

Clinical Notes

A Membership Newsletter of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology November, 2011

Our continued thanks....

Howard Cohen, who was a force in leading the Academy in past years and is still active in promoting Board Certification (i.e., recently founding an ABPP section in the New York State Psychological Association), helped us once again by securing an ad from the American Professional Agency for our website. American Professional Agency is the one that offers a malpractice insurance discount for having your ABPP. Thanks, Howard!

Congratulations ...

Bob Yufit received an award at the ABPP Convocation in August for his years of contributions to Board Certification through examining, mentoring, and serving on the Academy's Board of Directors. He was nominated for the award by the American Board of Clinical Psychology, seconded by the Academy. Kathleen M. McNamara was awarded the 2011 <u>Distinguished Service and Contributions to Professional Psychology</u>.

Janet Matthews received the 2011 Distinguished Psychologist Award from the Louisiana Psychological Association.

You're an example for all of us, Bob, Kathleen, and Janet. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bret Moore and Mary Ann Norfleet on election to the American Academy of Clinical Psychology Board. Bret A. Moore is a former Army Psychologist now a civilian with the Department of Army. He is author or editor of several books including, *Living and Surviving in Harm's Way, Wheels Down: Adjusting to Life After Deployment, Veterans and Active Duty Military Psychotherapy Treatment Planner and Treating PTSD in Military Personnel.* Mary Ann Norfleet is a Senior Research Fellow at the Mental Research Institute and Adjunct Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University School of Medicine. She is a Fellow of Division 42 of APA (*Psychologists in Independent Practice*).

Michael Eastridge and David Kazar have joined Fred Alberts on the Continuing Education Committee. Mike has been in independent practice in Saint Petersburg, Florida, since 1985. His clinical practice includes assessment and treatment of brain injuries and chronic pain and illnesses. He consults with businesses regarding ADA issues, Fitness for Duty and other employee risk factors. David Kazar is currently working primarily in the area of cognitive behavioral psychotherapy in the Mental Health Clinic of Bay Pines Veteran's Administration Health Care System. David is Past President of the *Florida Psychological Association* (FPA), past President of the *Forensic Division of FPA*, past President of the *Pinellas Chapter of FPA*, and past *FPA Federal Advocacy Coordinator*.

Congratulations and thanks to all! If you are interested in serving the *Academy* on a committee or working in some other capacity, contact Chris at contact@aacpsy.org.

A reminder...

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2012, we remind you to do so. We value your membership, and your dues support our efforts to promote Board Certification in Clinical Psychology. Current projects are to get links to our website on as many state association websites as possible, and to contact all psychology graduate students across the country about the Early Entry Project for ABPP.

Spreading the word...

Board Member Fred Alberts presented a workshop on Understanding and Preparing For ABPP Board Certification in Clinical Psychology, in conjunction with our Board meeting in New Orleans October 15. It was well attended, and we look forward to some applications as a result!

Board Member Roger Brooke represented the ABPP/Academy at the publicity table at the Pittsburgh Psychological Association convention recently.

Board Members Fred Alberts, Lisa Grossman, and Chris Ebbe are getting organized to write a book that would guide applicants in becoming Board Certified in Clinical.

It has come to our attention that a number of those who are Board Certified in Clinical do not use "ABPP" in their signatures. In terms of spreading the word about Board Certification, we urge you to use ABPP in your signature and credentials whenever possible (e.g., Christopher Ebbe, Ph.D., ABPP).

Hoping to increase the number of psychologists who are ABPP Board Certified, the Academy is gearing up to create relationships with APA Divisions 12, 18, 19, and 29. (We already have a good connection with 42, through Lisa Grossman.) If you know of anyone in those divisions who is already Board Certified, particularly but not necessarily in leadership positions, please let Chris. Ebbe know (contact@aacpsy.org) so that we might use that connection to begin exploring possible relationships.

Recognition of Specialties...

This year the specialty of Clinical must re-apply for continued recognition as a specialty by the Committee for Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology. Dr. Irv Weiner was principal author for the lengthy re-application and the Academy reviewed it and made suggestions.

Member List-serv...

The Academy is ready to start an on-line listserv discussion group for members only. If you did not mark on your latest dues statement that you are interested in trying it or if you have not yet sent in your dues but are interested in the discussion group, let Chris Ebbe know (contact@aacpsy.org) so that you can be added to the group, which will open within the next month!

Your Academy Directory listing...

The Academy's on-line directory of members (at www.aacpsy.org) has been augmented to allow for the listing of two complete professional addresses, instead of one only. (This additional address permits entry of all elements of the first address, including another website and another e-mail address, if needed.) If you would like to add a second address to your listing, please send it to contact@aacpsy.org

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