



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY AND PSYCHODRAMA

ASGPP Tele'Gram

July 2019 Monthly TELE'GRAM *Since June, 2018*

Dear ASGPP Members,
Welcome to the July 2019 Tele'Gram!

The Tele'Gram is issued through e-blast at the beginning of each month. Its purpose is to connect with everyone in the ASGPP on a regular basis - the council, the committees, and all members. As always, this issue will give you a lot of information about the many activities in the organization and will invite everyone to participate in committees and projects, to make suggestions, and, in general, to keep in touch with each other as a community.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ASGPP Award Nominations

The ASGPP presents awards annually to those who have contributed to the Society in the areas of psychodrama, sociometry and group psychotherapy. The nominees are selected by our members. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, go to the Members Only page on our website www.asgpp.org.

DUE: August 1, 2019

Executive Council, Nominations Committee and Professional Standards Committee

The Nomination Committee is seeking nominations and self-nominations for officers and committees of the Society. We need ASGPP members, willing to invest their leadership skills and a strong drive for the well-being of the organization. A slate will be prepared from these nominations and presented to the membership for their vote. Those duly elected by the membership will take office at the 2020 Annual Meeting. To see positions open and to nominate candidates, go to the Members Only page on our website www.asgpp.org.

The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2019.

MEMBERS ZOOM MEETINGS

We had a great turnout at our Membership Meeting in New Hampshire. We should always serve a lunch! At this meeting the Executive Council announced that we would hold two ZOOM meetings online open to all members. We would answer questions about the ASGPP, its operations and finances.

These meetings were held on May 16 and May 26. Questions were answered

and discussions were held. Several interesting ideas were proposed. We want to thank all the participants for their interest in the workings of the ASGPP. We will be having ZOOM Membership Meetings throughout the year and will notify all members of the dates.

FROM THE ASGPP TREASURER

Those of you who attend our conference know that we have three fundraisers. We have the Silent Auction, Live Auction and Baskets. During the months leading up to the conference our members send auction items, workshops, consults and baskets. Our Silent Auction team puts everything together and creates our fundraising event. Thanks to our donors and purchasers we have raised the following amounts:

Silent Auction	\$4,101
Live Auction	\$890
Baskets	\$1,474

Thank you,
Rhona Case, EdM, TEP
ASGPP Treasurer

ASGPP CONFERENCE IN 2020 IN CHICAGOLAND

Our annual conference, **HERE & NOW: the Power and Effectiveness of Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama and Sociometry**, will be an unparalleled opportunity for the psychodrama community, along with psychotherapists, teachers, and others from all over the world, to be drawn into an appreciation and celebration of psychodrama and sociometry. The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg, IL, a 15-minute ride from O'Hare Airport, with affordable guest rooms discounted to \$120 a night.

Many people have stepped into leadership roles to launch committees. Our OUTREACH and LOCAL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE is planning to announce our conference everywhere, promoting psychodrama at professional conferences, visiting graduate and undergraduate programs, police departments, law firms, banks, and more, offering presentations for both recruitment and fundraising. Our SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE is hoping to secure financial backing for scholarships at an unprecedented level.

We are interested in people joining these and other committees, including NATIONAL PUBLICITY, SOCIAL MEDIA, PROGRAMMING, HOSPITALITY and more. Please encourage students, trainees, and others in your social atom to participate. Our next CHICAGO TEAM meeting is scheduled for July 21, Sunday night, 6:00PM-6:50PM. All are welcome!

Email Shelley at sjschicago@juno.com with PSYCHODRAMA (all caps) on the subject line. Join us! HERE & NOW starts now: with everyone, old-timers and newbies, working together.

FROM THE ASGPP COMMITTEES:

*** From the FINANCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

Fundraiser for a New ASGPP Website

The ASGPP Executive Council and the Fundraising Committee would like to thank each person who has already made a donation on GoFundMe or via check for our Fundraiser for a NEW ASGPP WEBSITE! The issue is urgent and we need to take immediate action. The guesstimate cost of the entire website creation, setup and migration of current data is \$15,000.00. We need to raise funds NOW so we can

hire a website developer by August 1, 2019. Please consider donating for this highly important cause! Any donation amount will be deeply appreciated! If every member donates even a small amount, together we will make this possible! As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered a deductible contribution for your taxes.

