



Specialty Board Report to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees
For the Period November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016

Specialty Board: Geropsychology

Specialty Board Officers/Members:

Andrew Heck; Dolores Gallagher-Thompson; Greg Hinrichsen; June Blum; Doug Lane; Larry Thompson; Lauren Fox Mac Millan; Peter Lichtenberg; Rick Zweig; Susan Krauss Whitbourne (treasurer); Shane Bush (secretary); Victor Molinari (president)

Submitted by: Victor Molinari

Date (m/d/yy): 10/18/16

Board Meetings During Year:

Number: 1

Location/Date (m/yy): 11/16 / /
New Orleans/ / /

Describe Examination Site Organization:

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 & Pediatric Clinical Neuropsychology 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:

None

- b. Evaluation of Examination Components:

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

Completed

Comments on examiner pool, evaluation, and training:

The geropsychology pipeline has slowed a bit this year and we are in an active recruitment mode. At this point we plan to continue to do testing at the annual meetings of APA and the Gerontological Society of America, along with the ABPP workshop series. We have added one examiner this year. Once the pipeline becomes unplugged, the plan is to develop a cadre of regional examiners. We are close to this point, but not quite.

Board activities specifically related to:

- a. Special initiatives

We are planning to develop our own ABGERO website. We are also in the process of appointing a specific ABGERO representative to the Geropsychology Specialty Council. Dr. Molinari, under the auspices of CoPGTP, had previously fulfilled this role. Michele Mlinac is now the the ABGERO rep to the Primary Care Special Interest Group. Although not officially sponsored by ABGERO, a survey has been conducted to identify the foundational core competencies of geropsychology so we can begin to tailor CE offerings at this basic 'exposure' level.

- b. Joint Board/Academy Activities

N/A

- c. Toward Diversity Goals

We are soliciting for an ECP to be on our board

- d. Recruitment Plan for New Applicants

Our mentorship program is in full gear. We have also been working with Michele Karel (Psychogeriatrics Coordinator of VACO) and Michelle Mlinac to stimulate the VA pipeline. They have helped to form a group that has a regular teleconference call of experienced VA psychologists interested in the ABGERO senior option. They also have developed a telephone consultation network that helps psychologists interested in the ABGERO with obtaining their supervised geropsychology experience by yoking them with experienced geropsychologists who conduct phone supervision

Brief summary of general governance meeting(s) of Board. (Please attach Board minutes and next year's roster to this report):

Comments and recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

This year the Board members have starting executing their committee assignments. The Credentials, Practice Sample, and Oral Exam committees are running pretty smoothly.

Due October 31, 2016