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PRESIDENT
Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.

Catherine Nugent has been studying and practicing psychodrama for 30+ years. In 2015, she founded Laurel Psychodrama Training Institute in Maryland. Cathy is also an instructor with Johns Hopkins University. Until 2014, Cathy conducted her clinical and training efforts while working at SAMHSA as Chief of the Workforce Development Branch. She is a Fellow of ASGPP; Past-President of MAC-ASGPP; and an Executive Editor for the psychodrama journal.

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VICE-PRESIDENT
Martica Lourdes Bacallao, M.A., M.S.S.W., Ph.D., T.E.P.

Martica Bacallao works with the School-Based Youth Court program in rural counties in North Carolina. She is a graduate from the St. Elizabeth’s Campus Psychodrama Training Program, and has been training in schools and university settings for 15 years.

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SECRETARY
Melinda Cornish, L.C.S.W., C.P., P.A.T.

Melinda Cornish, LCSW, CP/PAT is the owner of Action 2 Insight Counseling, PLLC. She began training in Psychodrama in 1999 through her clinical supervision and became a certified psychodramatist in 2015. Melinda has prior experience of working as a massage therapist and is very close to completing her Somatic Experiencing Practitioner certification. She works in private practice, running an ongoing psychodrama group twice per month. As a result of ongoing neurobiology training, Melinda is passionate about weaving more of the somatic work into her psychodrama work.

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TREASURER

Sylvia Israel has been passionately sharing her knowledge of Psychodrama in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond for 30 years. She is adjunct faculty at the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) and Kansas State University and a founding member of Bay Area Moreno Institute and Bay Area Playback Theatre. Sylvia is a Fellow of ASGPP and has served as past-Conference Co-Chair and on the Membership Committee. Sylvia maintains a private practice in San Francisco and San Rafael, California.

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Barbara Guest (Hargin) B.Ed., M.S.W., R.S.W., T.E.P.

Barbara Guest (Hargin) is a graduate of The Toronto Centre for Psychodrama and Sociometry and has been a trainer with the Toronto Centre for 20 years. She maintains a private practice in Stratford, Ontario and travels to work with several First Nations communities throughout Southern Ontario. Barbara began her career in secondary school education where she worked with diverse cultural groups using both sociometry and psychodrama to create a cohesive class structure. Barbara has over 50 years experience as an educator.

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Fredilyn Sison, J.D., C.P.

A co-author of Trial in Action: the Persuasive Power of Psychodrama, Freddi represents poor people accused of federal crimes. She graduated from Cornell and NYU School of Law and lives in Asheville, NC.

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Michael Gross became a CP/PAT in 2016, having begun psychodrama training in 2011. He is a (California) certified drug and alcohol counselor who has been leading psychodrama groups in addiction treatment programs, with a focus on clients with a history developmental-relational and/or shock trauma. His first peer-reviewed co-authored psychodrama paper appeared in 2017 in the Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services.

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Liwen Molly Mo, M.Ed., R.C.C., LCP, T.E.P

Liwen Molly Mo maintains a private practice in Vancouver, Canada and a co-founder of the Formosa Institute of Psychodrama and Depth Psychodrama. Currently she is doing Psychodrama Training in Canada, Taiwan and in China. She has served past-board director and vice-secretary of the Taiwan Association of Psychodrama for past four years. She works with immigrants and trains trainees including clinical professionals, educators, business managers etc. Molly is passionate, spontaneous and enthusiastic and willing to devote herself to psychodrama community.

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Julie Wells, L.C.S.W., T.E.P.

Julie Wells is an author, an International Presenter and Trainer, and Founder and Director of Suncoast Psychodrama Training. She offers continuing education opportunities in the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas. Julie is in private practice in Clearwater, Florida and uses psychodrama in individuals, families, couples and groups. Julie became a TEP in 2016, regularly reads and grades ABE exams, and was co-chair of the 75th ASGPP Conference in 2017 at Clearwater Beach. As a team player, Julie has the qualifications, the drive, and the skills that are an asset to the Psychodrama community and would positively impact the ABE.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dale Richard Buchanan, Ph.D., L.I.C.S.W., T.E.P.

For twenty-six years Dale worked at Saint Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, DC. For twenty of those years he was Director of Psychodrama Programs and for the last ten years he was Director of Clinical Therapies. Dale is the Executive Director and Past Chairperson of the American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy. He is a fellow of and has received numerous awards from the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama. He received their J. L. Moreno Lifetime Achievement Award, the Scholar's Award, the Collaborators Award (with Nina Garcia) the Hannah Weiner Award for Outstanding Service to them, and the Neil Passariello Memorial Award for distinguished contributions to the application of psychodramatic methods to issues related to AIDS. He is also the author of over twenty published articles in professional journals, and two chapters in two books.

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