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AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO TAKE OFFICE IN SAN DIEGO, CA, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

NEW YORK, Feb. 17, 2010 — The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) announced today the new Officers and members of the Board of Directors who will be installed at the AGPA Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, February 22-27 at the San Diego Hotel & Marina.

Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA will be assuming the position of President of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Dr. Kleinberg is a psychologist in private practice and a Training Analyst and Senior Supervisor at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in New York City. He is a long-standing leader of the AGPA, including serving as Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors. He is also a leader on the local level, having served as President of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society and Editor of their Journal, *Group*.

“AGPA is the professional home to thousands of group therapists who provide help to those in need.” said Connie Concannon, M.S.W., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “The organization is privileged to have the experience and strong leadership of Dr. Kleinberg in place to guide us over the coming years.”

Other members of the Board who will be taking office will be as follows:

Officers:

Kathleen Ulman, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, President-Elect

Carol Vaughan, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Secretary

Darryl Pure, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, Treasurer

Board Members:

C. Deborah Cross, M.D., CGP

Martha L. Gilmore, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA

Ronnie L. Levine, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA

Mary W. Nicholas, Ph.D., LCSW, CGP, FAGPA

Sharan L. Schwartzberg, Ed.D.

Mary V. Sussillo, LCSW, BCD

Affiliate Societies Assembly Officers:

Lise Motherwell, Ph.D., Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA, Chair
Katie L. Griffin, MA, LPC, CGP, Chair-Elect
Russell Hopfenberg, Ph.D., CGP, Member-At-Large

Contributions in honor of Dr. Kleinberg or any of the new leadership group may be made to the Group Psychotherapy Foundation at www.agpa.org, or via phone at (212) 477-2677 or mail at 25 East 21st Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY, 10010; please indicate the individual to be notified regarding the receipt of the gift in their honor.

This leadership transition is a highlight of the AGPA's 2010 Annual Training in San Diego, CA, February 22-27 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Entitled "A New Decade: Sustaining Our World Through Groups," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the world. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations in groups, an increasingly utilized modality due to its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, particularly in today's economic climate. The theme reflects the meeting's emphasis on the effects of well-functioning groups on our global society. For more information, contact AGPA at (877) 668-AGPA (2472) or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend select sessions of the AGPA 2010 Annual Meeting. To register, please send an e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 212.477.2677.

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the foremost professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has over 2,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, clinical mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 31 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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