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DIVISION 44 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following article was composed from the various reports of the committee chairs of Division 44's Executive Committee. These reports were submitted at the EC's annual Mid-Winter meeting, March 3-4.

Membership

(Christine Browning, Ph.D., Chair)

Currently Division 44 has 906 members. The division continues to maintain one of the best records of gender parity amongst APA's divisions. Women constitute 47.2% of the membership (428 members). Men constitute 49.2% (446 members). [The gender of thirty-two members (3.5%) is unknown.]

SPSLGI continues to grow at a steady pace. At its inception in August, 1986 the division had 709 members. SPSLGI has grown at a pace of approximately 50 members a year since its creation.

Since October, 1989 the division has received 325 requests for membership. This represents a dramatic increase in requests and could promise a surge in new members by APA's Convention in August.

Racial/Ethnic Minority Concerns

(Connie Chan, Ph.D., Chair)

The committee wishes to commend Division 44 on its continued commitment to maintaining adequate inclusion of people of color on its governing boards. The committee recommends that SPSLGI's Policy and Procedures Manual be amended to include a statement advocating that a minimum of 25% of the division's elected officers be people of color. The Nominations and Elections committee would be charged with seeking nominations to reach the goal of this minimum. The committee would take responsibility to see that adequate representation of people of color would be maintained on Division 44's standing committees.

The *Forging Alliances IV Conversation Hour* co-sponsored by Division 45 at Convention in

August will focus upon strengthening the community of lesbian and gay ethnic minority psychologists and supporters. Part of this hour will focus upon recruitment of members for specific tasks such as the possibility of co-sponsoring a conference (or leadership conference) between Divisions 44 and 45. This proposed conference would focus on gay-affirmative and culturally-affirmative approaches to psychology amongst other issues.

Edward Morales, Ph.D., has served as Division 44's liaison to Division 45 and is pleased to announce that 45 has set up a Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Issues to examine the ways in which lesbian and gay issues can be addressed by ethnic minority psychologists. Dr. Morales reports that the leadership of Division 45 is very supportive and is looking for members of 44 and 45 to serve on the task force.

The committee recommends that Division 44 establish an award to honor psychologists for outstanding achievements which help to further the understanding of ethnic minority lesbians and gays. Drs. Amy Reynolds and Connie Chan will develop criteria for this award and a procedure which would be compatible with SPSLGI's current awards process.

Long Range Planning

(Armand Cerbone, Ph.D., Chair)

In August the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) agreed to develop a telephone tree of Division 44 members. This telephone tree would provide the division with a fast and effective means of mobilizing its membership to respond to issues of national import and relevance.

The first procedure in establishing such a telephone tree will be the compiling of a mailing list synthesized from the membership rosters of Division 44 and ALGP. After establishing a common mailing list and organizing it into regions, members would be polled by mail for interest and consent. Each person would be responsible for contacting between three to five other members.

It is hoped the mailing list would be compiled by

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adrienne Smith, Ph.D.

I've recently returned from our midwinter executive meeting. I want to share with you the feeling of loving intensity that marks all our work. We met all day Saturday and half of Sunday, eating breakfasts and Saturday lunch in the meeting room so we could continue working. By the end I was totally drained and totally exhilarated. We continue to accomplish tremendous quantities of work with energy and warmth. I'd like to tell you what your division is doing. But, before that, I have an apology and an error to correct.

In my last column I named the winners of the various Division 44 and CLGC awards and inadvertently left out the name of Doug Kimmel who was awarded CLGC's Outstanding Achievement Award. As many of you know, Doug has been one of the "backbone" members of our division. He was our third President, helped compile our policies and procedures manual, and serves as our collective memory and general all-round "wise" person. He has also authored what is probably the only gender-fair and non-homophobic text on adult development and aging. Doug has very generously donated a portion of the royalties from the third edition of his text to the division. My apologies for such a major oversight.

Now, as Doug rightfully joins the rolls of our honored members, I'd like to brag a bit about our division. We currently have over 900 members. Each year we continue to grow and will soon top 1000 and keep growing. Our Membership Chair, Christine Browning, has done a wonderful job and I'm sorry that she will be ending her term this year.

