2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, September 9, 12:45-1:45 pm
Asheville, North Carolina

12:45 – 12:50 Welcome & Introductions
Presiding: Tom Penders, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A., 2016-17 President

In Memoriam (Please stand for a moment of silence in memory and honor of our colleagues):

2016 Deceased Members
V. Sagar Sethi, M.D., Charlotte, NC
Robert Weinstein, M.D., Wilmington, NC
Robert Griffin, M.D., Asheville, NC
Lawrence Champion, MD, Chapel Hill, NC
Robert Whitener, MD, Greensboro, NC
Alan Carter, MD, Edina, MN

LUNCH

12:50 – 12:55 Recognitions

12:55 – 12:57 Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

12:57 – 1:00 Annual Membership Report — Sonia Tyutyulkova, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

1:00 – 1:05 Treasurer’s Annual Report — Chris Myers, M.D., Treasurer

1:05 – 1:10 Nominating Committee Report — Don Buckner, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A., Chair


1:20 – 1:30 Remarks by the NCPA Executive Director — Robin Huffman

1:30 – 1:45 Remarks by the NCPA President — Tom Penders, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A
The meeting started with welcome and introductions by Art Kelley, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A., President of NCPA. President Dr. Kelley introduced the Executive Council and the NCPA staff.

A moment of silence was observed in memory and honor of deceased members:


Recognitions of past presidents were made.

There was a motion to approve minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Annual Membership Report was presented by Samina Aziz, M.B.B.S., D.F.A.P.A., Secretary of NCPA. Current membership is at 892 as compared to 819 in 2014.

Treasurer’s Annual Report was presented by Chris Myers, M.D., Treasurer. The report was approved.

Nominating Committee Report was presented by Tom Penders, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A., Chair and he thanked the members of the committee. The following slate was proposed.

- President-Elect - Don Buckner, M.D., D.F.A.P.A.
- Vice President - Mehul Mankad, M.D., D.F.A.P.A.
- Treasurer - Chris Myers, M.D.
- Secretary - Sonia Tyutyulkova, M.D., Ph.D.
- Councilor at Large (Eastern Region) - Pheston “PG” Shelton, M.D.
- Councilor at Large (North Central Region) - Nadia Charguia, M.D.
- APA Assembly Rep - Samina Aziz, M.B.B.S., D.F.A.P.A.

APA Assembly/Area 5 Report was presented by Debra Bolick, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. Dr. Bolick spoke that with the addition of Dr. Aziz as well as Drs. Bonner, Bailey and Sved NC would have the
largest group in area 5. Action papers will be posted and she advised that NCPA was the recipient of the award for the best district branch again this year.

Psychiatric Foundation of NC Report – Stephen Buie, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. Dr. Buie reported that this year the foundation is making it possible for 45 residents and medical students to attend the meeting.

Executive Director’s report: Ms. Huffman urged psychiatrist to articulate how healthcare should be delivered. That while change is hard just wishing that change won’t happen is not adequate. She spoke about the advocacy efforts and the work that lies ahead of us.

Committee Chairs were introduced as well as the Task forces Chairs and Dr. Kelley encouraged members to stop by the committee chairs tables on Sunday. Don Buckner spoke about physician extenders, Burt Johnson spoke about the preferred drug list and ED boarding each of these is a task force.

Remarks by the NCPA President — Art Kelley, M.D., D.L.F.A.P.A drew our attention to the year 1935 which was the year the NCPA was founded. This was an era of depression and the unemployment rate was 20%. He reminded us of changes he spoke about psychiatry and that the first book of child psychiatry in English was published and the first board certification exam was given. A paper was written about there not being a unitary cause for schizophrenia. He spoke about the practice of psychiatry in 1935 and what was standard of care is now obsolete. With the changes happening now he reminded us what we know today may be obsolete in 80 years.

