



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

Specialty Board: Geropsychology

Specialty Board Officers/Members:

Andrew Heck; Dolores Gallagher-Thompson; Greg Hinrichsen; Larry Thompson; Peter Lichtenberg; Rick Zweig; Toni Wroolie; Elizabeth Shumaker (ECP); Susan Krauss Whitbourne (treasurer); Shane Bush (president); Rebecca Allen (secretary); Victor Molinari (ABPP rep)

Submitted by: Victor Molinari

Date (m/d/yy): 12/2/19

Board Meetings During Year:

Number: 2

Location/Date (m/yy):	/	11/Nov-19	10/Jun-19
	08/Aug-19	9/Dec-19	4/Mar-19

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:

We have been having discussions regarding edits to our Policy & Procedures Manual and tentative changes have been proposed. We will need to get full Board approval before the edits become official policy. For example, we have been working to standardize what it means to make “a significant contribution” in order to qualify for the Senior option. We also have had discussions regarding need to differentiate between Geropsychology and Geriatric Neuropsychology.

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

Completed

Comments on examiner pool, evaluation, and training:

We tested 7 candidates this year at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting and 3 others in Colorado Springs. We also have a robust pipeline with regular queries regarding applications and assignment of mentorship. We believe this uptick in oral exams in part is related to the recent ABPP focus on TDs becoming board certified. We are now set up for the possibility of regional exams in California and Colorado. However, it seems like examinations at APA and the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting (which most geropsychologists attend) is working well, with the possible necessity of sporadic regional exams.

Board activities specifically related to:

- a. Special initiatives

The ABGERO board voted approval of bylaws changes recommended by ABPP Central Office. Dr. Bush is preparing for the periodic comprehensive review of procedures in 2020 which is conducted every 7 years

- b. Joint Board/Academy Activities

N/A

- c. Toward Diversity Goals

The ABGERO diversity committee continues to focus on the challenging question: How does ABGERO position to become even more important for diverse professionals? The ECP rep to ABGERO gave her third annual talk on the ABGERO process to the multi-site VA geropsychology fellowship webinar on Friday, July 26. A similar presentation is planned for the VA ECPs in January 2020.

- d. Recruitment Plan for New Applicants

The VA Geropsychology telephone consulting group has been very successful in helping

applicants meet the ABGERO supervision requirements. We put out a recent post to the ABGERO LISTSERV regarding non-VA specialists who would be interested in offering telephone consultation to some applicants so that they could meet the ABGERO supervision requirements. We received an excellent response. We are also in the process of drafting guidelines for media related ABGERO advertising on social websites.

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

Please see attached.

Comments and recommendations to the Board of Trustees:

ABGERO appreciates the support that ABPP BOT, ABPP Executive Council , and ABPP staff have given us over the years.