

March 2008 Minutes

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ROCHESTER AREA GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 14, 2008
Present: Ann Betz, Kate Fisher, Candace Sorensen, Elizabeth Driscoll, Amanda O'Hearn
Absent: Peter Sullivan, Amy Lyons, Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque, Wendy Sullivan, Howard Markus
Called to Order: 7:00 PM
Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candace is pregnant with a due date in early July. Congratulations Candace! • Amanda presented on DBT modifications for the deaf in Montgomery, Alabama and it went well. • Kate attended the AGPA and had a wonderful time. 	
Review of Minutes (Amy Lyons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the January board meeting were reviewed by board members and passed via e-mail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were then posted on the web site.
Treasurer's Report (Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann has not been receiving any communications from AGPA since starting her term as president, even though Kate Fisher notified AGPA about the transition. • Ann discussed with those in attendance about an upcoming conference put on by Dan Rosen, LCSW through his organization called Psychotherapy Training of Rochester. The conference is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate will send another e-mail to the Affiliate Society Assembly President and will let Ann know about where to contact AGPA as well. • Vote was in favor of sending this e-mail. The topic of the conference is not specifically group therapy related but the topic is generalized to clinicians conducting groups and those in attendance though

about psychotherapy with men who have violent behavior. Dan requested that RAGPS send a brief e-mail and link to the web site to RAGPS membership e-mail list.

that on a case-by-case basis, the board could vote on such announcements. Further discussion will take place at the next board meeting when more board members are available for input, so that the board can work on a protocol for such requests as this issue continues to come up from time to time.

Education Committee

(Amanda O'Hearn)

- Amanda reported the following:
 1. Panel Discussion Workshop held last week – feedback was positive. The evaluations are not yet available as Duane Beck is summarizing them.
 2. Ideas for 2008-09 generated by the committee: DBT, self disclosure, dreams, music therapy, relaxation in groups, the angry monopolizing group member.
- Amanda will e-mail the board about topics and speakers for additional input. Those in attendance tonight raised that Chris Fitzstevens has been a long-standing RAGPS member and active workshop participant and thought that she would be a very good speaker. Ann agreed to contact Chris about her interest in being on the 2008-09 calendar.

Advanced Studies

- Nothing to report at this time.

Annual Conference Committee (Kate Fisher & Howard Markus)

- Kate Fisher reported on two ideas for a possible Conference – Andrew Eig and Melyn Leszczg. She will explore his further at the next board meeting.

Membership Committee (Candace Sorensen)

- Candace reported the following:
 1. A member reported to her at the last workshop that her check for membership was not cashed on two membership cycles. Candace raised this to alert the group that there may be issues in the transitions around obtaining mail from the UR based post office box and to be mindful of this.
 2. RAGPS is up to 70 members
- Amanda O'Hearn will ask Lynn Chauvin-Bezinque first and Peter Sullivan second to check the box at the UR in order to off-load this task as Amanda is finding it to be cumbersome.

4. RAGPS IS UP TO 70 MEMBERS and we have one more workshop this year so are on par with the past year in terms of membership numbers.

- Wendy Sullivan reported to Ann Betz before the board meeting that a woman who attended the last workshop expressed an interest in knowing more about the committees and ways to be involved in RAGPS.

- The board discussed having a summary of each committee including what it does, how often it meets, etc to go out with the membership letters and to be posted on the web site. Candace agreed to work on this with her committee.

Communication Committee (Kate Fisher)

- We discussed the need for editorial review of outgoing RAGPS material (newsletter, workshop flyers).

- Ann Betz offered to serve as reviewer of material. Amy Lyons in her role as secretary can play a part in reviewing material before it goes to print or distribution.

New Business

- Board meetings for 2008 will occur on 3/14, 5/14, 7/9, 9/10, and 11/12.

Nominating Committee

- Nothing to report at this time.

Executive Committee Meeting: E-mail agenda items and concerns to Ann Betz and Barb Falk by Monday May 12th
Board of Directors Meeting: May 14, 2008 at Rochester Rehab 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Lyons, MS, ATR