From the President

I am not sure the hotel grounds have ever been more beautiful than they were during our Spring 2010 meeting. Despite the cool temperatures and rain, Mother Nature treated us all to something quite special. Likewise, we treated ourselves to a special meeting; productive, collegial, and hopefully, enjoyable.

I would like to thank Ben Liptzin and Lisa Dixon, who rotated off the Board, for their years of service, and congratulate Larry Gross and Ellen Berman on their election to the Board. I would also like to thank Fred Stoddard and Bob Larsen for your willingness to contribute even more to GAP beyond your Committee work.

A number of issues concerning Committee structure came up at the meeting. A few Committees are having a difficult time maintaining a critical mass of members, despite ongoing efforts to recruit. Our current by-laws do not address “sun-downing” a committee that is unable to retain members. Malkah Notman has provided valuable consultation and has helped struggling committee’s get back on their feet. When efforts to revive, or establish, a Committee are unsuccessful, we need a policy to close them down. There is always an option to re-open if interest returns. Any member of a Committee closing down is free to join another existing Committee, but should first approach the Chair to express their interest. GAP membership is not jeopardized by being on a Committee which is shutting down. We will discuss this matter at our November 2010 meeting. Please forward any comments to Frances or me before November. Another issue was raised at the Steering Committee on possible membership status for PhD’s. Two committee Chairs expressed interest in having non-physician consultants be considered for membership. Strong feelings were expressed on both sides of this issue. We will discuss this at the Board Meeting in November but there is no by-law’s change being considered at this time. In true GAP style, we need to process all the ramifications. Again, please forward comments and opinions to Frances or me.

Another issue brought up by Larry Gross was considering adopting a graduated dues structure for GAP Fellows being offered full member status after completing their Fellowship. There are a number of important implications to consider. It will be added to the November Board meeting agenda as well.

At the Steering Committee a few Chairs asked about collaboration with other GAP Committees. I believe this is an excellent idea for those interested. Let us know if we can help facilitate this in any way.

Finally, a few Committees are presenting at the APA Meeting. It would be nice to stop by and support our fellow GAPers. I am hoping to have those committees consider presenting their posters at GAP in November as well. We need to continue to explore ways for Committee work to be shared with the organization beyond reporting at the Steering Committee. The poster sessions we have had in the past were successful. Any Committee interested in presenting their work in November, please contact Frances.

The Fall meeting is going to be a busy one! Have a happy, healthy, productive Spring and Summer. See you in the Fall!

Warmest regards,

Dave
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
If you know of colleagues interested in joining the following committees, please send their CV to Frances at: frda1@airmail.net
Human Aggression, International Relations, Medical Education, Psychiatry and Neuroscience

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Fellowship:
Present: Barber, Gross, Heru, Ranz, Rao
The Committee is in the process of reviewing and revising the Fellowship Recruitment Brochure and all accompanying materials (brochure and application).

The Committee will begin to evaluate the assignment of the next group of Fellows.

Publications Board:
Present: Drs. Adler, Baron, Copans, Fink, Friedman, Kaplan, Merlino, Nadelson, Notman, Robinson, Scheiber, Hamoda, Koh, Sasso

1. Update on former Reports:
   a. The Psychopathology Committee manuscript “Rational Protection of Subjects in Research and Quality Improvement Activities” was published in Psychiatric Services February 2010.
   b. The Cultural Committee editorial, “Issues for DSM-V: Role and Relevance of Culture in Psychiatric Diagnosis” was published as an editorial in Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, 2009.
   c. The Psychotherapy Committee book on Psychotherapy was published by APPI, 2009.
   d. The Committee on Medical Education’s manuscript on Recruiting Researchers into Psychiatry has been accepted by Academic Press.
   e. The Psychotherapy Committee’s manuscript: Important Medical Decisions: Using Motivational Interviewing to Enhance Patients’ Autonomous Decision Making was approved for journal submission.
   f. The Committee on Aging’s manuscript: The Public’s View of Mental Health Services for Older Adults: Responses to a Dear Abby Column was approved for journal submission.
   g. The manuscript from the Committee on Disabilities: Interpersonal Challenges in Caring for a Person with Disabilities was approved for journal submission.
   h. The manuscript from the Committee on Religion: Evildoers: Referred for Therapy, The Need for a New Model was reviewed by the Publications Board and given extensive comments for a major revision to be re-reviewed by the Board.

2. The Publications Board reviewed the first 7 of 21 chapters of the APPI book length manuscript from the Committee on Disasters and Terrorism: Disaster Psychiatry: A Clinical Guide for Mental Health Professionals. The additional chapters will be reviewed in May and June 2010 for a November 2010 submit date.

