

the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association ■ Newsletter



“Back to Basics: Schizophrenia, ADHD & Ethics”

LPMA Fall Meeting: Sept. 19-20, 2003

We are looking forward to another good meeting at the Hilton Sandestin Beach & Golf Resort in Destin, FL, Sept. 19-20, 2003. If you have never been to this resort, you have a treat in store. The sand is the whitest anywhere and the water is a beautiful green. Many think it is the best beach in the United States. It boasts four championship golf courses and offers a recreation program for children and nightly live entertainment for adults. Seagar's Prime Steaks and Seafood is a gourmet restaurant on site, and there are other fine restaurants nearby.

Psychiatrist of the Year

LPMA committee meetings will be on Friday morning and will be followed by a luncheon honoring Bill McBride, LPMA's Psychiatrist of the Year. Awards will also be given to current and immediate past LPMA and Chapter presidents: Mark Zielinski, Pat O'Neill, Guy Brannon, Joni Orazio, Paul Pelts, and Patricia Toups. The General Membership Meeting is at 2:45 PM.



APA Address

The highlight of Friday afternoon is a State of the APA address by James H. Scully, Jr., M.D., the APA Medical Director, from 1:45-2:45 PM. Besides being interesting and informative, Dr. Scully's talk will carry one Category I credit.

RSVP to LPMA

You should have received a registration brochure from Tulane and additional information from LPMA. Even though there is no registration fee to send to LPMA, there is a form to return. Your RSVP is required for the Council luncheon and the committee meetings on Friday morning in order to provide an accurate count to the hotel food service.

Programs and Workshops

The Department of Psychiatry and Neurology at the Tulane Medical School has planned the scientific program that carries a maximum of seven Category I credits. Scheduled speakers Saturday morning are Mark Hamner, M.D. on “Cognitive & Negative Symptoms of Schizophrenia,” Stephen Schenthal, M.D. on “Introduction to Ethics Workshop,” and James G. Barbee, M.D. on “Adult ADHD.”

Workshop sessions Saturday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 PM. will be led by Dr. Schenthal on “Ethics-Boundary Crossings and Violations: Are You Truly Protected,” Humberto Quintana, M.D. on “Childhood

ADHD,” Dr. Barbee on “Adult ADHD” and Dr. Hamner on “Schizophrenia.” The workshop sessions will be repeated from 2:45-4:15 PM.

Call 850-267-9500 for reservations at the hotel. The rate is \$159 single/double plus taxes and a \$14 resort fee.

Mention the “Tulane” program to receive this group rate.

The reservation cut-off date is Aug. 17. Rooms at the group rate are limited and may be sold out before the cut-off date. If they are sold out, call the Tulane Continuing Education Office at 800-588-5300 or 504-588-5466 (in New Orleans). Call one of these numbers if you did not receive the Tulane brochure.

Register Online

The fee for the Tulane scientific program is \$175 for LPMA members and \$75 for residents. The Tulane brochure contains a registration form and details about the program. You can register online at www.cme.tulane.edu.

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President's Message



Patrick T. O'Neill, M.D.

Focusing Our Efforts

As I begin my presidential year, the LPMA finds itself at an important point in the history of the organization. The attempts by the psychologists in the state of Louisiana to gain prescriptive privileges have been dealt with successfully at the legislative level with much help from the APA and the LSMS. This help has been both financial from the APA, and at the grass roots level with the help of LSMS lobbying. Because of changes in both the LSMS and the APA, our district branch has been put on notice by both organizations that the level of support we have received in the past to address this issue can not be expected to remain the same. As an example, this year the APA gave our district branch \$45,000 to help pay for our lobbying efforts when the total cost of this effort will be \$53,000. Needless to say if the money from the APA is no longer there, the need to support our lobbying efforts at the local level will remain there for the long term.

