

CIRCULAR LETTER #596

Post-Meeting Fall

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 2005

The 60th Anniversary meeting was really terrific! Many members told me so, for which I am grateful. Several things came up during the meeting which I think will help us go in the right direction.

First of all, we are going to have a strategic planning retreat before the April meeting including the Board, the Steering Committee, and some additional key members to see if we can develop plans to try to achieve financial stability and also point us in some new directions while retaining some of the precious traditions of GAP. This will just be a beginning and, hopefully, the process will yield some good results and allow productive discussions about problems and areas of controversy.

Second, for a number of years there has been a growing curiosity about what some committees are working on and we have tried to address this by getting committees to prepare a plenary. The idea of having one or two committees develop a poster presentation to be put up on the second floor hallway and remain there throughout the meeting seems like a new and innovative way to allow the members to learn about some of the interesting work that is going on in the organization. Some members of other committees may have some helpful ideas and I think it will really enhance communication within GAP and build greater collegiality.

The growth of the organization is encouraging and, hopefully, we will fill in slots where people have moved to contributing membership or where the committee members feel a need for an additional member who may have some new research or a new clinical approach which will sharpen the work of the committee.

Slowly but surely, more members are using the website and the listserves. I know it's tough for me to enter cyberspace, but it seems to be getting worse. There's a new gadget or expensive toy coming out almost every day and I find myself sitting at a dinner table wondering what my friends are talking about! But I did get an IPOD, so I can take opera with me wherever I go.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Paul Jay Fink, MD
President

Robert Garber
1912 ~ 2005

It is with deep regret that I inform the membership of the death of Robert Garber at age 93 who was one of our most prestigious past Presidents. Hew as President GAP in 1963 and President of the APA in 1970. He was always at the GAP meetings until his macular degeneration inhibited his attending.

Bob was a warm, gentle, congenial, and modest man. He was first and foremost a wonderful clinician, an educator, an administrator, and a superb mentor. He became the Superintendent of the New Jersey Neuropsychiatric Institute at its inception and then moved on to become the Medical Director of the Carrier clinic, which was one of the most prestigious, private psychiatric hospitals in America.

All who knew Bob loved him. He will be sorely missed. Those who desire to send a contribution send it either to GAP or the APA.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fellowship:

Present: Steve Shanfield, Nyapati Rao, Alison Heru, Jane Rosenthal, Russell Gardner

All Fellows in attendance

The Fellows are working on the Plenary Program Presentation that will be presented at the Fall 2006 Meeting. They are working on finalizing the topic and assigning individual components.

Larry Gross, M.D., Chair

Publications Board:

Present: Drs. Adler, Baron, Fink, Flaherty, Merlino and Nadelson

1. Update on Reports
 - a. "Stalking" from the Committee on Psychiatry and the Law. The Publications Board has reviewed and given feedback on the eight of ten chapters that have been submitted to us. Oxford Press will be publishing this book.
 - b. The IMG Committee's manuscript and revised annotated bibliography "International Medical Graduates in the Work Force" was approved for journal submission.
 - c. The Committee on Mental Health Services' manuscript, "The Tipping Point" was approved for journal submission.
 - d. The manuscript from the Committee on Child Psychiatry entitled "Temperament: A Ten Year Review" was approved for journal submission.
 - e. Russell Gardner and members of the Research Committee were asked to put together an issue of Psychiatric Annals on "The Social Brain in Clinical Practice". The introduction and lead chapter were approved as GAP products and appeared in the October 2005 issue.
 - f. The Committee on Aging's manuscript "Medicare Managed Mental Health Care: A Looming Crisis" appeared in the July 2005 issue of Psychiatric Services.
 - g. The Committee on the Family's manuscript entitled "Basic Family Skill for General Psychiatric Residents" was accepted by Academic Psychiatry.
 - h. The Committee on Medical Education's manuscript on Volunteer Faculty was accepted by Academic Psychiatry.
2. Web Site: To **clarify**: The current process of **content** approval of all committee products (short and intermediate length reports reviewed by the Publications Board but the committee has decided not to seek journal submission, power point presentations, and other creative products) involves review by the Chair of the Publications Board and President of GAP in conjunction with the Committee Chair. The Committee on Psychiatry and Community has gone through this process. At least four other committees are in the process of preparing web-based presentations that will undergo this review in between meetings. Some of the proposed products will require technological input and should at this time be reviewed with Seth Posner, our webmaster. The old GAP website is being shut down and all data migrated to the new website. There will be ongoing review of the website to ensure its capacity to service GAP's needs.

OPERATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Addictions:

Present: Nace, Suchinsky, Frances, Galanter, Westermeyer, Levin, Sullivan,
 Guest: Florian Birkmeyer
 Fellow: Bryan Tolliver

The Committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript, second paper on use of coercion in substance abuse treatment in the final draft, anticipated to be completed in January, 2006 and targeted to mental health providers. At this time, the committee is exploring publication in several journals and will be working on a new topic. Ed Nace, M.D., Co-chair and Richard Suchinsky, M.D., Co-chair

Adolescence:

Present: King, Flaherty, Onesti, Becker, Harper
 Fellow: Stephanie Sander
 Guest: Stu Copans

The committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript "Perspectives on Diagnostic Formulation, Elements of Clinical Competence" with the first draft near completion, anticipated to be complete by November 2006 and targeted to mental health providers/psychiatrists. The journal, *Adolescent Psychiatry* is the publisher. Robert King, M.D., Co-Chair

Aging:

Present: Carl Cohen, Ben Liptzin, Ken Sakauye
 Guest: Susan Schultz, Bob Rohrbaugh, M.D., representative from AADPRT
 Fellow: Kelli Harding

The Committee is considering the following topics for a monograph:

- Geriatric Curriculum
- Disaster Planning for Older Persons

The target audience will be Residency Training Directors for the first topic and the general public for the second topic. The article will be submitted for publication in *Psychiatric Services*.

Benjamin Liptzin, M.D., Chair

Child:

Present: Peter Jensen, Peter Tanguay, Jack McDermott, Markus Kruesi, Cynthia Pfeffer, John Schowalter
 Fellow: Guido Frank

The committee has a new topic under discussion as the work just completed was approved the Publications Board for publication.

John Schowalter, M.D., Acting Chair

College Student:

Present: Varda Backus, Malkah Notman, Peter Reich, Lorraine Siggins, Robert Wenger
 Guests: Kristine Girard, Victor Schwartz

The committee is working on a fast track article:

- Dilemmas in Student Mental Health (January 2007)
- Prospectives: Are Students More Mentally Disturbed? (January 2007)
- Stretched Too Thin? Student Mental Health Services Under Stress (January 2006)

The target audience will be mental health providers and will be submitted to the *American Journal of Psychiatry and New England Journal of Medicine*.

The committee selected new topics; discussed stresses on student mental health due to current legal actions and worked on completing the report on Student Mental Health Services.

The committee members running campus services will develop themes of the dilemma paper. Peter Reich, M.D., Chair

Cultural:

Present: Ed Foulks, Prakash Desai, Fred Jacobsen, Francis Lu

Guests: Ann Becker

The committee is working on a fast track manuscript: Impact of 9/11 on IMG psychiatry residents
Focus group findings that could help guide training programs Race, Ethnicity and Culture – related variables in psychiatric research
Psychiatric Research – Current Status of the DSMIV Cultural Formation

The target dates of these projects are January 2006 and July 2006 targeted at academic psychiatrists and mental health providers to be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry and American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Roberto Lewis-Fernandez, M.D., Chair

Disabilities:

Present: John Gale, Sanjay Gulati, Robert Nesheim, William Sack

Guests - Ittleson Consultant: Rachel St. John, M.D. (Georgetown Univeristy)

Purpose of visit to committee: Rachel runs a pediatric clinic at Georgetown for children with deaf parents. She also teaches at Gallaudet. She brings tremendous energy and interest to the committee's current projects. As a pediatrician with a Masters in mental health counseling, she is ineligible to join GAP; we are therefore grateful for her approval as a consultant to the current batch of projects.

