

APA Short game:

We'll playing a shorted version of the APA game. During a full game, each week represents 1 annual meeting of the APA. In this game, we'll play 2 annual meetings: 1971 and 1974. In this shortened version, we'll be largely forgoing the part of the game that is about proposing and conducting (where possible) psychological experiments from the APA's handbook on teaching.

The game normally consists of a business meeting and an open session, in this short session, these are conflated into a single open session. There is normally an executive board and three subcommittees: research, which is responsible for approving potential experiments and revisions to the APA's ethics guide; nomenclature, which is responsible for taxonomy and definitions; and conference, which is responsible for selecting which papers will be included in the next sessions. In this short game, the research and conference committees will have little work. Also, because we are skipping years 1972-1973, at the end of 1971, voting for the executive board will be reduced to a simple vote for president of the APA in 1974.

1971

We'll be compressing and combining some events from 1971 and 1972. In the main game, when question of the demedicalization of homosexuality arises in 1971, it is typically given over to a task force for 1 year, postponing a vote by the executive board OR the open population until at least 1972. For our purposes, we'll forgo the task force and hold a vote (either by board or by open vote) in 1971.

The primary topic of discussion and vote in 1971 is the proposed removal of homosexuality from here DSM. The current section of the DSM-II that classifies and defines various types of mental disorders is only 38 pages long and classifies all mental disorders into 10 categories

- I. Mental Retardation
- II. Organic Brain Syndromes (with sub-category for Psychoses)
- III. Psychoses No Attributed to Physical Conditions Listed Previously
- IV. Neuroses
- V. Personality Disorders and Certain Other Non-Psychotic Mental Disorders
- VI. Psychophysiological Disorders,
- VII. Special Symptoms,
- VIII. Transient Situational Disturbances,
- IX. Behavior Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence and Conditions Without Manifest Psychiatric Disorder
- X. Non-Specific Conditions.

Homosexuality appears in V, "Personality Disorders and Certain Other Non-Psychotic Mental Disorders", thus:

302 Sexual deviations

This category is for individuals whose sexual interests are directed primarily toward objects other than people of the opposite sex, towards sexual acts not usually associated with coitus, or toward coitus performed under bizarre circumstances as in necrophilia, pedophilia, sexual sadism, and fetishism. Even though many find their practices distasteful, they remain unable to substitute normal sexual behavior for them. This diagnosis is not appropriate for individuals who perform deviant sexual acts because normal sexual objects are not available to them.

302.0 Homosexuality

302.1 Fetishism
302.2 Pedophilia
302.3 Tranvestisim
302.4 Exhibitionism
302.5* Voyeurism*
302.6* Sadism*
302.7* Masochism*
302.8 Other sexual deviation
[302.9 Unspecified sexual deviation]

Important works on this topic include Evelyn Hooker's study "The Adjustment of the Male Overt Homosexual" (available here <http://www.well.com/~aquarius/hooker.htm>) and Charles Socarides' 1974 "Homosexuality and Medicine" (available on the dropbox site under 'PrimarySources')

The agenda is:
(items in italics are optional, depending on time)

Conference Schedule for 1971

(items in italics are optional, depending on time)

Presidential Address: Dr. G. Miller “The Future of Psychology”

Distribution of proposals to be considered this year:

J. Marmor: proposal to remove 'homosexuality' from the DSM-II (302.0) (APA-ps1973_homosexualitycivilrights.pdf)

C. Socarides & I. Beiber: proposal to create taskforce on sexual deviation

J. Spiegel and/or R. Green: proposal to create task force of historical study and literature review of homosexuality in psychology and psychiatry.

Symposium “Psychiatry: Friend or Foe to Homosexuals: A Dialogue”

Dr. E. Hooker “The mental health of non-patient male homosexuals.”

Dr. H. Anonymous, “I am a homosexual and a psychiatrist.”

F. Kameny and/or B. Gittings “Gay, Proud and Healthy”*

Papers:

Dr. T. Szasz “The Myth of Mental Illness”

Dr. J Marmor “Limitations of Free Association”

General business meeting agenda:

Committee Reports

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| Research | Dr. Tyler |
| Nomenclature | Dr. Spitzer |
| Conference | Dr. Hooker |

Old Business

New Business:

Discussion:

Proposal from J. Marmor

Proposal from C. Socaridies / I. Beiber

Proposal from Speigel & Green.

Nominations and elections for:

President for next session.

1974

By 1974, some members of the APA have determined that a single, coherent definition of 'mental disorder' is necessary. Robert Spitzer, who has chaired the nomenclature committee since 1971 and is currently charged with drafting the DSM-III according to Xx rather than the assumed psychoanalytic theory of the DSM-II, will present the committee's proposal for discussion. The research committee will be seeking proposals, and there are rumors of a proposal in social psychology at Stanford that is sure to spark interest among the membership.

Each session will follow a standard agenda:

- Presidential Address
- Distribution of proposals to be considered by the board for this year:
- Symposium
- Papers (if any)
- Board meeting
 - Committee Reports
 - Old Business (if any)
 - New Business (discussion and votes on proposals distributed in step 2)
 - Nominations and elections for the following year.

During a full game, the idea is to break this agenda into two class periods, so that there will be days between the distribution of a proposal and its discussion.

The tentative agenda (it can be changed, of course) is:

Conference Schedule for 1974

Presidential Address: TBA

Distribution of proposals to be considered this year:

L. Tyler: proposal on advocacy of the APA

Various proposals on definition of mental illness

Others?

Symposium "The Role of Psychology as Agent of Social Change"

K. Clark "TBA"

N. Chomsky, "TBA"

G Albee "TBA"

General business meeting agenda:

Committee Reports

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| Research | TBD |
| Nomenclature | TBD |
| Conference | TBD |

Old Business

New Business:

Discussion:

Proposal from L. Tyler

Definition of mental illness

Others?

1971 events:

Presidential Address: George Miller

Symposium: "Psychiatry: Friend or Foe to Homosexuals: A Dialogue," (Dr H. Anonymous, E. Hooker)

T. Szasz "The Myth of Mental Illness"

Marmor "Limitations of Free Association"

Proposal from J Marmor

Proposal from C. Socarides.

[JMarmor - In 1970, Socarides published a paper in the Journal of the American Medical Association titled "Homosexuality and Medicine" (212 (7): 1199). Sometime during 'New Business', call for a resolution from the APA condemning the article as unscientific and calling for its retraction. Your proposal should call Socarides' theory a "monstrous attack on homosexuality."]

Special instructions:

Miller: 1971 speech - also what powers the board has - what can it do on its own? when does it require a vote of the whole?

Gold: work with spitzer to draft proposal

Panelists

E Hooker (1951 study)

Person who censors so carbides

Bieber / Socarides - If L. Tyler principle passes in 1974, call for a resolution from the APA stating that previous statements on homosexual civil rights were political in nature, and ought to be retracted in light of the new policy of the APA.

GayPA (special email to all members)

1974:

Ken Clark (N. Chomsky, G. Albee)

Leona Tyler

Zimbardo (proposal stanford study to research board)

Hopke (propose limitation of treatment to medical doctors)

all characters on definition of mental illness.

- Psychiatrist proposal to limit treatment of mental health to licensed psychiatrists.

Albee and Szasz counter proposal. (see Appendix 'APA Ethical Standards of Psychologists 1968' item 7.i, which was added in 1968 as a compromise)

Updates to victory objectives:

Definition of mental illness favored / proposed.