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# NEWSLETTER

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## SPSLGI CONVENTION PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Division 44 and the Public Interest Directorate will co-sponsor a mini-convention entitled *Beyond Stigma: Homosexuality as a Social Issue* at the APA Convention in San Francisco. We are excited about the array of symposia, workshops and invited talks which will address the topic.

Presentations will be offered from Friday, August 16 through Tuesday, August 20 on a diversity of issues relevant to lesbian and gay studies in psychology. A partial listing of presentations (For a full roster of Division 44's programming see pages 5-6 of this Newsletter.) follows:

**Homophobia.** Presidential Address by Jeffrey Rehm, *From Personal Acceptance and Empowerment to a National Agenda*; Symposium, *Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Challenges for Psychologists in the 1990's*.

**Life Stages.** Symposium, *Lesbian and Gay Youth and the Schools*; Symposium, *Diversity in Aging*.

**Career Issues.** Symposium, *Recruitment and*

*Selection of Gay and Lesbian Law Enforcement Applicants*; Invited Address by Randy Shilts, *Conduct Unbecoming: Politics, Prejudice and Homosexuality in the U.S. Military*.

**Family System.** Symposium, *Lesbians Choosing Children: Perspectives on Research and Service*.

**HIV Infection.** Symposium, *Adapting to HIV Infection: Psychological Adjustment, Behavior Change, and Health*.

**Identity Issues.** Symposium, *Bisexuality: Issues of Identity, Behavior, and Politics*; Symposium, *The Portrayal of Lesbians in Film*.

**Psychological Concepts and Practice.** Invited Address by Laura Brown, *Future Directions for the Lesbian/Gay Paradigm in Psychology*.

In addition, SPSLGI will sponsor Conversation Hours and Social Hours at the Convention. These sessions will provide an informal, convivial environment to catch up with old friends and meet new colleagues.

See you in San Francisco.

## CE WORKSHOP ON AIDS

Division 44 will sponsor a pre-convention workshop on August 15, 1991 in San Francisco. The title of the workshop is: *AIDS Dementia: Critical Issues in Managing the Environment*. Providing six hours of CE credit, the workshop will cover the following topics: an overview of HIV and AIDS dementia; management issues of early HIV dementia vs. late stages of AIDS dementia; psychiatric assessment and pharmacologic management; and AIDS legal issues for mental health professionals.

The price of the workshop is \$125 (\$100 for students). For further information contact: *Sari Dworkin, Ph.D.; California State University; Dept. of counseling and Special Education; 5310 N. Campus Drive; Fresno, CA 93740-0003 or call (209) 278-2172.*

## ALGP AT CONVENTION

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) is sponsoring the Fourth Annual ALGP Empowerment Conference at APA's Convention on Thursday, August 15. This conference on social activism for lesbian and gay psychologists and our friends should be an exciting day, an opportunity for strategizing, discussion, and socializing.

ALGP will also provide a hospitality suite at the Convention. The suite will provide a setting for a series of programming on gay and lesbian issues in psychology to compliment the presentations offered by APA's divisions.

For additional information contact: *Michael Siever; Department of Psychology; NI-25; Univeristy of Washington; Seattle, WA 98195; (206) 685-7504.*

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Jeffrey Rehm, Ph.D.

It's hard to believe but it is Convention time again--meetings, parties, symposia, socializing, politics, lectures, and fun. This year especially should be a wonderful experience. Division 44 and the Public Interest Directorate are co-sponsoring a mini-convention entitled: *Beyond Stigma: Homosexuality as a Social Issue*. (See schedule on pages 5-6.) Highlights include an invited address by Randy Shilts author of *And the Band Plays On*; a symposium on the effects of discrimination in the military co-sponsored by Division 19; and a symposium chaired by Greg Herek which will present research on the effects of discrimination and homophobia on the general population. Dr. Herek is an expert on homophobic and anti-gay violence. Be sure also to attend the social hours and fundraiser sponsored by the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP). These get-togethers are a fun way to meet new people, network, catch up with colleagues, and just have a comfortable place.