Also ending his tenure is our newsletter editor, Dee Bridgewater, who has worked very hard and very frugally, to produce the excellent newsletter you are now reading. We will miss Dee's creativity, both in producing the newsletter and in holding down costs. If you or anyone you know would be interested in either of these jobs please contact me or the present incumbents.

In addition to our newsletter we have two other publications in the preparatory stages. Linda Garnets and Hannah Lerman are organizing Alan Malyon's papers into an edited memorial volume. Beverly Greene and a new editor, replacing John Gonsiorek who had to resign due to other commit-

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

The following article was prepared from materials submitted to Division 44's Executive Midwinter meeting, March 3-4 by Oliva Espin, Ph.D., SPSLGI's Representative to APA's Council of Representatives.

The Council of Representatives meeting in February, 1990 was rather peaceful. Most of the items brought to Council that are relevant for Division 44 were informational. My report is divided into three parts: state of APA, informational items relevant to Division 44, and new Council decisions.

The state of APA. The financial situation of APA has stabilized. The 1989 budget carried the greatest surplus in APA's history. Membership in APA has not declined in this first year of APS's existence; in fact, there has been a 144% increase of interest in joining APA's divisions. APA's new home is under construction, details of its contract were discussed. The organization's directorates are working hard. A new Education Directorate has been established. I am a liaison to this directorate and have submitted comments regarding ethnic and gay and lesbian minority issues in the process of accreditation and in the establishment of the directorate.

Informational items relevant to Division 44. Bryant Welch, Executive Director for Professional Practice, presented a statement on January 28 at a press conference held during the Traditional Values Coalition Symposium. The statement pointed out that *homosexuality is neither a mental illness nor moral depravity* and that *study after study [has documented] the mental health of gay men and lesbians*, suggesting that efforts to *repair* homosexuals are nothing more than *social prejudice garbed in psychological accoutrements*.

In November, Jacquelyn H. Gentry, Director of the Office of Social and Ethical Responsibility, testified before the Congressional subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights on the issue of granting, denying, and revoking security clearances. She testified that *homosexuality as a disqualifying criterion or a reason to extend an investigation has not been validated and reflects beliefs about homosexuality--that it is sick, that homosexuals*

are ashamed and easily blackmailed, that gay men and lesbians are prone to illegal acts and lying--for which there is no supporting evidence and substantial contradictory evidence.

APA has won Congressional approval as a Medicare provider. In general, it is important for APA-approved training programs to incorporate knowledge and intervention techniques with the elderly in their curricula. Specifically, issues of gay and lesbian elderly should be incorporated in these training programs.

A motion proposed by Steve Morin concerning HIV positive clients and the duty to warn third parties did not pass the Council. The proposal held that there was no explicit duty to warn, however psychologists have an ethical responsibility to examine individual cases to determine risk of HIV infection to third parties.

New Council decisions. The Council created the Board of Applied Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI). This board will be concerned with the use of psychology for the benefit of individuals who are discriminated against due to class, gender, sexual preference, disability, and other demographic factors. A conflict of interest/self-awareness questionnaire was approved on a trial basis. Approval to develop new regulations about guidelines promulgated by APA divisions was given. Finally, APA's membership will be asked to vote on a by-laws change allowing a non-psychologist to become APA's Chief Executive Officer in the event that the organization's CEO is unable to serve.

Any SPSLGI members who have issues that they feel should be considered by APA's Council of Representatives and/or wish to talk about APA's activities vis a vis gay and lesbian issues can contact:

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DIVISION 44 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following article consists of the candidacy statements of individuals running for the important Division 44 Executive Committee posts of President-Elect and Member-at-Large. The following statements are being published to better enable SPSLGI members to vote for the individuals in candidacy.

President-Elect

Connie Chan, Ph.D.

Division 44 represents something unique and very wonderful within APA. It affirms that the diversity which makes our division so strong can help us work together in a common vision--of using our scholarship, energy, and knowledge as psychologists to improve the lives of lesbian and gay people. It has been important to me that Division 44 has, from its inception, worked hard to be responsive to the needs of all of its members. We have been able to do what is most needed, perhaps, in APA, by directly addressing issues of gender and ethnic minority representation in our leadership, by balancing the different agendas of public policy, science, and practice, and most of all, by respecting each other and working together.

