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 Winter meeting, scheduled for January 20, 21, & 22, 2017, will be held at Lin Considine’s home in West Palm Beach, FL. The meeting will begin at 9:30AM on Friday and conclude at 4PM on Sunday. The Fall 2017 Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 22, & 23, 2017. The location for the meeting is Washington, D.C. The Winter 2018 Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 6 & 7, 2018. Locations TBA. 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 10, 2017. 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-addresses stamped envelope by January 15.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Lin Considine, M.S., L.M.H.C., T.E.P.

Dear Certified Psychodramatists:

Congratulations to the 15 (fifteen) candidates who took the written exams this October and to all those who supported them! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I applaud all of those on the journey towards certification and their commitment to becoming certified.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or issues regarding certification or the certification process you can bring those to the attention of any Board Director. We will bring it to the agenda at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Directors meets two times per year – in September and January.

Please plan to join us at the annual Conversation Hour at the next ASGPP annual meeting in Clearwater, FL. We want to hear your concerns, discuss them and learn from one another. We truly hope to see you in Florida.

We wish each and every one a joyous holiday!

Blessings,

Lin

ELECTED BOARD DIRECTORS
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

President: Lin Considine, M.S., L.M.H.C., T.E.P.
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Linda Richmond, Ph.D., C.P.

WE HAVE MOVED
NEW ADDRESS: 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006-1631
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The May 2016 issue of Board News is available for reading at our website (www.psychodramacertification.org).

This color seventeen-page issue contains bios and photos of twenty-nine recently certified psychodramatists. The issue contains a column from our President, Lin Considine, and a report from John Olesen on his experiences as an on-site examiner for on-sites in both mainland China and Taiwan.

Also included are the 2015 CP & TEP written examinations as well as an article on the evaluation of the 2015 written examinations that highlights the strengths and weaknesses of the 2015 exams. The issue has several articles and contains the 2015 Income & Expense Report, and more. Additionally the newsletter contains memorials for four distinguished psychodramatists - Alton Barbour, Charles Brin, Tobi Klein and, Jon Sherbun.

* All memorials are published in the May Board News.

IN MEMORIUM
Zerka T. Moreno

Board Conversation Hour
If you are attending the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama at the Hilton Clearwater Beach, Clearwater, FL, we invite you to come to our annual Conversation Hour, Saturday, May 6th at 1:30pm. Board Directors will be present to answer your questions and address your concerns.

American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama
75TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
May 4-7, 2017
Hilton Clearwater Beach, Clearwater, FL

SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Art of Rising: Thriving While Treating Others
MARTIN SIROIS, PsyD

Dr. Maria Sirois is a psychologist and seminar leader who teaches internationally in the intersection of resilience and flourishing. Known for her wisdom, authenticity and rampant humor, she brings invigorating practices and perspectives to business, community, religious, therapeutic and educational audiences alike. Sirois is the author of A Short Course in Happiness After Loss (And Other Dark, Difficult Times) and Every Day Counts. With thought-leader Dr. Tal Ben-Shahar, she co-leads a year-long certificate program in positive psychology.

FRIDAY PLENARY SPEAKER:

Coming Together: Celebrating the Treasures of Connection
ANTONINA GARCIA, EdD, LCSW, RDT/BCT, TEP

She is co-author of Sociodrama: Who’s in Your Shoes?. She teaches at NYU in the Drama Therapy Program. She is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama and former Chair of the American Board of Examiners. She is the recipient of the ASGPP JL Moreno Lifetime Achievement Award and the Gertrud Shatner Award for Lifetime Achievement from the North American Drama Therapy Association.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Current certification standards require all training hours must be obtained with the trainer (TEP and/or PAT) present in the room with the trainee. The Board has received several inquiries about permitting distance learning for training hours credit. The Board of Directors is exploring what types of distance learning might be adequate for training hours, what areas of competency might be taught via distance learning and what areas, if any, should not be taught by distance learning. In addition, the Board will need to decide how many, if any, hours of training might be obtained via distance learning. Please note that any changes in the certification standards can only occur after the membership has approved them.

CP & TEP Primary, Secondary & 3rd Endorsers

Please remember that all Primary, Secondary & 3rd Endorser recommendations must be based on observations (twice) within the current three years of the application date.

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