The APA will be a launching pad for our national agenda which is to have a gay and lesbian rights bill before Congress by the year 2000. We are presently focusing on discrimination in the military but we want to expand the scope to eliminate all barriers for lesbians and gays in the country. We can all do our part by continually standing up for ourselves in whatever settings we are in--from expressing our disapproval at "fag" jokes when we hear them to coming out in our place of work and within our families when and wherever possible and we can get involved politically even if it is to write letters to our local, state and nationally elected officials stating the issues and asking for what we deserve and saying no to what we don't like.

In San Francisco I will turn the imaginary gavel (we don't have a real one) to Connie Chan, our next President. It has been an exciting year for me. I have been in touch with many of you either by phone or mail and have always been impressed with our professionalism and dedication. Division 44 has always felt like family to me because of its warmth and caring. I hope that through our work we can extend that warmth and caring to the whole gay and lesbian community and then the entire world family. Thank you for letting me share in the governance of Division 44. It has been an honor and a privilege.

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# APA CENTRAL REPORT

by Clinton Anderson

The Board of Directors passed a recommendation statement to Council clarifying APA policy in response to the U.S. Military's request to advertise in APA publications in light of the Department of Defense (DoD) policy of discrimination against lesbians and gay men at their meeting held June 21-23, 1991. The statement was prepared by the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) and recommends that APA adopt the policy statement listed below and that a disclaimer be printed with each ad submitted by the military.

**History of the issue.** In June, 1990 the Board of Directors considered an item with the following main motion : ". . .that the Board of Directors affirm APA's Policy Concerning Advertising Appearing in APA Publications and that advertising practice should conform to the policy."

The motion originated with the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns (CLGC) and was directed at advertising by the U.S. military. The board of Social and Ethical Responsibility for Psychology (BSERP) endorsed the motion and Division 19 (Military Psychology) opposed it. Action was deferred pending consultation with affected constituencies.

In subsequent meetings with the chief psychologists of the military services, the CEO negotiated an agreement that if APA will take no formal action, they will submit no new advertising. At fall 1990 meetings, CLGC and BSERP supported the agreement; Division 19 continued to oppose ending U.S. military access to APA channels for recruiting psychologists.

The Board of Directors reviewed the issue again at its meeting on February 6-7, 1991, but took no action because there was no pending request for advertising from the military services.

The situation has changed. The services have discovered that the *Monitor* is a useful method of recruiting--the Army, which did not advertise in the critical period did not fill its slots. The other services, which had continuing contracts and thus had ads in the *Monitor*, filled their slots. As a consequence they decided to request permission to advertise, and asked the CEO how to go about it. He advised them to submit an ad order which would bring the matter to the attention of the Board.

At its April retreat, the Board of Directors

discussed the issue of military advertising, deferred action on advertising policy, and requested that BAPPI attempt to work with the relevant groups and forward an action item for consideration at the June Board of Directors meeting.

In response to the Board of Directors' request, BAPPI held a discussion of the issues posed by the U.S. Military's request for advertising in APA publications with representatives of Divisions 44 and 19, CLGC, the Board of Directors, the psychological services branches of the Army, Air Force, and Navy, and the CEO. These parties met together with the CEO prior to meeting with BAPPI and reached a compromise agreement for which all parties expressed support. The compromise as presented to BAPPI includes adoption of a policy statement, proposed by Steve Morin, setting a deadline of December 31, 1992 for the cessation of acceptance of DoD advertising by APA unless the Department of Defense policy of discrimination has been rescinded. In addition, BAPPI adopted a disclaimer regarding DoD's discriminatory practices to be included in each and every ad accepted. Further, BAPPI expects the commitment of the full resources of APA to a major effort to effect a change in the DoD's policy by December 31, 1992, as articulated by the CEO.

**APA Advertising Policy.** *APA's Policy Concerning Advertisements Appearing in APA Publications* includes a section on discrimination in employment which follows: "The APA undertakes to comply with the letter and the spirit of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. As such the Association endeavors not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or physical handicap in its own employment practices and will not knowingly permit its publications, as ad media, to be used by others in support of discriminatory employment practices."

