



**Specialty Board Report to the Annual Meeting of the
Board of Trustees**
For the Period November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018

Specialty Board: Geropsychology

Specialty Board Officers/Members:

Our terms start/end at the APA convention. The following reflect the Board as of 10/31/18.

Shane Bush (president), Andrew Heck (president-elect); Victor Molinari (immediate past-president), Rebecca Allen (secretary), Susan Krauss Whitbourne (treasurer), Dolores Gallagher-Thompson, Greg Hinrichsen, June Blum, Peter Lichtenberg, Richard Zweig, Elizabeth Shumaker (ECP)

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Date (m/d/yy): 10/6/18

Board Meetings During Year:

Number: 2

Location/Date (m/yy):	Call/Feb-18	APA convention/Aug-18	/
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Describe Examination Site Organization:

Oral examinations are typically held at the annual conventions of APA and the Gerontologic Society of America, and regionally as needed.

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:
Development of regional examinations. The exam process remains the same.
- b. Evaluation of Examination Components:
- c. Certification (exam) manual revision to meet ABPP Template Requirements:

Comments on examiner pool, evaluation, and training:

Training of regional examiners continues.

Board activities specifically related to:

- a. Special initiatives
 - 1) ABGERO specialists were surveyed regarding diversity composition, ways in increase diversity among applicants, and ways to better meet the needs of diverse specialists. The results were published by Mlinac, Bush, Molinari, & Badana in the Clinical Geropsychology News. 2) The bylaws were revised/updated to better reflect the board's operations now that the board has been established for a few years and to better meet the anticipated needs of the board going forward.

- b. Joint Board/Academy Activities

N/A

- c. Toward Diversity Goals

In addition to the survey described above, the board established an Inclusion/Diversity Committee to promote inclusivity.

- d. Recruitment Plan for New Applicants

AGBERO specialistis are providing formal group supervision and online group didactic training to potential applicants who do not yet meet the training requirements. These efforts, which tend to draw from among VA psychologists, are intended to increase readiness for the application and examination process.

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

The board held a very productive meeting on 8/9/18 at the APA convention in San Francisco.

Now that the board has been up and running for a few years, there was a need to reassess practices and needs and to continue to improve the board's functioning. Numerous updates were made to the bylaws and board composition, and there was a consensus that we continue to be headed in a very positive direction (see minutes).

Comments and recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

ABGERO appreciates the ongoing support that ABPP BOT, ABPP Executive Council , and ABPP staff consistently provide. Having access to rooms for board meetings and examinations at the APA convention is a great help.

Due October 31, 2018