



BOARD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.



Dear Certified Psychodramatists:

Greetings to you all, and congratulations to the candidates who recently took the written certification examination — fourteen CP and six TEP candidates, with seven from the U.S., eight from Taiwan, three from China, and two from Canada. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to

our multi-talented, multi-tasking Board Executive Director, Dale Richard Buchanan, for coordinating the administration of the test across multiple time-zones.

Fall is typically a busy time for the Board, this year was no exception. During our September meeting, we welcomed new Director, Michael Gross, CP representative, and returning Director Martica Bacallao, TEP representative. A major agenda item of the meeting was to prepare the 2017 written examination. Our goal was to write clear, coherent questions to enable candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. The exams are now being reviewed by members of our community who have offered their time and expertise for this task.

The Board addressed several other issues at our meeting. We have nearly finalized a process for new hires, including expedited hires in an emergency and routine hires. To ensure an equitable process, we developed structured questionnaires and scoring sheets for the interviews. The Board also continues to develop new organizational policies necessitated by the change of the Executive Director's position from contractor to employee.

The Board has given careful consideration to the Primary Trainer role, integrating feedback received at last year's Conversation Hour at the Annual ASGPP Conference. The concern is for the Primary Trainer to have sufficient time to observe and mentor the Trainee over time. Currently, the certification standards do not stipulate a specific number or percentage of training hours to be received with the Primary Trainer. However, the document, "The CP Journey" posted on the ABE website, does state that "a trainee must have a Primary Trainer who has provided a minimum of 390 hours of training ..." The point is to ensure

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Board Conversation Hour

If you are attending the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama at the Crowne Plaza North Dallas Near Galleria-Addison Texas, we invite you to come to our annual Conversation Hour, Saturday, April 21st at 1:30pm. Board Directors will be present to answer your questions and address your concerns.

ELECTIONS NOTICE

The Board has openings for two T.E.P. positions and one C.P. position. Members are expected to pay for one-half of their transportation and all other expenses to attend twice yearly meetings. One meeting is held in January and the other is held in September. The dates and location for the meetings are set by the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in standing for election, please contact our office and we will send you instructions for writing a brief biographical statement. Nominations must be received by January 5, 2018. Once again, the Ballot will be sent via email. If you would like a paper copy of the ballot you must send the Board a self-addresses stamped envelope by January 15.

ELECTED BOARD DIRECTORS

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

- President:* Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.
- Vice-President:* Donna Little, M.S.W., T.E.P.
- Secretary:* John Olesen, M.A., T.E.P.
- Treasurer:* Linda Richmond, Ph.D., C.P.
- Directors:* Martica Lourdes Bacallao, M.A., M.S.S.W., Ph.D., T.E.P.
Lin Considine, M.S., L.M.H.C., T.E.P.
Michael Gross, PhD, RADT-II, CET-III, C.P., P.A.T.
Louise Lipman, L.C.S.W.-R., C.G.P, T.E.P.

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Members are encouraged to submit Newsletter materials.

MAY NEWSLETTER

The May 2017 issue of Board News is available for reading at our website (www.psychodramacertification.org) and look under Newsletters for the May 2017 Issue.

This color twenty-page issue contains bios and photos of eighteen recently certified psychodramatists. The issue contains a column from our "outgoing" President, Lin Considine, L.M.H.C., T.E.P., and our "incoming" President, Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.

This issue includes the 2016 CP & TEP written examinations as well as two articles on the evaluation of the 2016 written examinations, that highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the 2016 exams. There is also an article by Ann E. Hale, M.A., T.E.P., "Commentary on the Sociometric Section of the 2016 Exam for Practitioner Candidates by a Reader."

In addition, there are articles on "Distance Learning", "Why You Should Become Certified", "On-Sites in Asia," "Suggested Best Practices for Primary Trainers", and "Why You Should Become Certified."

The newsletter also features "Spotlight On Recently Published Articles by certified psychodramatists" and the "Final Report From the Zerka T. Moreno Memorial Task Force."

Judy Swallow, M.A., L.C.A.T., C.R.S., T.E.P. wrote about her experiences of being a Board Director "Then & Now" and Linda Richmond, Ph.D., C.P. wrote about her experiences as a new Board Director "Reflections of A New Board Director."

The issue also contains the 2016 Income & Expense Report, and appreciations to all those who volunteered their services during the past year to the Board. Last, but certainly not least, the newsletter contains memorials for three distinguished psychodramatists – Zerka T. Moreno, Joe Powers and Dolores Ripper.

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a substantial relationship that enables the Trainer to assess the Trainee's strengths and challenges over time.

Rather than propose a change to the certification standards, the Board decided to undertake an educational effort. As a first step, the article, "Suggested Best Practice Guidelines for Primary Trainers," was published in the May 2017 *Board News*. The Board also discussed the possibility of a workshop on this topic targeted to both new and veteran TEPs.

In consideration of the challenging economic times, the Board decided, for the fifth consecutive year, not to raise the membership fees. Board policy states that certification is terminated for members who fail to renew. So, please protect your investment by ensuring you don't let your certification lapse.

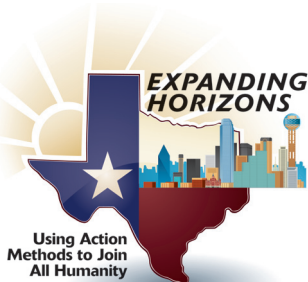
Several other policy issues will be discussed during the Board's January 2018 meeting. We will report on these during the **ABE Conversation Hour** at the ASGPP Annual Conference in Dallas (April 19-22, 2018). Please join us to voice your opinions on key policy and strategic issues.

To those whose lives have been affected by recent hurricanes, fires, or other natural disasters, we send heartfelt good wishes. And, to all, we wish you a peaceful, joyous and abundantly blessed holiday season.

With warm wishes,
Cathy

IN MEMORIAM Elaine Goldman

* All memorials are published in the May Board News.



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76TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 19-22, 2018

Crowne Plaza North Dallas – Near Galleria-Addison Texas

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Conflict to Connection for all Humanity

HARVILLE HENDRIX, PhD & HELEN LAKELLY HUNT, PhD

Drs. Hendrix and Hunt continue to co-create *Imago Relationship Theory and Therapy*. Their professional partnership has produced 10 books including three NYT best sellers. Harville is a couple's therapist with over 40 years' experience as an educator, clinical trainer and lecturer whose work has been on Oprah 18 times. In addition to Helen's partnership with her husband, she is sole author of *Faith and Feminism* and *And the Spirit Moved Them*, and was installed in the Women's Hall of Fame for her leadership in the global women's movement.

FRIDAY PLENARY SPEAKER:

Communication Energy in Action: Expanding Connections

S. RAFE FOREMAN, JD

S. Rafe Foreman, JD is a teacher, professor, writer, consultant and frequent speaker. He joined UMKC as the Douglas Stripp Dean's Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of Advocacy in 2011 after a distinguished career as a trial lawyer. He has advanced education in psychology and lectures and teaches trial skills and advocacy throughout the world.

Pre-Conference Training Institutes / Workshops

In Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama, Sociometry, Sociodrama and Creative Arts Therapies; the use of action methods in a wide variety of applications.

Credit Hours / CEs

ASGPP: National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, Counselors (NBCC);
Ce-Classes.com: CEs for Psychologists (APA);
Social Workers (ASWB); Addiction Professionals (NAADAC);
Florida, California and Texas Board Approvals.

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