**U.S. Military Policy and Practice Regarding "Homosexuality".** The regulations of the United States military services state that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." The regulations are enforced by screening for homosexuality prior to enlistment and rejecting recruits who indicate homosexuality and by discharging service members whose homosexual

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## Workshops

The APA Continuing Education (CE) Committee will be offering six Academic/Scientific Seminars, 43 CE Workshops, and two Member Service Workshops at the APA Convention in San Francisco. These workshops will be offered during the Convention (August 16-20) and EC credits will be given. Members may call (202) 955-7719 and request a Brochure for complete information about the CE program at the Convention.

## Publications

The Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness (SCLGBA) of the American College Personnel Association has a newly enlarged Resource Clearinghouse for assistance in finding resources and information on a variety of topics of interest to college educators including current issues and topics of concern for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people. To utilize the Clearinghouse, contact: *John Leppo; Director of Campus Life; SUNY-Purchase; 735 Anderson Hill Rd; Purchase, NY 10577; (914) 251-6335.*

Graduate Faculty in Psychology Interested in Lesbian and Gay Issues 1990 is now available for \$10 from the Public Interest Directorate. A compilation of a survey conducted in the fall of 1990, the book reports courses with a significant emphasis on gay and lesbian issues, faculty conducting relevant research, and faculty specializing in clinical/counseling training and supervision with gay and lesbian clients. For further information or to purchase a copy, contact: *Public Interest Directorate; APA; 1200 17th St., NW; Washington D.C. 20036.*

Lesbian Mothers and Their Children: A Resource Paper for Psychologists, a publication developed by CLGC and CWP, summarizes the research on children raised by lesbian mothers, an overview of methodology in the research literature, and an annotated bibliography of specific articles on the topic. To receive a copy, contact: *Public Interest Directorate; APA; 1200 17th St., NW; Washington D.C. 20036.*

Graduate Faculty Interested in the Psychology of Women is a guide that facilitates the identification of women faculty members and courses on the psychology of women at various colleges and universities. The publication costs \$10 and can be

ordered by contacting: *Women's Program Office; Public Interest Directorate; APA; 1200 17th St., NW; Washington D.C. 20036.*

## Research Participants Sought

Therapeutic Issues with Homosexual Clients is the focus of a research project by Katherine Giovando, M.A. candidate. If you wish to participate in this study send a request for a questionnaire to: *Katherine Giovando; 1505 (B); E. Prince Rd.; Tucson, AZ 85719.*

Gay male couples who are raising a child(ren) from near birth on are sought as research participants. These couples, raising a child from infancy, differ from couples raising children from a previous, heterosexual marriage or older children from a foster placement program. The study will investigate the couple's values, communication style, division of responsibilities, etc. If any "gay fathers" who fall within the specific population stipulated are interested in being study participants, contact: *Dan McPherson, MFCC; 1301 17th Ave; San Francisco, CA 94122.*

## AIDS

The Americans with Disabilities Act: What It Means for People Living with AIDS is a publication produced by the ACLU's National AIDS Project, the AIDS Action Council, and the American Foundation for AIDS Research and outlines provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To receive a copy of the publication, contact: *ADA Education Project; ACLU; 132 W. 43rd St; New York, NY 10036.*

## Nominations

The Committee for the Approval of Continuing Education Sponsors (CACES) seeks nominations for two members to serve 1992-1994 terms. CACES reviews applications from organizations seeking APA approval as providers/sponsors of CE programming. Nominee qualifications include: experience in coordinating continuing education on a large scale; involvement in planning continuing education for a state association; background in industrial/ organizational psychology, family and marital therapy, psychopharmacology, or neuropsychological assessment. Nominations should be sent to: *Joanne Brazinski; CE Program Office; APA; 1200 17th St, NW; Washington, D.C. 20036.*

## DIVISION 44 CONVENTION PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 17

**10-11:50 am Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting** (Chair: Rehm) Sacramento Room (Sheraton Palace Hotel) (NOTE: All Division 44 program will be held in the Sheraton unless otherwise indicated.)