I am honored to be nominated for President-Elect because Division 44 is very special to me. As a member and later Chair of APA's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (CLGC), I learned much about the workings of APA. I also learned that Division 44 was in the forefront in creating a supportive place for lesbian and gay psychologists, and I have been proud to be part of the leadership of 44. My background experience in Division 44 includes serving as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee for three years, serving on the Program Committee, and currently chairing the Committee on Ethnic/Racial Minority Concerns. My vision for our Division is one in which we continue to work together to improve the mental health of lesbians and gay men through education, research, and practice. As a Division, we have the potential to serve as a model of what strength diversity can bring. As President-Elect, I will work towards promoting inclusiveness for all voices within Division 44 and providing a strong voice for

lesbian and gay concerns within psychology.

Robin Burhke, Ph.D.

Robin Burhke is a long time activist in lesbian and gay issues in psychology. She served as Chair of the Lesbian Issues Committee of Division 35 and on the Steering Committee of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists. She is currently a member of the faculty of the counseling psychology program at the University of Miami. Her main goals in serving as President-Elect would be to increase outreach to and participation by ethnic and racial minority psychologists in the Division.

Member-at-Large

Armand Cerbone, Ph.D.

I am asking for your support of my candidacy for Executive Committee Member. Since 1985, the year in which Division 44 was established, I have been active in Division affairs. I organized the Division's first regional caucus in the Midwest, and have served as co-chair of the Committee on Future Directions. Since 1987 I have been on the Steering Committee of the Association for Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, serving as its most recent chair. During my tenure as Chair of ALGP, we replenished its depleted treasury, refocused the organization's mission to be at once distinct from and yet complementary to the work of Division 44, and stimulated new membership and volunteerism. As a member of the Executive Committee, I would continue mobilizing the Division's membership into regional caucuses. Local groups provide more meaningful support to individuals and give them a more effective voice within the Division. They create structures through which the division can respond more swiftly and sensitively to issues of homophobia whenever and wherever they arise. Some Division members have suggested we hold a mid-winter divisional conference in a city where APA does not typically meet. I support such a suggestion and would work to realize it as an Executive Committee member. Such meetings keep alive the spirit and professional exchanges that the conventions in August generate. They offer to members not able or not inclined to attend the large convention opportunities to participate in the larger

STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY

life and mission of the Division.

If elected, I believe I would bring to the Executive Committee proven organizational skills and a record of effective leadership at both local and national levels.

Royce Scrivner, Ph.D.

I have extensive experience as a psychologist and an activist for gay and lesbian issues. I have served as the director of an APA-approved internship program in psychology, was treasurer of the Texas Psychological Association (TPA) Division of Applied Psychology, established the TPA Lesbian and Gay Research Fund, and was director of the TPA Division of Applied Psychology, in which capacity I published the division's first newsletter and appointed ten new committees including a Committee on AIDS with sub-committees on Black and Hispanic Issues. In 1987 I was named the Dallas Psychological Association's "Psychologists of the Year", and in 1989 received the TPA Division of Applied Psychology award for "contributions to the professional practice of psychology." I am currently

on the Board of Directors of the TPA Political Action Committee, and am TPA Liaison Officer for Organization Affairs.

I was a consultant to the Dallas Gayline from 1976-86, and coordinated the first APA Convention CE work on "Family Therapy: Lesbian and Gay Issues", as well as conducting similar workshops for TPA. I have presented on issues of lesbians and gays, ethnic minorities, and family therapy ethics for both Division 43 and 44 programs. I served as the Liaison from TPA to the APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns in 1984, the time at which I came out openly gay in the profession.

I decided to begin addressing lesbian and gay issues at the state level. In Texas I successfully used a grassroots approach in addressing lesbian and gay, and other professional issues. For two years I have attended meetings of the Council of Executives of State Psychological Associations and networked with people in other states. Now, I would like to serve as a Division 44 Member-at-Large and in that role enhance how that issue is addressed in psychology in other states.

