In many ways, GAP in 2015 is thriving. Membership is at an all-time high, and productivity as measured by the Publications Committee is superb. We are very much “America’s think tank for mental health”; however, GAP is experiencing a financial crisis.

As you may recall, we have been discussing with you our financial status for the last several years with our revenues either just matching expenses or with small but noticeable losses. Last year, there was a major loss of $70,000 against budget as many outside requests for funding, which had been a mainstay for GAP over the years, were rejected. The GAP reserve has been depleted as money has been withdrawn to pay the operating expenses.

On July 22, 2015, I convened a conference call of the GAP board and several past presidents to review the current situation. I emphasized two problems: 1) a cash flow problem, which is a problem of unpaid dues and the emergency assessment of $100 passed at the April meeting, and 2) a structural deficit, in which without outside contributions to GAP by pharmaceutical companies, foundations, or individuals, our expenses will continue to exceed our revenues.

For the first issue regarding cash flow, the board voted to require that members have paid their dues and assessments before they attend GAP meetings. This November, all attendees will have to be up-to-date to attend. For the more intermediate and longer-term problem, I appointed a financial crisis management committee, chaired by President-Elect, John Looney and consisting of Past Presidents Bonner, Flaherty, and Baron and the GAP Treasurer, Larry Gross, to review a variety of options that will be presented at the November meeting. These options include modifying the dues and/or introducing registration fees for each meeting and initiating an aggressive program of voluntary contributions from GAP members and friends. Since the conference call, we have received pledges or contributions in excess of $10,000 from the group of board members and past presidents, and it is our plan to challenge the membership to match these contributions. Further, this committee is reviewing expense cuts, which may change the nature of our meetings. The goal of all of these actions is to produce a positive bottom line for this year and for fiscal year 2016, which begins on January 1. The recommendations of this committee will be reviewed by the Finance Committee of GAP, then by the board on Thursday, and then brought to the membership on Friday morning.

Our goal is to create a GAP that is truly able to stand on its own two feet financially and not depend on outside funding. Our mission is stronger than ever and is of great value to the profession and to the nation. GAP has been a major force for psychiatry since its founding in 1948, and it is our vision that it will continue for many years to come.

Steven S. Sharfstein, M.D.
President, GAP
Announcements:

Dear Fellow GAP member:

Curbside Consult with the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry’s (GAP) Family and Cultural Committees is a column inspired by the DSM-5’s emphasis on developing a cultural formulation of patients’ illnesses and addressing family dynamics and resilience in promoting care that fosters prevention and recovery.

Curbside Consult will examine case vignettes sent in by readers and will be written collaboratively by members of the GAP Family and Cultural Psychiatry committees. The introductory column was published in the January 2015 online and print issues of Clinical Psychiatry News.

Two clinical cases with commentaries will be published later this year. Here is the citation for the initial column: Ascher, MS, Heru AM, Lewis-Fernández R, Like RC. Curbside Consult: A New Column for Clinical Psychiatry News. Clinical Psychiatry News 43(1): January 1, 2015, page 12. This column presents the history and mission of GAP.


We would welcome and invite GAP members to submit cases to epnews@frontlinemedcom.com. Please feel free to share as appropriate via email and in the GAP Newsletter.

FALL 2015 MEETING
137th MEETING OF
GROUP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

10:00 a.m. GAP Office Opens Masefield A Room
10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting Masefield B Room
12:30 p.m. Publications Board Hutchinson A Room
2:00 p.m. Board of Directors Cooper B Room
4:00 p.m. Fellows Meeting with Selection Committee Cooper A Room
4:30 p.m. Fellowship Selection Committee Masefield B Room
5:30 p.m. Reception of the Board of Directors with Fellows Room 634
6:30 p.m. Fellows Dinner Cooper A Room
9:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room Irving A and B Rooms
11:00 p.m. Hosted by: Psychopharmacology

Thursday Committee Meetings:
Administration and Leadership 6:00 p.m. Restaurant (6–Saeed)
Cultural-Family 7:00 p.m. Restaurant (8 – Heru)
History & Psychiatry 7:00 p.m. Restaurant (8 – Weiss)
Neuropsychiatry 6:30 p.m. Restaurant (4–Schildkrout)
Professionalism 7:30 p.m. Restaurant (7 – Hafter Gray)
Psychiatry & Community 7:00 p.m. Restaurant (6–Feldman)
Psychopathology 3:30 p.m. Gallery Room
Research 7:00 p.m. Restaurant (8 – Kramer)

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2018
April 12-14
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2019
April 11-13
November 7-9

2020
April 2-4
November 12-14

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