**1-2:50 pm Symposium: Lesbians Choosing Children: Perspectives on Research and Practice** (Chair: Patterson) (Participants: Raboy: *Evolving Issues in Donor Insemination*; Osterwile: *Relationship Satisfaction in Lesbian First-time Parents*; Patterson: *Children of Lesbian Mothers*; Schindelman: *Services for Lesbian and Gay Families*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 7, 9, 35, 37, 43) Rose Room

**3-4:30 pm Symposium: Adapting to HIV Infection: Psychological Adjustment, Behavior Change, and Health** (Chair: Martin) (Participants: Aspinwall: *Psychosocial Predictors of AIDS Risk Reduction Behavior Over Time*; Wayment: *Spared at Random: Survivor Reactions in the Gay Community*; Reed: *Coping and Longitudinal Adjustment in Gay Men with AIDS*; Schneider: *Optimism, Coping, and Adjustment Among Gay Men at Risk for AIDS*; Kemeny: *Chronic Depression Predicts Immune Decline over a Five Year Period*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 12, 38, 45) Rose Room

**5-5:30 pm Invited Address by Laura Brown: Future Directions for the Lesbian Gay Paradigm in Psychology** (Participant: Stephen Morin) (Chair: Rehm) (Co-sponsors: Divisions 9, 35) Rose Room

**6 pm Social Hour: Celebrating Advances in Gay and Lesbian Psychology** (Chair: Rehm) (Co-Sponsors: ALGP, CLGC) Gold Room

### Sunday, August 18

**10-11:50 am Symposium: Bisexuality: Issues of Identity, Behavior, and Politics** (Chair: Dworkin) (Participants: Fox: *Bisexuality and Sexual Orientation Self-Disclosure*; Dworkin: *Identifying as Lesbian vs. Bisexual: The Dilemma for Women*; Golden: *The Politics of Desire: The Case of Bisexual Women*; Lourea: *Psychosocial Issues Related to Counseling Bisexuals*)

(Co-sponsors: Divisions: 9, 35) Concert Room

**1-2:50 pm Invited Symposium: "Homosexuality is Incompatible with Military Service": Psychological Evaluation of DoD Policy** (Chair: Morin) (Participants: Sarbin: *Deconstructing Stereotypes: Some Research Possibilities*; Landis: *Ethnic Minority and Gender Integration: Lessons to be Learned*; Eitelberg: *A Final Frontier: Management of Exclusionary Policy in the Military*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 9, 19, 35, 45) Twin Peaks North

**3-3:50 pm Presidential Address by Jeffrey Rehm, Division 44 President: From Personal Acceptance and Empowerment to a National Agenda** (Chair: Chan) Rose Room

**5-5:30 pm Conversation Hour: Forging Alliances: A Shared Vision for Action** (Chair: Carballo-Diequez) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 35, 45) Presidio Room

**6 pm Social Hour: Forging Alliances** (Chairs: Chan and Rehm) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 35, 45) Sunset Court

### Monday, August 19

**9-10:50 am Invited Symposium: Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Challenges for Psychologists in the 1990s** (Chair: Herek) (Participants: Bailey: *Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Policy Issues for the 1990's*; Tregor: *Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Community Responses in the 1990's*; Garnets: *Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: Mental Health Issues for the 1990's*; Herek: *Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men: A research Agenda for the 1990's*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 9, 44) Rose Room

**11-11:50 am Invited Address by Terry Tafoya: Learning to See-Seeing to Learn: New Perspectives on Sexuality and Mental Health** (Chair: Rehm) Twin Peaks North