<https://www.gofundme.com/donate-for-a-new-asgpp-website>.

Amazon Smile - a Way to Give

When you use www.smile.amazon.com to shop on Amazon, you can give to the ASGPP. No matter what you are shopping for, a portion of your purchase will be donated. ***No extra purchase required!***

Here's what to do:

1. Go to www.smile.amazon.com and either log into the account you already have with Amazon or create an account.
2. Then, follow the instructions to select "ASGPP Inc" as your charity
3. Every time you shop, go to smile.amazon.com. Portions of your purchases will help support the ASGPP.

The more people shop through smile, the more money the ASGPP will receive.

*** From the PROFESSIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE:**

A message from Scott Giacomucci, committee chair:

CALL FOR PSYCHODRAMA UNIVERSITY COURSE SYLLABI

As the new chair of the ASGPP Professional Liaison Committee, I would like to invite you to consider joining this committee. My hope is to put together a committee with diverse backgrounds and sociometric connections to various professional associations (APA, ACA, NASW, AGPA, IAGP, etc.).

The professional liaison committee's new initiative is around further embedding psychodrama in United States academia. If Moreno's methods are going to survive and thrive, we must reach the newer generations of professionals at universities, while collaborating with universities to develop scientific psychodrama research and academic writing. The professional liaison committee is requesting copies of psychodrama university course curriculums sent to Scott@SGiacomucci.com to be compiled into a database of psychodrama syllabi and later shared with our membership along with published guidelines for translating psychodrama training into a classroom setting (please confirm with your university that we have permissions to make the syllabus publicly accessible). Some elements of traditional psychodrama training need to be modified, emphasizing containment, professionalism, and boundaries, for appropriateness within the classroom context. It is our hope that access to these syllabi and guidelines for teaching psychodrama in the university setting will provide our members with additional support and framework to advocate for psychodrama courses at their local universities.

*** From the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:**

The ASGPP International Tele Café - meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing or face-to-face - are open to colleagues from around the world, who would like to connect and are interested in the ASGPP's activities. The International Tele Café opened its doors for a third time in May, face-to-face during the 77th ASGPP Conference in Manchester, NH. Many people stopped by to meet old and new friends, to tell stories, and to have some amazing sweets with their tea or coffee.

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, July 26th, 2019; 12PM - 1PM Eastern Time!
The next Tele Café will meet via zoom video conferencing. ASGPP International Committee member, Cristina Shmidt will be the host - she will

connect from J.L. Moreno's favorite cafe in Vienna, Austria. To RSVP please email us at international@asgpp.org by **July 23, 2019**. You will receive the zoom invitation via email.

* **From the PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

The Publications Committee has been established for the purpose of mediating communication among the Journal, the PNN, Allen Press Publishing House, the Council, the ASGPP members and other users of the ASGPP publications. The committee meets via Zoom every other month and communicates via emails the rest of the time.

The **Spring/Summer Psychodrama Network News (PNN)** is now on our website for your reading enjoyment. This issue is filled with conference reflections and photos, plus international news and much more.

https://asgpp.org/Summer_2019_PNN/

The **Journal of Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy** will be in the mail later this month and on our website.

* **From the PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:**

The committee publicizes the conference and the Society; oversees policies for advertising with the ASGPP; reviews all content and placement of ads placed on behalf of the Society in publications outside of the Society. The committee has been reaching out to individuals and organizations from around the world, promoting the ASGPP conference and other activities. The Publicity Committee wants to thank members for help spreading the word about our 2019 Conference. It's not too early to tell your students about the conference in 2020 - post information on your social media, and talk it up at any conferences you attend this Fall/Winter. Share this information with groups you belong to. "Save the Date for 2020" postcards are available upon request.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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*P.S. The name Tele'Gram (with apostrophe between Tele & Gram) was created to provide an original meaning and the J.L. Moreno term of 'tele' - "An inter-personal experience, growing out from person to person ... and gradually developing the sense for inter-personal relations". The term 'telegram' is an Americanism dating back to the mid-1800s and comes from the Greek tēle, "at a distance" and gram, "something written". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), *Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363*)*

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