The meeting was adjourned after the president’s remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

Samina Aziz M.B.B.S., D.F.A.P.A
North Carolina Psychiatric Association

Membership Trend Report
Changes Since 2006 Annual Meeting

From NCPA Records September 1, 2016

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The Association’s fiscal year (FY) begins May 1 and ends April 30. Our outside accounting firm is in the process of preparing our fiscal year-end financial statements, so these figures for FY16 are not yet considered final. This narrative attempts to convey the financial picture for the association in general and in comparison to our previous year.

Overall Picture:
NCPA is in an enviable position compared to many not-for-profit organizations, with an investment portfolio of $395,660, which gives us almost a 12-month cushion of operating reserves. (By comparison, 3-6 months of reserves is considered strong for a non-profit.) We had revenue growth for FY16, and kept our expenses almost at FY15 level, but our expenses were $23,623 more than revenue. Our FY17 budget is more conservative and achievable.

Total Revenue: Our operating income is made up primarily of revenue from membership dues, the annual meeting, and activities related to special projects, activities, and grants that are specified for particular projects. For the fiscal year (FY) ending April 30, 2016, we generated $404,813 in gross revenue (not including interest and investment income), compared to $383,410 for the previous year (PY) ending April 2015. This is an increase of $21,404, but it fell below budgeted revenue by $47,187.

1. **Annual Meeting:** Our 2015 Annual Meeting had strong numbers—both in attendance, gross revenue, and net revenue. We generated a net revenue of $91,816 from exhibits, grants and registration, compared to the previous year of $74,993. Our gross revenue of $161,020 was higher than PY of $148,112, and our expenses of $69,204 were lower than PY numbers of $73,199.

2. **Membership Dues:** We collected $218,513 in dues this year compared to $184,796 PY, surpassing the $205,000 that we budgeted.

3. **Other Revenue:** Proportionately, advertising income and special projects make up a much smaller percentage of NCPA revenue. Collectively YTD, total “other” revenue was $25,281 FY16 compared to $50,502 PY. Our advertising revenue was up this past year, but the year before we had significant revenue from additional CME trainings we offered last spring and on-line. We had hoped to offer another CME event in FY16; our budget deficit is the result of this event not taking place as planned.

Expenses: Total expenses for the year were much lower than we budgeted and only slightly higher than prior year. Expenses were $430,881 for FY16 compared to $428,487 FY15. These expenses reflect annual meeting costs, lobbyist and professional fees, payroll expenses, and “general operations”—rent, postage, telephone, supplies, property taxes and insurance, meetings, ethics, public affairs, economic affairs, travel, newsletter, etc. Salary, wage, and benefit and annual meeting are the two largest expenses for the association.
1. **Annual Meeting:** Last year’s Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem was a strong event in numbers and revenue. We also managed to lower our expenses from the year before: FY15 expenses of **$69,204** were lower, compared to **$73,119 for prior year**.

2. **Professional Fees:** This category includes the costs for our outside accountant and lobbyist. Expenses of **$25,050 FY 15-16** are higher than prior year’s **$12,950**.

3. **Salary Wage & Benefit:** These line items of the budget include salaries for our PT accountant and 3 FT employees, payroll and withholding taxes, payroll processing fees, and benefits. Our expenses of **$275,177 FY16** are higher than **PY of $273,493**. (FY16 numbers include vacation accruals, retirement payments and accruals.) We lost one of our key employees at the end of the fiscal year.

4. **General Operation:** The rest of all the expenditures are described here as general operation. Some of these costs are fixed and some will fluctuate due to the expense of producing an activity, service, or publication. We come to these figures by starting with Total Expense and subtracting out Annual Meeting, Payroll, and Professional Fees. Looking at our year end general operations figures this way, NCPA held its expenses down significantly compared to prior year and budget. Our fiscal year operations costs were **$57,155** compared to **$68,924 PY** and **$70,824 budgeted**.

