



Specialty Board Report to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees

For the Period November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014

Specialty Board: Geropsychology

Specialty Board Officers/Members:

Rebecca Allen; Andrew Heck; Dolores Gallagher-Thompson; Greg Hinrichsen; June Blum; Doug Lane; Larry Thompson; Lauren fox Mac Millan; Peter Lichtenberg; Rick Zweig; Susan Krauss Whitbourne

Submitted by: Victor Molinari

Date (m/d/yy): 10/28/14

Board Meetings During Year:

Number: 2

Location/Date (m/yy):	Conference	APA/Aug-14	/
	Call/Feb-14		
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Describe Examination Site Organization:

ABGERO has been examining 3 candidates at a time, with 3 examiners examining each candidate individually on the 3 different phases of the exam (e.g. ethics, PSS, work examples).

Board “Pipeline” (Completed by Central Office for board review):

- Applications Received:
 - # Early Entry Option _____
 - # Approved _____
 - # Not approved _____
 - #Pending further information _____
 - # Appeals _____
 - # Appeals upheld _____
- Completed Written Exams (Clinical Neuropsychology & Forensic only):
 - # Approved _____
 - # Not approved _____
 - # Appeals _____
 - # Appeals upheld _____
- Completed Practice Samples:
 - # Approved _____
 - # Not approved _____
 - # Revise and resubmit _____
 - # Appeals _____
 - # Appeals upheld _____

- Completed Oral Exams:
 - # Approved _____
 - # Not approved _____
 - # Appeals _____
 - # Appeals upheld _____

Examination Development and Evaluation Activities:

- a. Significant changes in examination:

ABGERO is still in process of 'finalizing' our exam process. Main change involves scoring of the candidates' performance. If one reviewer fails a candidate on any component, a discussion is triggered before a final vote is taken regarding whether the candidate 'passes' or 'fails' based upon majority rules.

- b. Evaluation of Examination Components:

We plan on beginning a discussion re the possible development of a written test, and/or quantifying answers to queries re clinical vignettes taken from the APA video series on geropsychology

- c. Certification (exam) manual revision to meet ABPP Template Requirements:

We are 'in process' regarding finalizing our implementation plan. Dr. Heck has been assigned the task of writing our exam manual and will assist with the development of our bylaws once we are officially approved.

Comments on examiner pool, evaluation, and training:

In addition to all the Board members trained as examiners, by the end of November we will have 5 other examiners who have passed the ABGERO oral exams, reviewed the examination PP slides, and observed an examination. The plan is to begin conducting regional examinations next year in either California (West), Florida (Southeast), New York/Massachusetts (East) , and Michigan (mid-West).

Board activities specifically related to:

- a. Special initiatives

Finish examining 30 non-Board members; become a full-fledged ABPP specialty; Begin implementation of MOC process

- b. Joint Board/Academy Activities

None

- c. Toward Diversity Goals

Mentorship program allows diverse candidates to feel more comfortable with the process

- d. Recruitment Plan for New Applicants

Publicize via newsletter updates; webinars, and LISTSERV posts.

Brief summary of general governance meeting(s) of Board. (Please attach Board minutes to this report):

See attached

Comments and recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

Due November 1, 2014