"Old" projects:

A. Our brief paper concerning changes in Technical Standards for admission to U.S. Medical schools is complete, and is on its way to the Publications Committee. (Primary persons responsible: Rachel St. John, John Gale)

B. Our paper on interviews with Deans at U.S. Medical Schools has passed through the Publications Committee and submitted for publication. (Primary responsible person: Bill Sack)

C. Our paper on medical student surveys received is in the final stage of double-checking out data, and will then be submitted to the Publications Committee. (Primary responsible person: Sanjay Gulati) Estimated completion 4 weeks.

"New projects:

D. A potential paper on subsyndromal conditions is in draft stage; committee members are gathering feedback from practicing physicians they know. (Primary responsible person: Sanjay Gulati, Estimated completion 1 year.)

E. A potential critique of Evidence-Based medicine is in brainstorming phase (Primary responsible person: Bob Nesheim, Estimated completion 1 year.)

F. A look at consequences of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning the rights of disabled students to access education when school system and parents disagree is in literature search phase (Primary responsible persons: Rachel St. John, John Gale, Estimated completion 1 year.)

Anticipated audiences:

For "old" projects—Deans of U.S. Medical schools and others who work with disabled students at the graduate school level.

For "new" projects:

D and E. general physicians

F. special educators, parent advocates, general physicians dealing with disability issues

Likely publication venue:

For "old" projects, disability-oriented journals.

For "new" projects:

D: Resident and Staff Physician or similar

E: JAMA or similar (letter to the editor)

F: Educational or Disability oriented journal

Focus of work during the meeting. We reviewed the status of our old projects, laid the plans for completing them. We created our current list of new projects and assigned the work for each of them among the members.

And that's it :)

Sanjay Gulati, M.D., Chair

Human Sexuality:

Present: Rick Friedman, Arthur Schore, Jennifer Downey, Elizabeth Haase, Stuart Adelson, David Goldenberg
 Fellow: Sidney Edsall
 Guests: Robinette Bell, Susan Fisher, Ralph Wharton

The committee is working on selecting a topic with the presentation of background data on research in sexual behavior and ideation. The choice of research topic will be addressed at this meeting with assignments made at this meeting.
 Jennifer Downey, M.D., Co-Chair

International Medical Graduates:

Present: Milton Kramer, Jeff Goldberg, Nyapati Rao, Brunhild Kring, Mantosh Dewan, Mike Myers
 Fellow: Ramotse Saunders
 Guests: Karen Saperson

The committee is working on an intermediate length manuscript.
 Annotated Bibliography of IMG Literature (approved by Publications Board)
 Workshop at APA May 2006 on IMG Issues
 Teaching tapes on Psychiatry Interviewing
 Draft of a paper on psychiatric interviewing
 Draft of a paper on discrimination issues pertaining to IMG's

The targeted audience is psychiatry residents, psychiatrists, and faculty at training programs to be submitted to *Academic Psychiatry*.