**Investment Portfolio:** The value of our investments at fiscal year end was **$400,955** compared to **$404,982 prior year**.
Memo

To:         NCPA Executive Committee
From:  Don Buckner, M.D. and Art Kelley, M.D., Co-Chairs - Nominating Committee
Date: July 14, 2016
Re:   Slate of Officers for 2017-2018

The Nominating Committee has met and presents the following names as its recommendation for the NCPA 2016-2017 slate of officers. They will appear on the ballot that will be mailed to all members in January 2016. All of these members and prospective officers are willing to serve.

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The current President-Elect, Don Buckner, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. was voted into his position in the 2016 election and will begin his term as President in May 2017.

The Bylaws allow for nominations to be received from the floor during the Annual Business Meeting and by petition within 6 weeks of the meeting.

We would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts in addressing this task. The members of the committee were Nena Lekwauwa, M.D., Gary Leonhardt, M.D., and John Santopietro, M.D. We hope that our Committee’s effort will continue the NCPA’s tradition of strong, dedicated leaders to guide us in accomplishing our mission.
Financial Report

The Foundation account has balance of $73,894 in total assets. This total includes $63,484 in restricted funds for the Sethi Award and $987 in restricted funds for the Hargrove Award. The general, unrestricted funds total $9,423.

The Foundation has committed to $600 for the Resident Poster Session, $700 for the Hargrove Award Recipient and expenses, and $7,000 for the cash award, plus travel expenses, for the Sethi Award Recipient. The Foundation has also pledged to pay NCPA $200 for every resident who attends the NCPA Annual Meeting. So far, there are 40 residents registered to attend the Annual Meeting, staff will provide an updated count at the close of the meeting to reflect the final number of residents in attendance.

The Foundation has also approved making a donation to support the Dorothea Dix Lives on the Hill event taking place in Raleigh October 15-16, 2016.

Fundraising

A total of 23 individuals have made contributions to the Foundation in the 2016 calendar year; several have made more than one contribution. Our goal is to have 100 members donate in addition to our current donors.

Hargrove Award

Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody will be awarded the 2016 Eugene A. Hargrove, MD Mental Health Research Award on Saturday night.

Sethi Award

Dr. Helen Mayberg will be awarded the 2016 V. Sagar Sethi, MD Mental Health Research Award on Saturday night. She will present the Sethi Award Lecture on Sunday morning.

Poster Session

Fourteen posters were selected by the poster subcommittee for presentation this year representing four residency programs within the state. The Poster Session will take place on Saturday evening.
This is a digest of events during the May Assembly meetings held in Atlanta. Only oral presentations are summarized here. Many other reports presented in written form can be found in the Assembly Packet. Please use this as a tool to communicate with your Area and District Branch Councils and members. It is intended to be downloaded or read online, but may also be printed (without access to the web links). You may use it as is, or edit and modify the content to suit your particular needs. Any errors or omissions are probably unconscious or epigenetic (my analyst will help me decide). Corrections may be sent to Adam Nelson, M.D.

Speaker’s Welcome and Report — Glenn Martin, M.D.

Speaker Glenn Martin welcomed everyone to what promised to be a meeting of the Assembly which would be replete with lively and intense discussion. At the outset, the Assembly had set before it the daunting challenge of deliberating over no less than 32 Action Papers, 19 Position Statements, 4 changes to the Assembly Procedures Code, 1 change to the APA Bylaws, and 2 additional Action Papers introduced as new business items, leaving a total of 58 items on the agenda for this meeting. While others with more experience than mine may recall similar numbers of items in the past, this certainly proved to be a more replete agenda than this writer could recall in recent memory. Thus Dr. Martin’s comments were brief, before he quickly moved on to the agenda.

Assembly Recorder Report — Theresa Miskimen, M.D.

