



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 44 candidates who recently took the written certification examination—22 CP and 22 TEP candidates, with 13 from the U.S., 17 from Taiwan, 12 from China, and 2 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.

At our September meeting, the Board welcomed three new Directors, **Molly Mo** and **Julie Wells**, TEP representatives, and **Fredilyn (Fredy) Sison**, CP representative.

A major agenda item of our meeting was to prepare the 2019 written examination. As always, our goal is to write clear, coherent questions that enable candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. The exams are now being reviewed by the many generous members of our community who offer their time and expertise for this task.

The Board also addressed old and new business. The Board reviewed changes voted into the certification standards and discussed next steps.

- **Distance Learning:** Up to 120 hours of distance learning can be counted toward the required 780. Text on new website and hard copy documents will be revised to comport.
- **Courses for Non-Mental Health Candidates:** These candidates may take either graduate or undergraduate courses in Human Growth & Development, Theories of Personality, Methods of Psychotherapy, Abnormal Psychology, and Social Systems. Text on the website and hard copy documents will be revised to comport.

One of the Board's complicated and complex initiatives is developing a new ABE website. The Website Task Force members, **Michael Gross**, **Julie Wells** and **Dale Richard Buchanan**, have given exceptional leadership to this time- and labor-intensive task. Developed in 2007, the current ABE website reflects the state of technology at that time. The new site will feature many improvements—all with the intention of making information more accessible and user-friendly.

Board dues remain the same as last year: \$95 for CPs,

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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 Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Hotel, in Schaumburg, IL, we invite you to come to our annual Conversation Hour, Friday, April 3rd at 2:00 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 two yearly meetings. One meeting is held in January and the other is held in September. The September 2020 meeting is September 11-13. The January 2021 meeting has not yet been scheduled. 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 9. 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 9.

ELECTED BOARD DIRECTORS

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

- President:* Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.
Vice-President: Martica Bacallao, M.A., M.S.S.W., Ph.D., T.E.P.
Secretary: Melinda J. Cornish, MSW, LCSW, C.P., P.A.T.
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Directors: Michael Gross, Ph.D., RADT-II, CET-III, C.P., P.A.T.
 Barbara Guest, B.Ed., M.S.W., T.E.P.
 Liwen Molly Mo, M.Ed., R.C.C., LCP, T.E.P.
 Fredilyn Sison, J.D., C.P.
 Julie Wells, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., T.E.P.

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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

You may click here for a direct link or you can go to our website (www.psychodramacertification.org) and look under Newsletters for the May 2019 Issue.

This color twenty-three page issue contains bios and photos of twelve 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 2018 CP & TEP written examinations as well as an article on the evaluation of the 2018 written examinations that highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the 2018 exams. Michael Gross wrote an article summarizing a research article "Measuring the Efficacy of a Single Psychodrama Session."

In addition, there are articles on "Distance Learning", "Proposal to Expand Pathways for Accruing Training Towards Psychodrama Certification (CP)", "ABE Conversation Hour at the ASGPP Annual Meeting", and "Aside & Soliloquy."

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

Melinda Cornish, MSW, LCSW, CP, PAT wrote about her experiences as a new Board Director "Reflections of A New Board Director" and Linda Richmond, PhD, CP, PAT and Donna Little, MSW, T.E.P. wrote messages from "Departing Board Directors."

The issue also contains the 2018 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 four distinguished psychodramatists – Judith Hazelrigg, Yaacov Naor, Jim Sacks and Tom Schramski.

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and \$170 for TEPs. Membership fees are due by March 15. Board policy stipulates that certification is terminated for members who fail to renew. Protect your investment by ensuring you don't let your certification lapse.

When the Board meets in January 2020, we will consider several new strategic and policy initiatives. We will report on these during the **ABE Conversation Hour** at the ASGPP Annual Conference in Chicagoland (April 01-04). Please join us to voice your opinions and share your recommendations.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful, joyous and abundantly blessed holiday season.

With warm wishes,
Cathy



The Board no longer has a working address, email or phone number for several certified psychodramatists. Email ABE if you have any contact information for:

Marilyn B. Roll, MS.W., L.C.S.W., B.C.D., C.P.
North Carolina
Sandra Jean Smith, M.A., L.C.A.D.C., C.S.W., C.C.S., C.P.
New Jersey

New Website

Watch for the opening of the new ABE website in early 2020. We will add features to our training calendar and new ways to market your services to clients on our updated website. The website will feature a navigation guide to the certification process. You will also find fillable forms to make the process easier.



American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama

78TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 1-4, 2020

Hyatt Regency Schaumburg Hotel, Schaumburg, IL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Power of Connection and Identification **TIAN DAYTON, PhD, TEP**

Tian Dayton has a masters in educational psychology, a PhD in clinical psychology, and is a board certified trainer in psychodrama and a licensed creative arts therapist. She is a Fellow of the ASGPP, the winner of their Scholar's Award and the President's Award. She is also the winner of The Mona Mansell Award and The Ackermann Black Award. Dr. Dayton has been a guest expert on NBC, CNN, MSNBC, Montel, Rikki Lake, John Walsh, Geraldo. She is a Huffington Post blogger. Dr. Dayton is the director of The New York Psychodrama Training Institute and was on the faculty at NYU for eight years. She is a nationally renowned speaker, expert, and consultant in psychodrama, trauma and addiction, and the author of 15 books.

PLENARY SPEAKER:

The Importance of Cohesion in Group **RICHARD BECK, LCSW, BCD, CGP, FAGPA**

Richard Beck is President of IAGP, a lecturer at Columbia University School of Social Work, and is also a Lecturer of Social Work in Psychiatry (Voluntary) at Weill Cornell Medicine and a Professional Associate (Psychiatry)- Social Work at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Richard lectures internationally on the topics of psychological trauma as well as therapist self-care.

Pre-Conference Special 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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