The committee decided to proceed with teaching tapes and tasks were assigned to each member to be completed before the next meeting. The committee will be working in developing pilot interviews tapes, access standardized patients and professionals and the completion of draft paper on discrimination as related to IMG's.
 Nyapati Rao, M.D., Chair

International Relations:

Present: John Kafka, Gabrielle Marzani, Rita Rogers, Scott Twentyman, Bob Dorn
 Fellow: Susan Meffert
 Guest: John Young, Edwig Plotnick

The committee is working on a fast track article and an intermediate length manuscript on leadership dynamics of crisis. The project is expected to be completed November 2007 targeted at non-psychiatric expert audience in public policy/political science.
 Scott Twentyman, M.D., Chair

LGBT:

Present: Serena Volpp, Vernon Rosario, Ed Hanin, Jack Drescher, Ben McCommon, Jeffrey Guss, Mary Barbert
 Guest: Sally Herbert

The committee is working on a web based product on LGBT Issues in Psychiatry Training Modules for Residents to be completed in 2006 targeted at psychiatry residents, psychology and social work students.
 Serena Volpp, M.D., Co-chair and Vernon Rosario, M.D., Co-chair

Medical Education:

Present: Carolyn Robinowitz, Ed Silberman, Ruth Levine, Leah Dickstein, Carol Bernstein, Steve Scheiber, Carol Nadelson
 Fellow: Paul Jones

The committee is considering, state licensure questions regarding stigma of psychiatric illness and the training of research psychiatrists. This will be completed by April 2006 and will be targeted at state licensing bodies. This will be submitted to *Journal of Academic Medicine*.
 Stephen C. Scheiber, M.D., Acting Chair

Mental Health Services:

Present: Sigurd Ackerman, Rich Lippincott, Jules Ranz, Ann Sullivan, Michael Vergare

The committee is working on a fast track article on “The Tipping Point: Early and Mid-career Psychiatrists now spend more time in publicly funded settings than in private practice office practices.”

This will be completed and submitted to *Psychiatric Services* targeted at psychiatrists.

Michael Vergare, M.D., Chair

Preventive Psychiatry:

Present: David Pruitt, Larry Wissow, Carol Koplan, Rebecca Powers, James MacIntyre

Fellow: Tony Charuvastra

Guest: Michael Compton

The committee is working on a journal article or a special section article “Prevention Psychiatry.” The content outlines is in progress with completion slated for mid-2007 targeted to psychiatrists and mental health professionals to be submitted to *Psychiatric Annals*.

David Pruitt, M.D., Chair

Psychiatry and Community:

Present: John Talbott, Fran Cournos, Mark Munetz, Joe Merlino, Jake Roth, Richard Lamb

Fellow: Amir Garakani

The committee is working on a fast track consisting of several columns, “Shibboleths in Psychiatry.”

The anticipate date to complete this project is 2006 and will be targeted to residents, ECP’s, psychiatrists, policy and administrative leaders to be submitted to *Psychiatry News and Clinical Psychiatry News*.

John Talbott, M.D., Co-Chair

Psychiatry and the Law:

Present: Ken Ash, Deborah Giorgi-Garnieri, Doug Mossman, Phil Resnick, Robert Phillips, David Kapley, Deborah Pinals

Fellow: John Cooke

The committee is working on a monograph on stalking to be completed March 2006 targeted to MHP’s, public and legal professionals.

Deborah Pinals, M.D., Chair

Psychiatry and Religion:

Present: Richard Lewis, Keith Meador, Clyde Snyder

The committee is working on a fast track article of: Treatment of Evildoers, a report of journal length, addressed to community mental health workers, on the problems of effective treatment of anti-social patients to be completed by the end of this meeting to be submitted to *Journal of Community Mental Health* or *Family Process*.

Richard Lewis, M.D., Chair

Psychopathology:

Present: Rebecca Dulit, David Adler, Jeff Berlant, Beth Goldman, Devra Braun, Sam Siris, Victor Fornari, Bill Sonis, Lisa Dixon (by phone)

The committee took this meeting time to discuss the process and viability of our committee. The committee is assessing our focus, leadership and membership. The committee will spend time to reconfigure.