Dr. Miskimen declared the meeting a quorum for purposes of conducting business, and then, in requisite testing of our recently introduced electronic voting capability, disclosed that, at last October’s Assembly meeting, Dr. Martin was dressed in costume as Emperor Nero. Dr. Miskimen reminds us that the APA now has a tracking system on the website for What Happened to my Action Paper. In addition, Item 5A1 in your Assembly packet is a draft summary of Actions from the autumn 2015 Assembly meeting.

Rules Committee — Jenny L. Boyer, M.D., JD, PhD

Dr. Boyer presented the Consent Calendar for consideration by the Assembly. The Rules Committee had whittled down the original 58 items by referring no less than 23 tasks to the Consent Calendar. When presented for approval, only 3 items (12FF, 12BB, and 4B18) were pulled from the calendar for further deliberation by the Assembly. The Assembly also approved the Special Rules of the Assembly with no changes. Ordinarily, this would not be noted, except that this year, a number of debates arose regarding these Special Rules, particularly with regard to 1st and 2nd order amendments to Action Papers, giving pause for the importance of familiarizing ourselves with these rules. Anyone with questions regarding these issues should refer to this section of the Assembly packet. The Consent Calendar items, including several Position Statements and retiring Position Statements proposed by the JRC, can be found in the Assembly packet.
APAPAC — James Nininger, M.D.

Dr. Nininger described the work the APAPAC has done over the past year. The PAC has contributed nearly $300K to various federal candidates and committees, and participated in 140 political events in Washington, DC and across the country. The PAC supports APA efforts in such battles as Scope of Practice, Mental Health Parity, and Provider Network Adequacy. Given that this is a presidential election year and several seats are up for election in both houses of Congress, the APAPAC is looking to be highly influential in the coming months. To do this, the APAPAC will be looking for contributions from APA members, but also would like to have the leadership in the APA set the standard by attaining 100% participation. It is important that ALL Assembly members set an example for the rest of the membership and make a contribution to the PAC.

Report from the APA President — Renée Binder, M.D.

Dr. Binder addressed the Assembly highlighting recent efforts and accomplishments of the APA. She spoke of the wildly successful APEX Awards celebration held in Washington, DC in April, for which tickets were actually oversold. The event was MCd by NPR's Cokie Roberts and among this years award recipients was Senator Al Franken. The emphasis of the awards was the criminalization of people with mental illness, which has been an issue of importance to Senator Franken as well. Dr. Binder also spoke of the influence APA has had in reshaping the ABPN's policies on MOC in a strongly worded letter signed by the Board of Trustees and the President of the APA. Many of us in the Assembly will recall that this issue began as a flurry of Action Papers originally brought forth from the Assembly. Finally. Dr. Binder highlighted the list of distinguished speakers and guests at this year's APA Annual Meeting, including Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H., author of the book "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End", Thomas Frieden, M.D., M.P.H., Director for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, and Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Treasurer's Report — Frank Brown, M.D.

Dr. Brown presented a brief summary of the report on finances for the APA, APAF, and APAP. More detailed information can be found in the Treasurer's Report available in the Assembly Packet. Among important points, the net income for 2015 has been less than 2014, largely due to fall off of DSM-5 sales. However, this was expected in the budget and the APA has not suffered as a result. Overall, most revenue from other sources, including membership dues and Annual Meeting, have met or exceeded budget projections. In response to inquiry, Dr. Brown agreed to make available details of the APA's investment portfolio.

Assembly Election of Officers — Jenny L. Boyer, M.D., JD, PhD

Dr. Boyer announced the results of the election proceedings. Our new Speaker Elect will be Theresa Miskimen, M.D. The Recorder will be James R. Batterson, M.D. Congratulations to our new officers and commendation to all of the candidates for a hard fought and close election campaign.
APA Medical Registries — Gregory Dalack, M.D. Chair, APA Registries Work Group