This is happening at the same time that the State of Louisiana is considering the closure of most of the publicly funded psychiatric beds in the state. We psychiatrists all know that this would be a most terrible outcome for our patients. It would have an impact on all practicing psychiatrists in Louisiana, both public and privately based. We will need to be involved in the legislative process working in a cooperative way with our patients and their families. To be successful in this and other very important legislative issues, we will need to continue to have professional lobbying done on our behalf. For this to happen we must work to ensure the funding of this lobbying.

The Council wanted to discuss a dues increase at the Fall Meeting in Sandestin, but we were informed that the APA requires notification of District Branch dues increases by August 15. In light of the importance of the upcoming legisla-

tive session, we need a firm mechanism in place to fund our lobbying efforts now. The Executive Council of the LPMA has voted to raise dues to pay for our lobbying effort. We will be sending out a ballot to all members that will have the specifics of the dues increase requested by the Executive Council. If passed I promise that the increase will not be excessive, that it will bring our District Branch dues close to the national average. I also promise no more letters asking for money will be coming out of the offices of the LPMA anytime soon if this dues increase is passed by the membership.

I plan to have a discussion on how best to focus our efforts during the upcoming legislative session. This will be held during the Fall Business meeting, Friday afternoon, September 19 as part of the LPMA annual Fall Meeting. Please bring your ideas, your interest and energy to this meeting. ■

Lobbyist's Fund Contributors

LPMA Member Contributors to Lobbyist's Fund – Jan. 1, 2003-July 18, 2003

Many thanks to the members listed below who contributed to a fund for the services of LPMA's lobbyist. If your name is not on the list, and you made a contribution, call, fax or email the LPMA office. All numbers are on the back page of this newsletter.

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Juliana Fort, M.D., M.P.H.

Interview with Dr. Paul Ware New Chairman LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry

Dr. Paul Ware speaking:

“My primary goal is to understand the complexity of the department with a primary focus on teaching residents and students and providing care to the seriously mentally ill. I want to improve the communication of all staff, assigning people to do what they have the best ability to do and what they are most invested in doing.”

Resident Training

“My number one goal is improving recruitment and beginning to fill the residency with an increasing number of residents graduating from this medical school. Number two, I want to continue to be in the forefront of the development of neuroleptic medications broadening and integrating individual group and family therapy with immediate steps to increase the curriculum and training in psychotherapy. Opportunities are to broaden the number of private practice psychiatrists that supervise residents and rotate with them. An example of this is the psychiatry resident rotating through child will spend one day a week working with Dr. Rita Horton in her private practice. Other opportunities may be an elective spending a month with a private practice psychiatrist doing fee for service outpatient treatment.”

Patient Care

“My patient care goals are to improve the treatment of the seriously mentally ill both their acute and follow-through treatment by providing better continuity of care, increasing effective communication with outpatient treatment units and inpatient treatment, increasing the involvement of the community through innovative solutions such as developing the first halfway house for LSU patients who are chronically mentally ill to be discharged to.”

Unexpected Challenges

“LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport will begin coordinating with E.A. Conway Hospital to run the inpatient psychiatric unit and to integrate this with the outpatient treatment provided by the community mental health center. Goals will be to establish and coordinate a team effort for the inpatient and outpatient unit to facilitate emergency planning and to coordinate and follow through with discharge planning.”

Consult Liaison

“My goal is to provide the best service possible to other departments in the medical school through the consultation service by developing a reputation for responsiveness and by directly providing for those needs that are requested. A joint family practice psychiatry Grand Rounds has been initiated in which a psychiatry resident or family practice resident alternate in presenting a patient interview and case discussion.”

Q: What do you see as your leadership style?

“I lead by example and don’t ask anyone to do anything I’m not willing to do. Number two, I support and develop faculty in directions that they have talent and in which they have a desire to go. Number three, is to maintain a tight rein on how things happen. Number four is to intervene early if problems occur and to do it personally. Number five is to focus on teamwork and to realize the whole is greater than a part.”

Q: How do you motivate others?

“I motivate others by letting them feel my interest and investment by going beyond what is expected.”

Q: Who are your role models?