SPSLGI PUBLISHES ANNUAL

The Society for the Psychological Study of Gay and Lesbian Issues of the American Psychological Association announces a call for papers for its new annual publication: *Contemporary Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Psychology: Theory, Research and Clinical Applications, Vol. 1*.

The scope of this volume encompasses the broad areas of theoretical analysis or development, literature reviews, public policy implications, training and education of mental health practitioners on lesbian and gay psychology, clinical applications, research, standards of practice and ethics in this area. Contributions from all branches of mental health, human services, and behavioral sciences are welcome. Papers reflecting the diversity of the lesbian and gay community are encouraged.

Intructions to contributors: Style as detailed in the *APA Publication Manual, 3d. Edition* should be used. Division 44 Editorial Policy and APA Standards for the use of nonsexist language should also be followed. Authors of research articles will be required to submit a statement demonstrating that APA ethical standards were upheld in the conduct of the research. Human subject samples must be representative of the populations to which results are to be generalized. When samples are not representative, limitations on the generalizability of results must be noted explicitly in the body of the paper and the abstract, and should be reflected in the title of the paper.

Manuscripts accompanied by a 200 word abstract should be submitted in duplicate to the following editor:

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Deadline for submission of manuscripts for *Vol. 1* is September, 1990.

APA ENTERS THE GAY NINETIES

The American Psychological Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1992. Division 44 is currently planning its Centennial Programming to coordinate with the year long activities culminating in APA's Convention in Washington, D.C. Parties interested in participating in programs celebrating 100 years of psychologists working in gay and lesbian studies; assessing the past treatment of homosexuality by the profession of psychology and ways to be more affirmative in this treatment; and setting agendas for the next 100 years of gay and lesbian psychological studies are encouraged to get in touch with SPSLGI's Centennial Committee. Interested parties can contact:

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR SOUGHT

Division 44 is currently seeking a chair for its membership committee. The Membership Chair would be responsible for maintaining records of SPSLGI's membership roster. The Chair would also be responsible for receiving dues from members and passing these funds to the Secretary-Treasurer of SPSLGI. Finally, the Membership Chair would be responsible for reporting membership activities to Division 44's Executive Committee at its Convention and Mid-winter Meetings. Interested parties can contact:

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Membership in Division 44

All social scientists with interests in applying psychological knowledge to the study of lesbian and gay issues are warmly welcomed as members, irrespective of personal sexual/affectional orientation. New members are elected formally once a year in early Fall. However they are placed on the mailing list immediately if qualified for membership and if dues are paid. The five classes of membership in the division at this time are Fellows, Members, Associates, Affiliates and Student Affiliates. Affiliate members of the division are either students or non-students. Affiliates can hold membership in the APA or be non-members. Names of Affiliate members are not published in the APA Register and are kept strictly confidential.

Membership Application: SPSLGI - APA Division 44

Name _____ Date _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Office Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____
Education/Highest Degree _____ Date _____ Institution _____
Major Field of Study _____
Professional Affiliation _____
Present Position (Title) _____

APA Membership Status: (Circle One) Fellow Member Associate Student None

Application for Division 44 Membership as (Circle One) Fellow Member Associate Affiliate Student Affiliate Newsletter Only
Please make check for 1989 Membership Dues or Newsletter subscription of \$20.00/\$10.00 for students (US currency only, please) payable to SPSLGI, and return check along with this application form to:

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ments, will be editing an annual volume for each of the next five years. A separate item in this newsletter will tell you more. (See page 7.) You will also find the report of our Council Representative, Oliva Espin, in this issue. (See page 3.) Oliva represents us to the rest of APA and guards our interests.

Secretary/Treasurer, Terry Gock, does a major job which is not necessarily visible to our general membership. Terry is often the core around which our functioning as a division revolves. He keeps the meeting minutes, takes care of correspondence, balances the books and keeps us financially solvent and, in general, is indispensable.

Doug Kimmel, Chair of the Finance Committee, develops and implements ideas for protecting our money.

Another important job that is not usually visible is done by Laura Brown, our immediate Past-President. As Chair of the Fellows Committee she solicits nominees for Fellow status and helps applicants through the long process.