Dr. Dalack gave a detailed presentation on Staying Current in Quality of Care: Development of a Mental Health Registry. This is a new project on which the APA is embarking for the next year. Among the benefits are a means for providers and health delivery systems to monitor and assess their "value". In practical terms for members, this will facilitate compliance with PQRS under Medicare, fulfill MOC Part 4 credit for PIP data, and generate data for further research. For the APA, this has the potential to generate a new revenue stream, promote investment in the future of the profession, increase membership and member retention, and improve relationships with partner organizations. Other groups have already begun developing these technologies and applications, so it is important for APA to take the lead in this. Some potential concerns include privacy and anonymity of PHI and the slow acceptance of technology and EHR use in psychiatric practices and care settings. Right now, psychiatry as a specialty is lagging far behind other medical specialties and organizations in embracing this. Not surprisingly, this approach was first used by procedural specialties, such as surgery. More information will be forthcoming as this project rolls out.

Report of the CEO/Medical Director of the APA — Saul Levin, MD, MPA

Dr. Levin presented a brief, but densely packed report to the Assembly. He notes that the rebranding effort for the APA is now complete, including our new logo and mission statement. He cited yet another example of the Assembly's role as the voice for our members in bringing to the attention of APA leadership the plight of LGBT community from recent legislation in several states, including Georgia, in the guise of "religious freedom". Two Action Papers are on the agenda for this meeting to be discussed later under New Business (see below). Also, the White House has formed a task force on parity enforcement, with the first open meeting to take place at this year's APA Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Physician attendance and participation is encouraged. Also new at this year’s Annual Meeting will be an "Innovation Lab". Attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about this. Also coming up in the near future is MACRA, the new CMS program that replaces "Meaningful Use". APA has been studying this change and plans to offer assistance to all members as the new plan roles out. Former Assembly Speaker Jack McIntyre will be running for AMA Board of Trustees with voting to take place in June. Dr. Levin then spoke of recent political activities of the APA, including continued pursuit of MH Reform, challenging Scope of Practice legislation in several states, and addressing MH concerns arising out of discrimination in the guise of "religious freedom as well as human trafficking. Overall APA membership is up and this year's awardees of APA fellowships are coming from several parts of the country. The rest of Dr. Levin's report can be found in the Assembly Packet.

Assembly Awards — Melinda Young, MD

Dr. Young gave a summary of the numerous awards given out by the Assembly. Among this are: the Award for Excellence in Service and Advocacy Award from the Women of the Assembly, recently bestowed upon Mary Hasbah Roessel, M.D., the Profile in Courage, awarded to Steven Sharfstein, M.D. this past November, and the Area and DB with highest percentage of voting in national elections - Area 3 (23% vs 17% avg.), and Wyoming Association of Psychiatric Physicians (33% of their 24 members). There have been no nominees thus far for the Ron Shellow Award, which is given to a member of the Assembly for service far beyond the call. The DB Best Practices Award was given to the Psychiatric Society of Virginia for developing
a free member mobile app. However, as the contest was a close one, two runners up also received recognition: **North Carolina Psychiatric Association** for creating an Advocacy Fellowship for an interested RFM; and **Society of Uniformed Services Psychiatrists** for developing a meeting both in-person and webinar to address the needs of their members worldwide.

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**Report from AMA — Stephen R Permut, M.D., JD, Chair of the AMA Board of Trustees**

Dr. Permut addressed the Assembly briefly, offering the AMA perspective on issues affecting psychiatry, but all physicians as well. CMS will be replacing Meaningful Use with MACRA. Both AMA and APA will be paying close attention as this new program rolls out. In the news, the opioid crisis is turning out to be the worst epidemic since AIDS in the 1980's. Deaths due to prescription opioid overdose now exceed heroin overdoses. The AMA Opioid Task Force, headed by APA's own Patrice Harris, MD, has made recommendations, including promoting PDMP registration in all states, physician education on prescribing, increasing community access to naloxone, and programs to reduce stigma of and increase treatment access for pain and substance use. AMA is also embarking on programs to improve health outcomes in heart disease and diabetes by promoting earlier treatment of hypertension and pre-diabetes. These include online self-assessment for patients ([www.dolhaveprediabetes.org](http://www.dolhaveprediabetes.org)) and [MAP](http://www.map.org). Also CMS now covers more disease prevention services. Finally, AMA is working on ways to address physician satisfaction and burnout.