Rebecca Dulit, M.D., Chair

Psychopharmacology:

Present: Dave Baron, Cal Sumner, Larry Gross, Marcia Goin, Drew Slaby,

Guest: Nadeem Bhanji

Fellow: Bernard Fisher

The committee is working on a fast track article on “DTC Impact on Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Practice.” The final draft will be completed December 2005 and targeted at psychiatrists to be submitted to *Psychiatric Services* or *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

David Baron, D.O., Chair

Psychotherapy:

Present: Susan Lazar, Larry Rockland, William Sledge

Guests: Bruce Rounasville, Jerald Kay, Stephen Bauer

The committee is working on a new project.

William Sledge, M.D., Chair

Research:

Present: John Behars, Russell Gardner, Jacob Kerbeshian, Beverly Sutton, Alan Swann, Johan Verhulst

Guests: Carlo Carandang, Doug Kramer, Michael Schwartz

Fellow: Daniel Mayman

The committee is looking at research that supports a diagnosis and probably will choose to look at bipolar or PTSD. The project is estimated to take 3 years, targeted at psychiatrists, psychiatry residents to be submitted to *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Beverly Sutton, M.D., Chair

Social Issues:

Present: Jane Rosenthal, Ian Alger, Perry Ottenberg, H. James Lurie

The committee is working on a fast track article currently choosing a topic.

H. James Lurie, M.D., Chair

Terrorism:

Present: Fred Stoddard, Steve Weine, Steve Shanfield, Jerrold Post

Guests: Joel Gold

Fellow: Schuyler Henderson

The Committee is working on a fast track article on “Roles of Psychiatry in the Context of Terrorism” with the final draft nearing completion targeted at psychiatrists to be submitted to *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Fred Stoddard, M.D., Chair

Therapeutic Care:

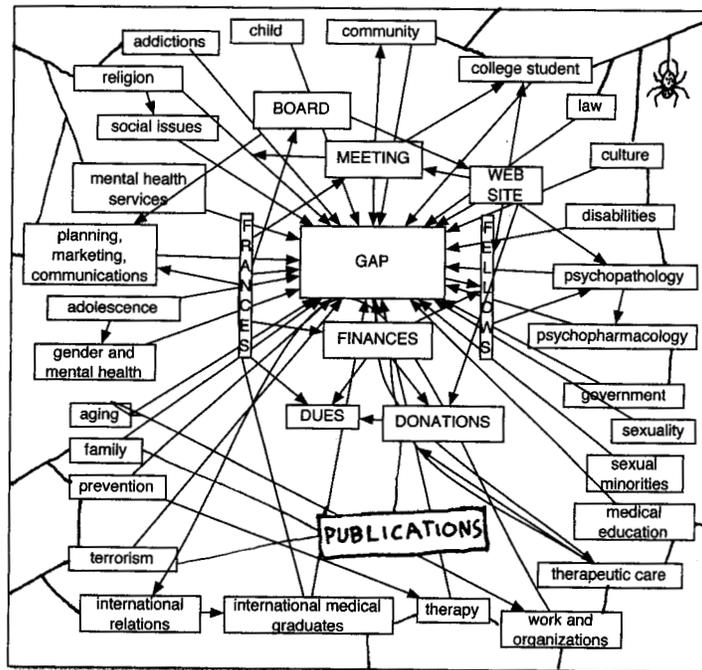
Present: John Lipkin, Don Hammersley, Don Fidler, Milton Kramer

Guest: Ryan Finkenbine

The committee is looking at two topics: Sanctuary Model/Inpatient Care and Ranking Factors for Psychiatry Departments. The anticipated date for completion is 18-24 months targeted at psychiatrists and mental health professionals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please send names of any industry contacts to Frances at: frdal@airmail.net



**DATES OF FUTURE
GAP MEETINGS**

2006
APRIL 6-8
NOVEMBER 9-11

2007
MARCH 29-31
NOVEMBER 8-10

2008
APRIL 10-12
NOVEMBER 13-15

2009
APRIL 16-18
NOVEMBER 12-14

2010
APRIL 15-17
NOVEMBER 11-13