Leah Fygetakis, Chair of our Task Force on Education and Training, has just completed a list of recommendations to APA's Committee on Accreditation which, if adopted, would protect the interests of lesbian and gay male graduate students and faculty and would include gay and lesbian issues in clinical training.

Jeff Rehm, our President-Elect, has been our Continuing Education Chair and last year put on a very well attended and profitable workshop. This year he and Sari Dworkin, who will take over the CE job, have again planned an excellent all day session. (See page 10)

Carol Becker, our 1990 Program Chair, has assembled an outstanding group of papers, symposia and speakers. You'll see more about that in our next issue--and at the Convention.

Armand Cerbone and Suzanna Rose, Co-Chairs of the Committee for Long-Range Planning, are continuing to encourage the growth of regional groups through their annual conversation hour at the Convention and through a new project, a telephone tree.

Our student representatives, Claudia Mosier and Michael Keren, are formulating the structure of their committee, which includes affiliating with the Association of Psychology Graduate Students. They have decided on rotating co-chairs and are currently looking for a female to replace Claudia.

The Committee on Racial/Ethnic Minority Concerns, currently chaired by Connie Chan, has been active throughout the life of the division. At the committee's recommendation we have instituted an editorial statement which requires accurate naming of the ethnic/racial composition of all publications or presentations, an elections structure which strives for ethnic/racial diversity, an anti-racism workshop for our Executive Committee, and an annual Forging Alliances Conversation Hour and social hour at the Convention.

This year your Executive Committee had a special opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise. Several representatives of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation met with us to develop strategies to counter the increasingly homophobic atmosphere in the LA area which is, unfortunately, not confined to Southern California. We were thrilled to be able to interact with a group "on the front lines" and to help supply them with ammunition in the form of psychological research and writing. This is one of the purposes for which Division 44 exists.

I hope my bragging about our division has whetted your appetite for becoming involved. Write to us, let us know your interests, and we'll give you an opportunity to contribute, even if you have to remain in the closet, to the one organization in APA where *all* your identities can be represented.

SPSLGI ARCHIVIST NAMED

Division 44 wishes to announce the appointment of a new, divisional archivist to fill the post left vacant by the death of SPSLGI's first archivist, Alan Malyon, Ph.D.

Arnold S. Kahn, Ph.D., has been named to the position of Division 44's Archivist. He has been charged with the collection, cataloguing, and preservation of historically important material relating to Division 44.

If you have any material, e.g. research papers, documents, audio or video tapes, photographs, etc. that you feel would be appropriate for inclusion in the Division 44 Archives, please contact Dr. Kahn at the address listed below:

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44 OFFERS PRECONVENTION CE WORKSHOP

Division 44 will be sponsoring a preconvention, continuing education workshop in Boston just prior to the APA Convention. The title of the workshop is: *Neuropsychological Manifestations of HIV Infection: Guidelines and Procedures for Assessment and Differential Diagnosis.*

The workshop will provide examples of the diverse challenges presented by patients affected by HIV infection, as well as illustrations of different clinical strategies used by psychologists with extensive experience in the area. Special attention will be given to the gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation of the patient, their current life circumstances and the therapeutic context (i.e., institution or private practice). The application of individual and group therapy, as well as family systems and case management approaches, will be critically evaluated. This workshop will provide ample opportunity for audience participation and discussion. Videotaped case presentation will be shown.

The price of the workshop is \$100. The number of CE credits for the workshop is six (6). For the date, times, location and additional information on the workshop, contact: *Jeffrey Rehm, Ph.D.; PO Box 8422; Orange, CA 92664; (714) 634-5942.*

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May. Hopefully, the telephone tree will be in place by Convention.

The conversation hour sponsored by the committee at the last Convention was attended by 25-30 members who discussed problems they faced in their various home regions. Most of the discussion centered on academic settings. Several more seasoned individuals offered advice and suggestions in support of those having difficulties. Participants expressed a need for further discussions and an interest in local organizations for lesbian and gay psychologists. A similar conversation hour is being planned for this year's Convention in Boston.

