



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 – seven CP and eight TEP candidates, with eight from the U.S., four from Taiwan, one from China, one from Canada and one from South Korea. 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.

During our September meeting, we welcomed new Directors, **Barbara Guest** and **Sylvia Israel**, TEP representatives, and **Melinda Cornish**, CP representative. A major agenda item of the meeting was to prepare the 2018 written examination. Our goal was to write clear questions that 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 also addressed important policy issues at our meeting. As a result of lengthy study and analysis, the Board is recommending changes to the certification standards, subject to a vote by the membership. The following items will be finalized at the Board's January meeting and included on the 2019 ballot.

Coursework Requirement for Candidates Not Possessing a Graduate Mental Health Degree: The current standard requires candidates who do not possess a graduate degree in a mental health discipline to document postgraduate course work in five foundational areas: human growth and development, theories of personality, abnormal behavior (psychopathology), methods of psychotherapy, and social systems. The Board of Directors recommends revision of the standard to allow these courses to be obtained from either undergraduate or graduate programs. The Board does not expect candidates not possessing a mental health degree to acquire mastery in these subject areas. Rather, the requirement is for these candidates to possess sufficient foundational knowledge that enables them to discern when a client's needs are outside of their (the psychodramatist's) expertise. In this way, the psychodramatist will be prepared to make appropriate referrals when a client's needs lie outside the psychodramatist's scope

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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 The DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel in Manchester, NH, we invite you to come to our annual Conversation Hour, Saturday, May 4th at 1:45 pm. 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 September 2019 meeting is September 14-16. The January 2020 meeting is January 25-27. 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 14. 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 14.

ELECTED BOARD DIRECTORS

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

- President:* Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.
- Vice-President:* Martica Lourdes Bacallao, M.A., M.S.S.W., Ph.D., T.E.P.
- Secretary:* Michael Gross, Ph.D., RADT-II, CET-III, C.P., P.A.T.
- Treasurer:* Linda Richmond, Ph.D., C.P.
- Directors:* Melinda J. Cornish, MSW, LCSW, C.P., P.A.T.
Barbara Guest, B.Ed., M.S.W., T.E.P.
Sylvia Israel, M.F.T., R.D.T./B.C.T., T.E.P.
Louise Lipman, L.C.S.W.-R., C.G.P, T.E.P.
Donna Little, M.S.W., T.E.P.

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JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

The June 2018 issue of Board News is now available. You can go to our website (www.psychodramacertification.org) and look under Newsletters for the June 2018 Issue.

This color twenty-three page issue contains bios and photos of nineteen recently certified psychodramatists. The issue contains a column from our President, Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.

This issue includes the 2017 CP & TEP written examinations as well as an article on the evaluation of the 2016 written examinations that highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the 2017 exams.

In addition, there are articles on "Distance Learning", "Trainees with Non-US Trainers", "On-Sites in Asia," "Best Practices Guidelines", and "Report on ABE Conversation Hour."

The newsletter also features "Spotlight On Recently Published Articles by certified psychodramatists".

Michael Gross, Ph.D., CADC,-CAS, CET-III, C.P., P.A.T. wrote about his experiences as a new Board Director "Reflections of A New Board Director."

The issue also contains the 2017 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 – Elaine Goldman, Herb Dandes, and Anne Ancilin Schutzenberger.

IN MEMORIAM James Sacks, PhD, TEP

* All memorials are published in the May Board News.

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of ethical and competent practice.

Distance Learning: To keep pace with current trends in education and training, the Board recommends that a specified number (to be finalized at the Board's January meeting) of the required 780 hours of psychodrama training may be acquired via distance learning programs led by TEPs or PATs. The inclusion of distance learning as a mode of teaching/training is expected to expand the reach of psychodrama trainers; to make training more affordable and accessible, especially to those in remote areas; and to serve as an entry point for on-going training groups.

In consideration of current challenging economic conditions and an anticipated budget shortfall, the Board decided to raise the membership fees for the first time in 6 years. The 2019 fees will be: \$95 for CPs, and \$170 for TEPs. Board policy states that certification is terminated for members who fail to renew. So, please protect your investment and don't let your certification lapse.

The Board is beginning a major review of the Certified Practitioner Standards. We will be reporting on that after we explore some initial parameters at our January 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

These and several other significant policy issues will be discussed during the Board's January 2019 meeting. We will report on these during the **ABE Conversation Hour at the ASGPP Annual Conference in Manchester, NH – May 2-May 5**. 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 condolences for all that has been lost and best wishes for the recovery efforts. And, to all, we wish a peaceful, joyous and abundantly blessed holiday season.

With warm wishes, Cathy

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77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 2-5, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, Manchester, NH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Art of Surprise

NISHA SAJNANI, PhD, RDT-BCT

Dr. Nisha Sajnani is the Director of the Drama Therapy Program and Theatre & Health Lab at New York University. She is a visiting faculty member with the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma and editor of Drama Therapy Review. Her artistic and written scholarship reflects an interest in the role of improvisation and performance in stimulating discovery and addressing concerns related to identity, difference, migration, and place. Dr. Sajnani is the recipient of the Corann Okorodudu Global Women's Advocacy Award from the American Psychological Association, the Gertrud Schattner Award from the NADTA, and the first Diversity Award from the American Society for Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama.

PLENARY SPEAKER:

Sociatry Offers Added Wisdom

EDWARD SCHRIEBER, DD, EDM, LADC, TEP

Edward Schreiber was a student of, trained by, and apprenticed with Zerka Moreno, with Sociatry and J.L. Moreno's mysticism as their focus. An author and editor, Ed is the Director of the Zerka T Moreno Foundation, and an adjunct professor at Lesley University.

**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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