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**American Psychiatric Association Foundation — Saul Levin, MD, MPA Chairperson/Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director**

Dr. Levin described the inaugural **APEX Awards**, of which Senator Al Franken and Florida State Senator Miguel Diaz De La Portilla were among this year’s recipients. Also, this will be **Paul Burke's** last year as Executive Director of the Foundation. Dr. Levin presented a stirring tribute to honor his work with the Foundation. Assembly Speaker Glenn Martin, MD presented him with an award on behalf of the Assembly, who responded with a standing ovation for all of his hard work and dedication to the APAF. Please [contribute](http://www.apaf.org) generously to the APA Foundation for all the good work they do.

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**Assembly Committee on Procedures — James R. Batterson, M.D.**

Approved changes to the Assembly Procedures code:

- Representation for M/UR Groups of Members
- Directions to the Area Nominating Committees in the Assembly Procedure Code to allow Areas to nominate more than 2 candidates (based on previous Action Paper 12B)
- Disallowing dual representation on BOT and Assembly concurrently

A proposal to change the Procedures code to allow Election of Officers by a majority vote of individual members of Assembly rather than a vote by strength (based on previous Action Paper 12T) was postponed until November . . . (wait for it) . . . on a vote by strength.

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**Next Steps from the Assembly Work Groups/Committees**

Workgroup reports were exceedingly brief. Dr. Martin has requested written reports from each of the workgroup chairs, which will be forthcoming.
**Action Papers/Items**

Among the more notable Actions taken by the Assembly during this session:

- The Assembly voted to have APA develop Positions Statements on
  - Mental Health Hotlines
  - Migrant and Refugee Crises Around the World
  - Psychiatrists should not deliberately prescribe or administer any intervention to a non-terminally ill person for the purpose of causing death.
  - A Psychiatric Response to Human Trafficking (approved by Consent).
- In addition, The Assembly voted to reaffirm position statements on "Detained Immigrants with Mental Illness" and "Xenophobia, Immigration, and Mental Health" and support access to Mental Health Services for families and children seeking asylum.
- The Assembly voted to support developing a Practice Guideline for Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment
- Access to Care received considerable attention, as the Assembly voted to support
  - Third Party coverage of Medications Found to be beneficial to an individual patient
  - Eliminating Out of Pocket Cost Barriers to care for patients with serious mental disorders
- The Assembly voted to have the APA develop a certificate program to satisfy the PIP requirement for Maintenance of Certification and for federal reimbursement, when needed.
- The Assembly voted to support the reintroduction of a previous Action Paper Opposing Direct to Consumer Advertising.
  - In addition, because the previous iteration was not endorsed by the JRC, the Assembly voted to refer the paper directly to the APA Board of Trustees.
- The Assembly voted to improve PDMPs (Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs by including methadone and buprenorphine prescriptions.
- The Assembly voted to Protect Senior Psychiatrists from mandatory competency testing, based solely on age.
- The Assembly voted to support developing a resource document to provide ethical guidance on if and when it is appropriate to use patient information from targeted internet/social media searches.

A full summary of all Actions of the Assembly is available [here](http://ait.psychiatry.org/). Final Action Papers can be found by going to [http://ait.psychiatry.org/](http://ait.psychiatry.org/).

**New Business**

In response to recent political events which threaten to adversely affect the mental health and well-being of the LGBTQ community through potentially discriminatory laws, the Assembly voted to have the APA “reaffirm its opposition to discrimination against any group as stated in Position Statements against bias”.

**Fare Thee Wells**

Farewells were offered to those representatives leaving the Assembly. The next convening of the Assembly will be November 4-6, 2016 in Washington, D.C.