3. The new approval procedure for Op Ed pieces with 48 hour turn around has been successful and GAP approved four products:

   Mary Barber on Don’t Ask Don’t Tell:
   http://www.bilerico.com/2010/02/hiding_is_bad_for_the_militarys_mental_health.php

   Jack Drescher on the effect of antigay laws on mental health:

   Serena Volpp on children's view's on marriage equality:

   Alan Schwartz on how marriage equality is changing coming out:

David Adler, MD

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Addictions:
Present: Fromson, Lewis, Nace, Suchinsky, Sullivan, Tamerin
Guests: David Mysels and Jon Strelitzer

The Committee is working on a fast track article “Political and Legal Determinants of Controlled Medication Prescribing Practices.” This article will be targeted to mental health providers to be completed by May 2011.
The Committee will be discussing topics for next writing project and selection of new members. The first draft of the first manuscript will be completed before the Fall Meeting.

**Adolescence:**
Present: Becker, Copans, Flaherty, Harper, Onesti
Fellow: Aaron Krasner
Guest: Rita Rogers, Christopher Bellonci
The Committee is working on three projects:
1. Engaging the Depressed Adolescent published in Contemporary Pediatrics
2. Nature of Clinical Evidence to finish in the next three months
3. Monograph: Optimizing Developing of Children in State Custody in beginning phase of planning
The Committee is looking for suggestions for places to publish. The Committee would like to consult with Committees on Child Psychiatry, Family and Mental Health Services.

**Aging:**
Present: Kyomen, Liptzin, Meador, Rohrbaugh, Sakauye, Streim
Fellow: Steve Koh
The Committee is writing an article on geriatric education, awaiting IRB approval. This has already been presented at the Annual Meeting of the AADPRT. The Committee is working on the topic on workforce for caring for aging population. The first draft is in preparation scheduled to be completed May 2011, targeted at psychiatrists, policy makers and the general public. The article will be submitted to *Psychiatric Services*.

Between meetings the Committee will be brainstorming on the next project.

**Child Psychiatry:**
Present: Daly, Pfeffer, Pine, Schowalter, Stubbe, Shapiro
Fellow: David Cochran
The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Health Care Reform: Ramifications for Children’s Mental Health.” This should be completed by May 2010 and will be intended for mental health providers, psychiatrists and this will be also considered as an op-ed piece. This will be submitted for publication to *Psychiatric Times and Psychiatric Services*.

The piece will be submitted to the Publications Board as a rapid response article.

The group chose the health care bill and its ramifications for children’s mental health as a topic and plans for a brief report and an article were made. The group had consultation from the AACAP Government Affairs Staff and another invited member via conference call.

The members will provide feedback and edit drafts of the articles. Doctor Stubbe will be the lead author for the brief submission with the group providing input and edits.

Other groups working on the health care reform bill may want to collaborate on a piece for children and adults.

**College Student:**
Present: Backus, Barriera, Girard, Miner, Notman, Reich, Schwartz, Siggins
Fellow: David Sasso
Guest: Michelle Goldsmith
The Committee is working on two fast track articles, “Skills Essential for the General Psychiatrist Working with College Students” targeted at general psychiatrists to be submitted for publication to *Journal of American Association of Psychiatric Services*; and “Role of the University Health Service in the Context of Health Care Reform” targeted at university administrators and university health service staff to be submitted to *Chronicles of Higher Education*, both to be completed by Fall 2010.

Between meetings, the Committee will be reviewing and editing to finalize the drafts for these two articles and begin to brainstorm and choose the next topic.

**Cultural:**
Present: Becker, Like, Lewis-Fernandez
Fellow: Mandy Garber
Guests: Helena Hansen, Terry Dugan, MA, Magdaly Gorrry, MPH
The Committee is working on a fast track article:
- Educating Adult Psychiatry Residents in Cultural Psychiatry
- The Low Visibility of Race, Ethnicity and Culture in Psychiatric Research
Both articles are in final draft phase to be completed in two months. The first article is targeted to mental health providers, especially psychiatry preceptors/training directors to be
submitted to Academic Psychiatry. The second article will be targeted at health professionals to be submitted to the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

The plan between meetings is to complete the manuscript and start a new project.

The Committee does request a Fellow in the next group with a new project in development.

**Disasters & Terrorism:**
Present: Stoddard, Pandya, Katz, Kantor, Jones, Merlino, Dowling, Holzman  
Fellow: Chad Lemaire  
Guests: Grant Brenner and David Beckert  
The Committee is working on a monograph, “Clinical Manual of Disaster Psychiatry” and it is on schedule for completion. The first draft is near completion for October 2010 with a publication date of Spring 2011. The target audience is psychiatrists to be published by APPI.

