



April/May 2021 TELE'GRAM

Established June, 2018

*"The building of intercultural bridges presupposes the growth of a body of knowledge."
(Moreno, J.L. (1956). Editorial. International Journal of Sociometry.
Beacon, NY, Beacon Press)*

Dear ASGPP Members,
Welcome to the combined April – May 2021 Tele'Gram!

The ASGPP Annual Conference, "100 Years of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy: Honoring our Past & Visioning the Future", was held ONLINE on April 7-11, 2021. The conference offered 5 days of learning and connecting – from Wednesday to Sunday!

We want to thank our many presenters, our Keynote speaker, Plenary speaker, and leaders of the panels and forums. Details will follow in the Spring/Summer PNN.

Behind the scenes leading up to the conference, and during the conference, we had a whole cast of volunteers putting this work of art and technology together for our valued attendees. Our goal was to have the conference simulate our in-person conference for our attendees. Thank you to our fantastic committee chairs and their teams. They met with the steering committee regularly and held meetings with their own teams for the months leading up to the conference. Their hard work showed through at the various events.

Our committee chairs will also be a resource for the 2022 conference Co-chairs in Chicago.

The Executive Council's Spring Meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Sunday, April 18th, 2021. The Council reviewed and evaluated their work, the work of the committees, and the ASGPP matters in general; discussed finances and important projects.

The Annual Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, April 25, 2021. There were 25 people in attendance. The committees gave their reports and invited members to join in and participate in projects that are being newly introduced.

> **We Want YOU**

- Become a Mentor to a new member
- Join Erica Hollander to update the ASGPP By-laws. ericahollander@comcast.net
- Sociatry & Social Justice Committee is starting a monthly meeting, "Courageous Conversations."
Paula: paula@asgpp.org

----- **MONDAY EVENING SUPPORT GROUPS**

Since March 2020 ASGPP has been offering support groups every Monday from 7:00-8:15pm EDT. Please register and attend!

We want to thank everyone who stepped up to help as facilitators in March, April and May! Susan Marcovitz, Lorelei Goldman, Basil Vareldzis, Liana Dragu, Phyllis Koss, Steve Gordon and Rhona Case. April & May were open groups where attendees took turns facilitating one group. This format will continue through the summer!

Thank you for your commitment and ongoing service to our ASGPP Community!

If you want to register for the support group or would like to offer help for future months, please contact our national office at asgpp@asgpp.org.

----- **FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL HOUR**

This popular gathering has been offered every Friday since April 2020, held by various guest facilitators. A link for registration is sent to all members via eblast each week. Thank you to Darlene Vanchura, Susan Marcovitz, Steve Kopp, Peg Lane, Liana Dragu, Lorelei Goldman and Rhona Case.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Online Education Project: ASGPP VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The Executive Council has been offering a series of fundraising educational events since June 2020. Thank you to the colleagues who have offered pro-bono workshops with 100% of the proceeds donated to the ASGPP. Additional workshops will be announced soon. We are inviting trainers who would like to offer their services to ASGPP by offering training pro-bono, to please contact the Education Committee: Cathy Nugent, cathynugent@verizon.net; Daniela Simmons, danielatsv@gmail.com; Paula de Franco, paula@asgpp.org; Carol Feldman-Bass, cfeldmanbass@gmail.com.

Give To The ASGPP Journal

The Journal of Psychodrama, Sociometry, and Group Psychotherapy, <https://meridian.allenpress.com/jpsgp>, presently in a digital format, is a successful reflection of how ASGPP has adapted over time to reflect the changes of technology and academic arenas on scholarly publications. Despite challenges and changes, the Journal continues to be a vital source for sharing the work of those practicing Psychodrama and Sociodrama worldwide.

All donations, in any amount, are accepted and greatly appreciated. As ASGPP is a tax exempt, non-profit, charitable organization that falls under section 501(c)(3), your donations will be considered deductible contributions for your taxes.

To donate, please click here: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/giving-tuesday-campaign-for-asgpp-journal>

Coming up soon is, "The Living Journal," an online workshop offered by various authors from our journal as pro-bono workshops, with 100% of the proceeds donated to the Journal. Look for eblast announcements of upcoming workshops.

Students' Membership Fundraising Event

Last year the Executive Council held a Fundraising event with the goal to invite graduate students to become new members and to cover their membership for a year. So far, we have enough funds for twenty-five (25) student-members.

The application for student membership scholarships will be placed on the homepage of the website. We want professors who teach courses incorporating psychodramatic methods to inform their students about this opportunity. If you have friends, colleagues or peers who are graduate students and could benefit from ASGPP membership, please direct them to the website. <https://asgpp.org>

Scholarship winners will be given a mentor who will support them in their first year of membership. See Member Benefits <https://asgpp.org/join/> Interested in becoming a mentor for a new member? Contact Deb Shaddy: debshaddy@gmail.com; Rhona Case: psychobabble3@yahoo.com

ASGPP International Tele Café

The ASGPP International Tele Café opened its doors on March 23, 2021 with host Cristina Schmidt from Austria. Next Tele Café will meet on Thursday, May 27th, 2021.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US & Canada)
05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

The ASGPP International Tele Café - meetings via Zoom Video Conferencing - are open to colleagues from around the world who would like to connect and are interested in the ASGPP's activities. Our colleague, Tamar Pelleg from Israel, will be the host.

To RSVP please submit the following form <https://forms.gle/tJFZLNRDSSyQpCqn7> by May 25, 2021

> Call for Workshop Proposals for the 80th Annual ASGPP conference in 2022. "Here & Now: The Power & Effectiveness of Group Psychotherapy, Psychodrama & Sociometry"

Submit: <https://forms.gle/iREtkGKWcFQwypGW6>

We are offering a "Wednesday night Sampler," to introduce psychodrama to professionals who are new to action methods; educators, attorneys, nurses, performing artists, etc. Offer a workshop that would inspire many of mankind!

PSYCHODRAMA VOLUME I by Jacob Levy Moreno was published through Psychodrama Press, the ASGPP Publishing House. (April 16, 2020) completing an extensive labor of love by Dr. Tian Dayton, MA, PhD, TEP. Special thanks to Dr. Sergio Guimaraes who at the zero hour rescued the very blurry photos and diagrams and turned them into the clearest rendition possible.

The book is uploaded onto KDP/Amazon publishing, here:

https://www.amazon.com/PSYCHODRAMA-Jacob-Levy-Moreno/dp/1733625801/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=PSYCHODRAMA+VOLUME+by+Jacob+Levy+Moreno&qid=1594337660&sr=8-1

PSYCHODRAMA PRESS is the ASGPP Publishing House. There are three items offered, at this time, for purchase on our website: <https://asgpp.org/resources/>

- *The Warm Up Box* by Carl Hollander
- *Jacob Levy Moreno 1889-1974* by René Marineau
- *PSYCHODRAMA VOLUME I* by Jacob Levy Moreno

Executive Council,

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P.S. 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". 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". (Moreno J.L. & Jennings H.H. (1938), Statistics of Social Configurations. Sociometry. 1. P. 363)