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**AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION AND GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY  
FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE NEW BOARDS OF DIRECTORS TO TAKE OFFICE IN  
WASHINGTON DC FEBRUARY 22, 2008**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 2008** — The American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) and the Group Psychotherapy Foundation (GPF) announced today the new Officers who will be installed at the AGPA Annual Meeting in Washington DC, February 18-23 at the Hilton Washington Hotel.

Connie Concannon, M.S.W., CGP, FAGPA will be assuming the position of President of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Ms. Concannon is a clinical social worker in private practice in Walnut Creek, Calif., and Associate Clinical Professor, University of California, Department of Psychiatry. She is also a long-standing leader of the AGPA, including serving as Treasurer, a member of the Board of Directors and Chairwoman of the Affiliate Societies Assembly. She is also a leader on the local level, having served as both President and Treasurer of the Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society.

Lisa Mahon, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA will take office as the Chairwoman of the Board of the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AGPA. Dr. Mahon is a psychologist in private practice in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a long-standing leader of the AGPA, including serving as Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors. She is also very active in the local Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Society, where she has served in many leadership roles including President.

“The AGPA and the GPF work in close partnership to support the field of group psychotherapy.” said Elizabeth Knight, M.S.W., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. “The organizations are privileged to have the experience and strong leadership of Ms. Concannon and Dr. Mahon in place to guide us over the coming years.”

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

American Group Psychotherapy Association:  
Jeffrey Kleinberg, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, President-Elect  
Karen Travis, M.S.W., LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, Secretary  
Patricia A. Barth, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, Treasurer

Group Psychotherapy Foundation  
Elliot Zeisel, Ph.D., M.S.W., CGP, FAGPA, Vice-Chairman

Contributions in honor of Ms. Concannon, Dr. Mahon or any of the new leadership group may be made to the Group Psychotherapy Foundation at [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org), or via phone at (212) 477-2677 or mail at 25 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2008 Annual Meeting in Washington DC, Feb. 18-23 at the Hilton Washington Hotel. Entitled "Passion, Power and Politics: Dynamic Interplay in Groups," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the United States. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations and to further their professional development with this powerful and effective treatment modality. The theme, Passion, Power and Politics, reflects the meeting's emphasis on the dynamics that occur in groups, whether small or large, public or private, that can effect change on micro and macro levels. For more information, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend select sessions of the AGPA 2008 Annual Meeting. To register, please send an e-mail request to [dfairman@agpa.org](mailto:dfairman@agpa.org) or call 212.477.2677.

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### ***About AGPA***

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest 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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