## DIVISION 44 CONVENTION PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE (cont.)

### 12-12:50 pm Poster Session: Psychological Issues for Gay and Lesbian Populations

(Participants: Bowman: *Prevalence of Gay/Lesbian Student Groups on College Campus*; Cochran & Mays: *Levels of Depression Among Black Lesbians and Gay Men*; Cowden & Koch: *Sexual Concerns of Homosexual and Heterosexual College Students*; Gaies, Sacco, & Becker: *Development of Sexual Activity and AIDS Thought Scale*; Greenfield: *Coming Out within the Family, Mothers, Fathers, and Lesbian Daughters*; Keller, Steffen, & Tennenbaum: *The Power Motive in Caucasian Gay and Lesbian Couples*; Luhrs & Crawford: *The Defensive Function as a Predictor of Homophobia*; McHenry & Johnson: *The Homophobic Therapist and the Homophobic Client: Collusions in Self-Hate*; Moon, Horowitz & Morgan: *Attitudes toward Psychotherapy: Comparing Caucasian Lesbians and Non-Lesbian Women*; Nutt & Kahn: *Factors Affecting the Coming Out Process for Lesbians*; Prase & Hollander: *Depression Among Homosexual Males with Human Immunodeficiency Virus*; Sabogal, Reyes, Aguirre, Sandlin, Bregman, & Lemp: *San Francisco Latino Gay/Bisexual Males' HIV Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 3, 9, 45) Hall A / Convention Center

1-2:50 pm Symposium: **Dealing with the Continuum of Boundary Dilemmas in Psychotherapy** (Chair: Brown) (Participants: Lyn: *Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Therapists Social/Sexual Interactions with Clients*; Benowitz: *Women's Experiences of Sexual Contact with Female and Male Psychotherapists*; Sanderson: *Boundary Problems from a Systems Perspective*) (Co-sponsors: Division: 35) Unspecified Room

3-3:50 pm Invited Address by Rany Shilts: **Conduct Unbecoming: Politics, Prejudice and Homosexuality in the U.S. Military** (Chair: Morin) (Co-sponsors: Division: 9) Gold Room

4-4:50 pm Invited Symposium: **Beyond Stigma: Lesbian and Gay Policy Issues in the 90's** (Discussant: Bailey) (Participants: Achtenberg: *Our Families, Ourselves: Lesbian and Gay Family Issues*; Amiano: *Gays and Lesbians in Schools: Teachers, Administrators, and Students*;

Vaid: *Empowering Ourselves: The Battle for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights*; Nickens & Brinkin: *Protecting Jobs: Employment Discrimination Issues for the Gay Community*; Friedman: *The Epidemic in the 90's: The Future of AIDS Politics*) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 9, 16, 32, 35, 38, 43, 45) Gold Room

6 pm Social Hour: **Beyond Stigma: Psychology and the Advancement of Gay and Lesbian Social Issues** (Chairs: Jones and Rehm) (Participants: (Co-sponsor: ALGP, CLGC, APA Public Interest Directorate and Divisions: 27, 32, 35, 38, 43, 45) Ralston Room

### Tuesday, August 20

9-10:50 am Symposium: **The Portrayal of Lesbians in Film** (Chair: Acuff) (Participants: Murphy: *Reflections of Lesbian Relationships: A Broken Mirror*; Hancock: *Film Images of Lesbian Mental Health: Depressed, Distressed and Dead*; Moritz: Title unavailable at time of printing) (Co-sponsors: Divisions: 9, 10, 35) Twin Peaks North

11-11:50 am Symposium: **The Social Construction of Lesbian Identity** (Chair: Wine) (Participants: Wine: *The Social Construction of Lesbian Identities in Academe*; Ristock: *Beyond Essentialism: Understanding Violence in Lesbian Relationships*; Rivera: *The Development of Lesbian Identity in Women with Multiple Personality* (Co-sponsors: 9, 35) Twin Peaks North

12-12:50 pm Division 44 Open Business Meeting (Chair: Rehm) Telegraph Hill Room

1-2:50 pm Incoming Executive Committee Meeting (Chair: Chan) Sacramento Room

### ALGP CONVENTION PROGRAMMING

The Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists (ALGP) will be sponsoring a series of programs at the Convention. Also, ALGP will be sponsoring the Fourth Annual Empowerment Conference on Thursday, August 15. For further information, contact: *Michael Siever, (206) 685-7504.*

