alternate guide from an outside company, *Not for Tourists*, which costs \$12/copy. Last year AGLP spent \$815 on guide for 400 copies (\$2/copy) so the alternate guide would be more expensive. George will look into the cost and possibly offer only to people who join AGLP at the meeting.

Women's events: Annabelle is coordinating women's dinner with a possible meeting beforehand at Ellen Haller's house.

ECP/Residents: There will possibly be a Brunch on Sunday with a discussion with Marshall Forstein.

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AGLP Awards: Dan Karasic: Gavin Newsom has not yet confirmed.

Educational program and hospitality suite: Kenn Ashley: Program to be held at AIDS Health Project Saturday AM. Kenn listed possible speakers but nothing finalized. We discussed possibility of donating money to Collage in order to have them speak. Roy will cancel space at APA sponsored hotel which will save AGLP money. Randy Solomon's house might be a possibility for a Resident's Brunch. Roy reminded us that we have budgeted \$500 for all allied receptions, and usually \$200 was used for Med Student/ECP/Resident lunch.

Opening and Closing Receptions: Roy has reserved a room at Westin for possible opening reception. Other options include LGBT center and local clubs.

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director: Roy Harker. He suggested we honor David Kessler with an award named after him due to his personal and financial service to the organization. Ubaldo is also planning on recognizing him in SF. We also discussed monthly financial statement which showed continued decrease in membership. Roy is worried that we might need to make further cuts to budget.

Journal: Mary Barber, Alan Schwartz: Mary met with publisher which was good. Placed grant request to John Sweet Foundation for Best Resident Paper in the journal.

Medical students: Marc Manseau. (not present). He is helping to organize events for SF as reported by Andy.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Nomination: Ubaldo selected Andy Tompkins to chair nominations committee. He will select nominations and draft a call for nominations letter.

Retired Membership Level: Roy brought up this issue which we will discuss at next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2009

3:45pm (EST) - 12:45 (PST)

AGLP Executive Committee Phone Conference

Thursday, February 12, 2009*

3:45pm (EST) - 12:45 (PST) SKYPE Conference Call

In attendance: Mason Turner-Tree, Ubaldo Leli, Roy Harker, Andy Tompkins.

I. REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETINGS:

Local Arrangements Committee:

Hotel: Roy Harker: Westin San Francisco Market Street is the AGLP hotel. Members need to book rooms soon to receive discounted rate.

Booth: Roy Harker suggested not having the couch or table. This prompted a discussion and the board agrees not to have soft furniture.

Booklet: George Harrison: has finished the editing of the booklet. The board discussed producing a nicer booklet but the price would be cost prohibitive. Ubaldo made an executive order to only produce the cheaper form of the booklet.

Psychotherapy Case Conference: Chris McIntosh: The discussant for the case conference has been confirmed, Dr. Julie Leavitt.

Women's events: The reception is finalized but women's pre-reception still needs to be decided.

Opening and Closing Receptions: We discussed raising the budget for the opening recep-

tion. Choices are APA room or Vessel. We must decide by March 14 whether to give up Westin Room. The GLBT center is closed at our desired time. Ubaldo presses the committee to keep budget as close as possible to current one. In terms of the closing reception, Mason will give us a ticket price for closing reception by March but foresees the event as budget neutral. At the next meeting, we will finalize the food and drink menu. VIP reception will be at a member's house with officers helping to serve food and drink.

Nominations: Andy Tompkins. No nominations from Andy at this time. We will still need a nomination for either treasurer or secretary.

New Orleans, LA 2010: Roy announced Stephan Carlson will be the local arrangements chair.

II. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director: Roy Harker. He gave a budget analysis which projects a surplus in accounts after the San Francisco convention if we keep the current budget. Roy will look into offering pins or other object with a budget around \$250 for VIPs. We will continue to pursue the Gill foundation grant.

President: Ubaldo Leli. He will miss the meeting in April but believes the meeting should be held in his absence.

Secretary/Treasurer: Andy Tompkins. Andy has been appointed as a consultant to the APA task force investigating gender identity disorder for the DSM V committee.

Journal: Mary Barber, Alan Schwartz: The Journal award for best Resident paper, \$500 plus travel expenses to the meeting, has been funded. The deadline for this year is April 1st. The board offers thanks to John Sweet and the Kerr Foundation. Ubaldo offered his congratulations to Mary and Roy for obtaining this grant.

Medical students: Marc Manseau. Andy wished all of the students luck on the match.

John Fryer, M.D. Award: Mary Barber. Gavin Newsom has yet to accept the award.

AAOL: (David Scasta sent this email report which has been edited for content.)

The Assembly's Executive Committee (consisting of about 30 Area Chairs and other officers from the Assembly) met in mid-January in Phoenix, AZ to discuss the downsizing of the Assembly. Dr. Nada Stotland appointed incoming president, Dr. Alan Schatzberg, as chair of an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees to direct the changes. The Assembly Executive Committee insisted that the specifics of any reduction in the Assembly should be made under the tutelage of the Assembly itself rather than foisted on it by the Board of Trustees. According to what I have been told by Dr. Eric Plakun, our Assembly Allied Organization Liaison (AAOL) chair who attended the meeting, motions to stop funding of deputy representatives, to simply cut the Assembly in half, and to increase the ratio of members to representatives were all defeated. Encouragingly for AGLP's AAOL position, the Executive Board expressed a preference for decreasing the size of the Assembly as it is currently structured, rather than combining the Assembly and Board of Trustees into a unicameral legislature. Dr. Plakun found support for the AAOL's among several in the leadership of the Executive Board but cautioned that continued presence of the AAOL's in the Assembly is "anything but assured." I will keep AGLP posted as events unfold.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2009

3:45pm (EST) - 12:45 (PST)

* Original minutes by Andy Tompkins and edited for this summation by George Harrison.

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