



BOARD NEWS

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MESSAGE
FROM THE PRESIDENT
Scottie Urmey, LCSW, TEP



Dear current, and future Certified Psychodramatists, As our year comes to an end, we have much to be grateful for! This year we administered over 120 written exams, received 85 admission applications, completed over 90 on-site evaluations, and over 80 volunteers helped us

along the way. Generosity, as defined by Brene Brown, is “the ability to extend the most generous interpretation possible to the intentions, words, and actions of others.” I am deeply grateful to the board, our amazing Executive Director, Jasmin Jimenez, and the entire psychodrama community for demonstrating this breadth of generosity, in addition to the time, expertise, and energy... already so freely given. Without this type of generosity, the board would not have accomplished so much while we also endured

some of the toughest transitions ever experienced in the organization's history. At our September board meeting, we focused on several priority items including website functioning, developing a volunteer network to streamline systems such as admissions, and reviewing the results of our recent survey related to distance learning. We also welcomed one new board director, Lori Budman, CP/PAT and congratulated Fredilyn Sison, CP/PAT and Siyat Ulon, TEP on their re-elections. I believe that if we can all maintain our generous spirits, we will continue to experience the abundance we had this year into next year and beyond. Warmest wishes and deepest gratitude, Scottie

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GRATITUDE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our ABE membership has sustained the Psychodrama certification process for decades via the members' willingness to donate their expertise, time and commitment to the important grading of CP and TEP examinations and conducting on-site evaluations.



We extend our sincere gratitude to these generous psychodramatists. We could not do this work without you!

ABE's Mission Statement

The American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy was established and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the District of Columbia in 1975. The Board was founded to serve two basic purposes:

1. To establish, for the United States of America, professional standards in the fields of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy, and
2. To certify qualified professionals on the basis of these standards

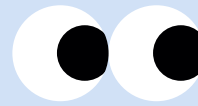
ABE On-Site Evaluation Update

2023 has been a record-breaking year for on-site evaluations passing 92 practitioners

To date, all but five (5) US provisional practitioners have completed their on-site evaluations after a three-year pause due to COVID-19.

Additionally, this summer, 58 Asia practitioners have successfully completed their on-site evaluations: Adding 2 practitioners from Malaysia (1 CP/1 TEP); 28 practitioners from China (18 CP/10 TEP); and 28 practitioners from Taiwan(ROC) (6 CP/22 TEP). 2023 ended with a total of 92 newly certified practitioners (53 CP/39 TEP). Out of the 53 new CPs, 24 are from the US and 26 are from Asia and out of the 39 new TEPs, 7 are from the US and 32 are from Asia.

KEEP AN EYE OUT!



Watch your email for more information about:

- **ABE 2023 Member Directory** including *Highlights: ABE Certified Members 2020-2023*
- ABE Distance Learning Ballot Initiative
- ABE Board of Director Election Ballot
- ABE CP & TEP Competencies as part of our ABE Study Guide

Please keep an eye out and check your spam if you are not receiving these emails.



MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABE Elections

The Board has openings for two T.E.P. positions and one C.P. position. Members are expected to pay for their expenses to attend two yearly meetings. Transportation costs are reimbursed a maximum of \$400 per meeting attended., One meeting is held in January and the other is held in September. The date for the Fall 2024 meeting is September 19-22 in Ashville, NC, and the Winter meeting is scheduled for January 16-19, 2025. 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 15, 2024**. 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-addressed stamped envelope by January 10, 2023.

CURRENT BOARD DIRECTORS

President: Scottie Urmey, LCSW, TEP

Vice President: Amy Clarkson, MMT, LCAT, MT-BC, TEP

Secretary: Fredilyn Sison, JD, CP

Treasurer: Lynne Jaban Bratcher, JD, CP

Directors:

Lori Budman, MSS, LCSW, CP, PAT

Letitia Coburn, LCSW, CP

Barbara Guest Hargin, MSW, TEP

Siyat Ulon, MD, TEP

Julie Wells, LCSW, TEP

**Due to rising costs and expenses,
ABE will be raising annual
certification fees effective
January 1, 2024.**

**Rates will be increased by 10%
and rounded to the nearest \$5 (US).**

CP Annual Certification Fee

\$ 100 will be \$ 110 Due March 15, 2024



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TEP Annual Certification Fee

\$170 will be \$ 190 Due March 15, 2024



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PAT Annual Certification Fee

\$ 100 will be \$ 110 Due July 15, 2024



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SAVE THE DATE FOR FUTURE EVENTS

TEP PAT CP SAVE THE DATE: ABE Conversation Session

Date: April 26, 2024

Time: 6 pm - 7 pm ET

"A truly therapeutic procedure can have for its objective no less than the whole of mankind." — J.L. Moreno, M.D. (1889-1974)

Exciting News Unveiled: Introducing Our Dynamic Member Directory Powered by *MembershipWorks*! 🌐👤 Look for a new seamless and interactive experience as we launch our brand-new member directory, fueled by the cutting-edge technology of *MembershipWorks*.

The new online Member Directory for our website was created using an innovative platform that connects our community like never before and enhances your networking and collaboration within our psychodrama ecosystem.

Get ready to explore, connect, and thrive together with this user-friendly and feature-rich directory – Look for our new gateway to a more engaging and interconnected community! 🚀.

YOUR ABE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ABE Board of Directors 9/2023 (top left to right) Julie Wells, Amy Clarkson, Jasmin Jimenez, Barbara Guest Hargin, Lynne Bratcher (lower left to right) Scottie Urmey, Lori Budman, Fredi Sison, Letitia Coburn, Siyat Ulon Right: Art from Psychodrama NJ.



The American Society of Group
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April 2-3, 2024: Pre-Conference
April 4-6, 2024: Conference
April 7, 2024: Bonus Closure Activity

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