**Gender and Mental Health:**
Present: Nadelson, Robinson, Avni-Barron  
Guests: Grant Brenner and David Beckert  
The Committee is working on an op-ed piece “Nebraska Law Restricting Abortion” which will be completed within the week to be submitted to the *NY Times* and *Washington Post*. And a fast track article “Issues Affecting Women Researchers In Psychiatry – What Helps and Hampers” with the Committee beginning to collect data that will be targeted at psychiatrists to be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry*.

Between meetings, the Committee will be working on the research project, applying for ethics approval.

The Committee would like to have a Fellow in the next rotation.

**History and Psychiatry:**
Present: Cooper-Lehki, Fidler, Gruenberg, Harry, Lipkin, Weiss  
Guests: Irene Ortiz, M.D.  
The Committee is working on a video history of early concepts of psychiatry; history of women in psychiatry, oral history of American psychiatry; history of issues in law and psychiatry, history of diagnosis in psychiatry. The first 18 minute video has been completed. The target audience is residency training programs and the general public.

The article will be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry*. Between the meetings, the committee will be reviewing the documents and edit additional narrative documents for video preparation.

**Human Sexuality:**
Present: Adelson, Bell, Friedman, Goldenberg, Schorr  
Guests: Jane Algus, M.D. and Sydney Edsall, M.D.  
The Committee is working on a fast article and an intermediate length manuscript. Doctors Goldenberg and Haase are preparing an op-ed type of manuscript on the difference between hypomania and falling in love.

Doctor Adelson is working on an academic manuscript of hypersexuality and bipolar disorder in children and adolescents.

Doctors Downey and Friedman are working on designing a study of sexuality and manic-hypomanic traits in psychotherapy patients.

All of these projects will be targeted to mental health professionals and the options for publication are being investigated. Between the meetings, the Committee will be working on all three projects.

**IMG:**
Present: Dewan, Gogeneni, Goldberg, Kramer, Rao, Sacks, Sperber  
Fellow: Hashem Hamoda  
Guest: Antony Fernandez  
The Committee is working on intermediate length manuscripts:  
a. Beyond ‘No Resident Left Behind.’ What are our standards for the initial psychiatric assessment interviews? How can our board examination process can best set this standard  
b. “Externship Programs in Psychiatry for IMG’s – A Start Up Guide”

The first draft is near complete, to be completed by August 2010. They will be targeted to residents and faculty submitted to *Academic Psychiatry*. 
Between meetings, the Committee will:
Review the drafts of the papers above
Review IMG workforce stats
Review IMG institutes

This work will be conducted with monthly conference calls.

**LGBT:**
Present: Ashley, Barber, Dresher, Herbert, McAfee, McDowell, Rosario, Schwartz, Volpp
Guest: Andy Tompkins
The Committee is requesting a Fellow at the next rotation.

The Committee is working on a fast track article with the topic chosen to be completed in one week targeted at the general public. The Committee is doing on camera interviews with the media consultant, Cathy Renna and developing op-ed pieces on:
- Pedophilia/the Catholic Church
- The new Obama directive on hospital visits by patients
- Don’t ask – don’t tell
- Supporting gay and gender – atypical youth

The Committee would be very happy to consult with other committees that want to move in this direction.

**Medical Education:**
Present: Belitsky, Dickstein, Kaplan, Scheiber, Silberman
The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Recruiting Researchers in Psychiatry: the Influence of Residency vs. Early Motivation.” The article has been accepted by *Academic Psychiatry* pending final revisions. The article should be completed by May 2010 and targeted at psychiatric educators and administrators.

The Committee will be discussing the final draft, and discussing possible follow-up projects, planned for APA workshop. The Committee will finalize the workshop plans, prepare and send final draft and begin the preparation of a manuscript based on the workshop.

At the Fall Meeting, the Committee will be discussing barriers to research careers for women and considering possible effects on psychiatric education of the new health care legislation.

The Committee is looking for new members.

**Mental Health Services:**
Present: Ranz, McQuistion, Skiandos, Carino, Sethi, Arbuckle (via phone conference)
Fellow: Ben Brody
Guests: Stephanie LeMelle, Glen Davis, Sosunmola Shoyinka, Joanna Fried, Michael Weinberg
The Committee is working on a fast track article. The Committee is working on validating instrument to assess training in systems based practice as residency programs and initiating a consultation project to strengthen SBP training at four sites.