In July, the LRPG will send an invitation to Division 44 members in New England advising them of the conversation hour. This effort will be coordinated with ALGP's plans to poll New England psychologists for interest in a regional group.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

Advertising Policy: The publication of any advertisement in the Division 44 Newsletter is not an endorsement of the advertiser or of the products or services advertised. Division 44 reserves the right unilaterally to reject, omit, or cancel advertising for any reason. Advertisements that unfairly discriminate against any group or individual will not be accepted.

Advertising Rates: (For camera-ready copy)

1/8 page	\$35.00 per issue
1/4 page	\$75.00 per issue
1/2 page	\$150.00 per issue
Whole page	\$300.00 per issue

Enclosures: \$300 per issue plus any additional postage incurred by the Division to mail the enclosure.

If you have advertisements you feel would be appropriate to the Newsletter's readership of mental health professionals interested in lesbian and gay issues, mail submissions to:

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LIVING ENDOWMENT

Division 44 has established a Living Endowment Program to support the work of the division. Individuals are encouraged to include donations to Division 44 in the writing of their wills, thus creating a living endowment to the organization.

Monies donated from this Living Endowment would be invested in no or very low risk interest-bearing money market accounts. Only the interests received from these accounts would be used by the division as untarggetted donations to defray the operating costs of Division 44. Thus, the Living Endowment would be held in perpetuity. For further information, individuals can contact:

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AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

The following article was prepared from materials presented to Division 44's Executive Committee at their Mid-Winter Meeting, March 3-4, by Clinton Anderson and William Bailey of APA's Public Interest Directorate.

Hate Crime Statistics Act. On February 8, 1990 the U.S. Senate adopted legislation which would require the Justice Department to collect statistics on crimes against persons motivated on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. Despite a major battle on the floor of the Senate around the sexual orientation piece, the legislation, which was a major priority bill for the APA's Public Interest Directorate, appears to be headed for a presidential signature in the near future.

Since the original concept of including sexual orientation was identified by Greg Herek, former chair of APA's Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues, in a meeting with staff from the National Gay and Lesbian Task force, and APA, psychology has played a major role in assuring favorable action on the bill. In the fall of 1986, hate crimes legislation introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) was stagnating in the House Judiciary Committee, Herek and others identified this measure as an ideal vehicle for advancing the issues around anti-gay violence. NGLTF and APA, which were able to fashion a rather findable coalition, interested Congressman John Conyers (D-MI) in reintroducing a new measure which included sexual orientation.

When the 101st Congress began, the hate Crimes Coalition was able to get the bill swiftly through the House. Similarly the Senate author of the measure, Paul Simon (D-IL) was able to move the bill from introduction through Senate Judiciary Committee Consideration rather expeditiously. Once the bill was in line for floor consideration, however, Jessie Helms (R-NC) signaled his intent to hold the bill hostage to his small-minded efforts to do damage to the gay community. Ultimately however, the Hate Crimes group was able to enlist the support of enough Senators to push the leadership to consider the bill. Notable in his advocacy both behind the scenes and on the floor was Utah Republican Orrin Hatch, the ranking minority member on the Senate's

Health Committee. During Helms's effort to damage the gay community, Hutch came forward, disputing Helms's claims about the bill's impact and intent.

The Hate Crimes coalition strategy offered a floor amendment giving Senators the "political cover" they needed to defeat a Helms. This "preemptive strike" language, offered by Senators Simon and Hutch, was consistent with the actual impact of the bill and indicated that the bill did nothing to promote or encourage homosexuality. The amendment was adopted with virtual unanimous support. When Helms stood up and offered his offensive provision which suggested that gays were a threat to the foundation of American society and the state sodomy laws should be enforced, he was defeated 77 to 14. This was a landmark, a defeat to Jessie Helms, the gay and lesbian community's foe in the Senate.

While APA and Division 44 can take great credit for this because of their efforts in support of this legislation success, the bill is not yet signed, sealed and delivered. Moreover, once enacted the gay community must continue its vigilance to ensure appropriate administration of the statute.