## NOTICES OF NOTICES (cont.)

The publications and Communications Board of the APA has opened nominations for the editorship of Neuropsychology, APA's newest journal. Candidates must be members of APA and should be available to start receiving manuscripts January 1, 1992. Please note that the Board encourages more participation by women and ethnic minority women and men. Submit nominations by August 15, 1991 to: *Martha Storandt, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology; Box 1125; Washington University; St. Louis, MO 63130.*

### Call for Abstracts

The journal *Women & Therapy* is planning a special issue on women and aging. We are interested in exploring mental health issues of women from all walks of life, including personal experiences. Topics might range from the diagnostic, etiological, and psychotherapeutic, to those more descriptive and sociocultural. The deadline for submissions is October 15, 1991. Please contact: *Ellen Cole, Ph.D. or Nancy D. Davis, M.D.; Psychotherapy Associates; 143 N. McCormick; Suite 103; Prescott, AZ 86301.*

*Women & Therapy* is also planning a special issue about women with disabilities. Especially welcome would be submissions from multiple minority women (lesbians with disabilities, disabled women of color, elder women of disability, disabled lesbians of color, etc.). We particularly would like to receive abstracts from professional women of disability who are developing careers and other vocations requiring survival in undergraduate and graduate academic degree programs. The special issue will have a focus on the personal and professional experiences with psychotherapy and the mental health system of women with disabilities. It is important that submissions be written from the feminist perspective. Submissions should be made by August 31, 1991 to: *Lillian Holcomb; c/o Medical Psychology at Medical Center Hospital of Vermont; Burgess Residence; 111 Colchester Ave; Burlington, VT 05401-1435.*

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Submission deadlines for SPGLI's Newsletter are: October 1, February 1, and July 1. Mail to: *Dee Bridgewater, Ph.D.; 9033 Wilshire Blvd.; Suite 406; Beverly Hills, CA 90211.*

## OVERTURNING THE "GAG RULE"

On May 23, 1991, the Supreme Court upheld the Reagan Administration's regulations which restrict the information that may be provided by government-funded health care professionals to their patients in the Title X family planning program. Under these regulations, Title X grant recipients are prohibited from mentioning abortion as an option during counseling and from providing information regarding any abortion-related services. This prohibition holds even if a woman makes a direct inquiry and even when continuation of a pregnancy might endanger a woman's health or psychological well being. In their dissent, Justices Blackmun and Marshall stated that the decision upheld, for the first time, the viewpoint-based suppression of speech of those dependent upon the government for economic support.

**Your Action.** A letter to your Senators and your representative requesting their vote to overturn the Gag Rule and their opposition to all amendments is vital. It is essential that constituents urge them to vote against parental notification and consent amendments as well as to vote to overturn the Gag Rule. President Bush has said he will veto the bill if it passes, and so it is essential that a two-thirds majority is obtained in both Houses. The bill is expected to be brought up for floor consideration sometime in the next few weeks because the regulations are due to go into effect 60 days from the Court's ruling. Therefore, it is important that you contact your Representative and your Senators as soon as possible.

**How to make a difference.** Write your Senators and Representative. Letters are the most effective means to influence their votes. If you are not sure who they are, you can call the *Capitol Switchboard* at (202) 224-3121, give your zip code and they will tell you who your representatives are.

Also, APA has developed a sample letter for your information which you can adapt or modify. If you would like additional information, would like to become further involved in advocacy efforts, or would like to receive a copy of the sample letter, please call:

*Janet O'Keefe  
Office of Public Interest Legislation  
(202) 955-7797*

## MEMBERSHIP ADDRESS CHANGES

Many newsletters and other mailings have been returned to the Membership Chair because SPSLGI members have moved and have failed to notify the division. Notifying us about your new address saves the division many dollars in postage and saves you from missing your mailings. If you have any address changes, please contact SPSLGI's membership chair in writing as soon as possible at the address listed below:

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## OPENING FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Division 44 is receiving applications for the position of Membership Chair for the Division. Responsibilities will include coordinating renewal of current members; processing of new members; outreach to increase divisional membership; annual reports to the division's Executive Committee, etc.