**Preventive:**
Present: Compton, Koplan, Oleskey, Shim
Fellow: Fred Langheim
The Committee is working on a fast track article “Preventive Psychiatry Can be Ideally Situated in Integrated Treatment Settings” to be submitted to *Psychiatric Services* in the Summer 2010. This will be intended for mental health providers/psychiatrists.

Work to be done between the meetings is to further write this manuscript and prepare a separate abstract for an international conference.

**Psychiatry and Community:**
Present: Lamb, LeMelle, Nunley, Osher, Talbott, Munetz (via teleconference)
The Committee is working on a monograph, “A Clinician’s Guide to The Mentally Ill in the Correctional System. Prevention: Evaluation, Continuity of Care, Treatment, Educating the Team in Correctional System, Welfare of Patient or community, insufficient training; Why the system is the way it is. The draft is draft process to be completed in two years targeted at mental health providers to be submitted to APPI.

The Committee will be reframing monograph’s content and re-ordering topics and inserting the 2500 letters received from prisoners with mental illness.
Psychiatry and the Law:
Present: Ash, Giorgi-Guarnieri, Newman, Pinals, Resnick
Fellow: Megan Testa
Guest: Richard Martinez
The Committee is working on a monograph of law cases that changed how mental health treatment is practiced, written with emphasis on impact of case and human interest issues in the case, as opposed to legal issues.

The Committee has the first draft in preparation with November 2011 being the completion date targeted at mental health providers. This will be submitted to APPI and Oxford Press. The Committee will be consulting on IRB issues. Between meetings, the Committee will divide up the topics and review drafts of several chapters.

Psychiatry and Religion:
Present: Burton, Snyder, Lewis
The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Therapy with Evil-Doers.” The final draft is near completion. The Committee is hoping to have a final draft resubmitted to the Publications Board at this meeting. The article will be targeted at mental health professionals and submitted to a journal. The Committee is looking for suggestions for appropriate journals.

The Committee will be bringing final draft to completion for resubmission to the Publications Board and begin work on a second related paper on treatment.

Psychopathology:
Present: Adler, Dixon, Oslin, Goldman, Hackman, Siris
Fellow: Rebecca Lewis
The Committee is working on a fast track article, “Health Reform and the Discipline of Writing for the Era of the Electronic Medical Record.”

Psychopharmacology:
Present: Baron, Goin, Gross, Slaby
The Committee is working on a fast track article “Effect of Black-Box Warning on Prescribing of Anti-Depressants.” The article will be re-reviewed by the Publications Board. The article will be completed by Fall 2010 and submitted to Primary Psychiatry. The Committee will begin a new project at the Fall Meeting.

Psychotherapy:
Present: Bauer, Clemens, Kay, Lazar, Mellman, Myers, Oldham, Plakun, Sledge, Viederman, Yeomens,
Fellow: Stephanie Gianandrea
Guest: Beth Brodsky
The Committee is working on an article “Psychotherapy for Suicidal Behavior” with the first draft in preparation. The date for completion is Spring 2011 and targeted at general health care providers. It will be submitted to the American Journal of Psychiatry. Between meetings the Committee will be reviewing the draft, complete the outline and integrate present contributions.

Research:
Present: Beahrs (via teleconference), Gardner, Keith, Sutton, Verhulst
The Committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript on evidence based psychiatry with the final draft to be completed November 2010 targeted to psychiatrists/mental health professionals. This will be submitted to Academic Psychiatry for publication.

Between meetings, the Committee will be editing the final draft of the paper, using google docs to do the final editing.

Terrorism & Political Violence:
Present: Post, Shanfield, Weine, Beahrs (via teleconference)
Fellow: Neil Aggarawal
Ittleson Consultant: John Horgan
The Committee is working on fast track articles:
Trauma and Radicalization
Home Grown Terrorism: Radicalization in Domestic Diaspora Communities

The target date is one year targeted at terrorism scholars and mental health providers. The articles will be submitted to Political Violence and Terrorism, Psychiatry.

The Committee plans to divide the topic of psychology of radicalization into two topics. The briefing by Horgan on deradicalization and disengagement for terrorism was very helpful. The Committee will have an email exchange with the two leaders on individual papers identified.
Work and Organizations:
Present: Gibson, Greiff, Heidel, Larsen, Long, Morrison
The Committee is working on a monograph Finding Fulfillment at Work. The work is so central to our existence emotionally, psychologically and physically, the decisions we make about what to do (or not do) carry significant consequences to our well being, our work will help young people with career choices.

The anticipated date for completion is 2012 targeted at the general public. Between meetings, the Committee will continue interviews and begin the initial draft of the manuscript.

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