Homosexuality and Security Clearances. Jacquelyn Gentry, Director of APA's Office of Social and Ethical Responsibility, testified at a hearing on standards and due process for granting, denying, and revoking security clearances on November 2, 1989. APA's testimony recommended that homosexual behavior and a history of psychotherapy or counseling should not be criteria in security clearance decisions, that all psychological tests should be used in strict accord with professional standards, and that applicants' due process rights should be guaranteed.

Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project. The GLMFP coalition includes ACLU, NGLTF, NOW, HRCF, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Lawyers Guild, and Citizen Soldier. APA's role will be to help develop research agendas for addressing the government's justifications and enforcement of statutes and regulations that prohibit homosexual behavior and that restrict gays and lesbians from serving in the military.

Psychologists interested in the GLMFP can contact:
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44 MID-WINTER MEETING

Division 44 is considering having a mid-winter convention beginning in February/March, 1991. Many other divisions sponsor mid-winter conferences and find them enjoyable and productive. Often they can have more social, experience-oriented workshops and plenary meetings than sessions at APA's annual Convention. A ballot is provided below for members to express their opinions about a Division 44 sponsored mid-winter convention. It would be helpful to fill out the ballot and return it to: *Jeffery Rehm, Ph.D.; PO Box 8422; Orange, CA 92664.*

1. I LIKE THE IDEA OF A MIDWINTER MEETING FOR DIVISION 44.

_____ yes _____ no

2. I WOULD MOST LIKELY ATTEND A CONVENTION IN FEBRUARY/MARCH, 1991.

_____ yes _____ no

3. I WOULD PREFER THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

____ Palm Springs, CA; ____ Santa Fe, NM;
____ San Antonio, TX;
_____ Other (please list)

4. I LIKE THE IDEA OF CO-SPONSORING WITH ALGP

_____ yes _____ no

5. I WOULD PREFER TO CO-SPONSOR WITH:

_____ (please specify)

6. I WOULD ATTEND ONE OR MORE CE PROGRAMS.

_____ yes _____ no What kinds of programs would you like:

7. DO THE SUGGESTED FEES (\$75 for members/ \$100 for nonmembers) PLUS AIRFARE AND HOTEL SOUND WORTH THE EXPERIENCE?

_____ yes _____ no

8. I WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK ON THE MID-WINTER CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

_____ yes _____ no

Please provide your name and address with the form.

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MMPI Use in Screening Out Gay Police Applicants. APA has been contacted regarding a possible suit against the Los Angeles Police Department being brought by former officers who allege they were discriminated against because they are gay. One aspect of the case is the use of the MMPI M-F scale as a screening device to eliminate gay applicants. Any psychologists having knowledge of such usage please provide that information to: *Clinton Anderson, APA, (202) 955-7727.*

National Education Association and Gay and Lesbian Youth in Schools. The National Education Association has adopted a resolution that states *all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, should be afforded equal opportunity within the public education system.* In addition NEA advocates counseling services for gay and lesbian students in every school district. In a related action, the American School Health Association has initiated a Task Force on Gay Youth in Schools.

Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapies. The current prevalence of sexual orientation conversion therapy in the United States and the ethical and professional implications of such therapies is the focus of a project of the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns of the Washington State Psychological Association. Any person who has expertise in this area may contact: *Douglas Haideman, Co-Chair; WPA/CLGC; 411 First Ave. South; Suite 30; Seattle, WA 98104.*

Call for CGLC Agenda Recommendations. The APA Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns is soliciting recommendations for its agenda. The deadline for items is mid-June. Send items to *CLGC Agenda; Office of Social and Ethical Responsibility; APA; 1200 17th St., NW; Washington, D.C. 20036* or call *Clinton Anderson (202) 955-7727.*

Call for CGLC Nominations. APA's Board of Social and Ethical Responsibility for Psychology (BSERP) is seeking nominations for new members of its Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns. Persons with demonstrated experience in issues relevant to psychology in the public interest are sought for the two three-year terms beginning in early 1991. Nominations of ethnic minority psychologists and other psychologists who are members of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged. The deadline for applications is September 1, 1990. For further information, contact: *Clinton Anderson, APA, (202) 955-7727.*