Applicants will be interviewed at the Convention in San Francisco, August 16-20. For further information, 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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orientation is identified. The regulations stipulate that persons must be discharged "if one or more of the following approved findings is made: (1) the member had engaged in, attempted to engage in, or solicited another to engage in a homosexual act or acts. . . .(2) the member had stated that he or she is a homosexual or bisexual. . . .(3) the member had married or attempted to marry a person known to be of the same biological sex. . . ."

The number of discharges under this regulation was 15,000 between 1975 and 1985 and 4660 during 1985-1987.

**APA Policies on Homosexuality and Sexual Orientation.** In 1975 APA adopted a statement of policy regarding discrimination against homosexuals: "The American Psychological Association deplors all public and private discrimination in such areas as employment, housing, public accomodation, and licensing against those who engage in or have engaged in homosexual activities and declares that no burden of proof of such judgemnet, capacity, or reliability shall be placed upon these individuals greater than that imposed on any other persons.

"Further, the American Psychological Association supports and urges the enactment of civil rights legislation at the local, and state and federal level that would offer citizens who engage in acts of homosexuality the same protections now guaranteed to others on the basis of race, creed, color, etc.

"Further, the American Psychological Association supports and urges the repeal of all discriminatory legislation singling out homosexual acts by consenting adults in private.

"Further, Council voted that the Association's Statement of Policy Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity be amended to include 'sexual orientation' among the prohibited discriminations listed in the statement."

**Main Motion.** The following motion was passed by the Board of Directors in June:

*That the Board of Directors recommend that the Council of Representatives adopt the following resolution:*

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND ADVERTISING IN APA PUBLICATIONS**

*Whereas, the American Psychological Association*

*hereas, APA will not let its publications, as orientation; and*

*Whereas, APA will not let its publications, as advertising media, be used by others in support of discriminatory employment practices;*

*Whereas, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) maintains a policy that homosexual orientation is " incompatible with military service"; and*

*Whereas, the DoD will not knowingly admit bisexual, lesbian or gay individuals to military service, including research and clinical internship programs in psychology; and*

*Whereas, an average of 1,500 men and women are unfairly discharged from military service each year because their sexual orientation becomes known;*

*Therefore, be it resolved that the APA opposes that DoD policy which finds homosexual orientation " incompatible with military service"; and*

*Be it further resolved that APA take a leadership role among national organizations in seeking to change this discriminatory DoD policy, and*  
*Be it further resolved that APA will not permit its publications, as advertising media, to be used by the DoD after December 31, 1992, unless the DoD policy that homosexual orientation "is incompatible with military service" has been rescinded by that date.*

**Recommendation.** The Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest recommends that the proposed policy statement be adopted.

BAPPI also recommends that a disclaimer appear on advertisements accepted from the DoD until its discriminatory policy has been rescinded or December 31, 1992 whichever comes first.

BAPPI would like assurance from the Board of Directors that the deadline set will be firm, final, and enforced unless the DoD's policy of discrimination is eliminated. While BAPPI expects to be deeply involved in APA efforts to effect a change in DoD's policy, it feels strongly that those efforts should be a Board of Directors' initiative so that the effort is clearly perceived as an Association-wide concern.

For further information or to express your opinion, contact:

*Clinton Anderson*  
*(202) 955-7727*

## SPSLGI ARCHIVIST

Arnold Kahn is the archivist for Division 44. In that role, he maintains files of all official documents of the Society. Thus, he should regularly receive the following: minutes of meetings, task force and committee reports, letters, newsletters, executive committee correspondence, presidential addresses, awards, obituaries, and membership lists.

Division 44, along with ALGP and CLGC, are historically important in the movement to gain rights and equality for lesbians and gay men. In the future there will be historians, sociologists, and psychologists who will be doing research on the establishment of this division and its accomplishments. If the archives are incomplete, so will be our history.

Please send all relevant materials to:

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