My role models as a physician are Drs. Robert Heath and Ruth Patterson. Dr. Heath had a “vision and an incredible ability to move in unexpected directions with determination and tenacity and a refusal to give up until goals were accomplished. He saw a talent in people and would build on that.” Dr. Heath was the first person to envision schizophrenia as having an organic base. Dr. Heath is also described by Dr. Ware as handsome and charismatic, akin to Gregory Peck.

Q: In what activities did you assist Dr. Heath?

I assisted him in his research, which involved deep electrodes being placed into the brain, into the septum and deep structure of the brain to modify brain function. By participating in this research, Dr. Heath was able to understand the brain. For example, stimulating different parts of the brain might decrease or produce rage.

Q: What about Dr. Ruth Patterson?

Dr. Ruth Patterson was the Head of Neurology at Tulane. “She was the finest clinician ever known in terms of assessment and treatment of the patient and in terms of kindness and tenderness and making the patient feel that they were special.” At that time at Tulane, the male and female neurology wards were separate. When Dr. Patterson made her rounds, all of the male patients that could, would stand out of respect. She would bring the patient to tears through her interviewing skills and would wipe their brow when they cried. She was always available at any time of the day or night for telephone consultation. ■

Amendments Made to LPMA Bylaws

The LPMA Executive Council at its meeting on June 20, 2003 approved the following amendments to the LPMA Bylaws.

Article IV of the LPMA Constitution states "requirements for membership in the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association shall be the same as those for the American Psychiatric Association at the time of application." Therefore the categories of Distinguished Fellows, Distinguished Life Fellows, Distinguished Inactive Fellows and Honorary Fellows were added to Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution. The same categories were added to Chapter I, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

Chapter II, Section 1 of the Bylaws remains the same and is the basis for the amendments. It states "application for membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Committee on forms approved by the Council and the APA. Procedures regarding endorsement and submission shall be determined in collaboration with the appropriate officials of the American Psychiatric Association."

Chapter II, Sections 2, 3, and 4 deal with Election to Membership and will not be in accord with APA regulations in 2004. The same is true for Chapter III, Sections 1 and 2. The LPMA Executive Council voted to delete them and substitute the following,

Section 2, "Membership actions will become effective after approval by the APA and the LPMA within a specified time period."

Section 3, "Loss of membership in the LPMA or in the APA shall entail loss of membership in both," (This is not a change but must be restated.)

Section 4, "All requests for resignations must be submitted in writing to the APA and LPMA."

Section 5, "All requests for transfers of membership between district branches and membership category changes must be submitted on applications designed for those purposes. All indebtedness to the association must be settled before a member can be permitted to transfer to

another district branch, unless the Council waives this rule for good cause."

Chapter III, Section 1 was deleted because dues are billed and handled by APA, and they have developed rules to drop members.

Section 2 was deleted because APA Ethics procedures are undergoing changes.

The Chapters and Sections of the current LPMA Bylaws that have been deleted are as follows:

CHAPTER II – ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. APA recommendations shall be forwarded to the Council for its deliberation.

Section 3. If both bodies favorably receive the application, it shall be circularized by mail to the general membership for its approval. Membership shall be conferred 14 days after being circulated provided no unfavorable response is received. If unfavorable response is received, the membership application shall be held over until the next General Membership meeting, at which point election to membership shall be by an affirmative vote of the majority, a quorum being present.

Section 4. Election to membership in this district branch shall without further process confer membership of the

appropriate grade in the American Psychiatric Association. The Secretary or Membership Chair shall notify the appropriate officials of the association of such election in accordance with the Bylaws and/or rules and regulations adopted from time to time by the American Psychiatric Association.

CHAPTER III - DISMISSALS, RESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS

Section 1. Any member failing to pay his dues or other assessments for 15 months shall automatically be dropped from membership thirty days after written notice of such proposed action has been sent to the member concerned. This procedure may be waived for good cause by action of the Council.

Section 2. Any member found by the Council after due hearing, to which he has been invited, to be unsuitable for continued membership for adequate reason, shall be notified in writing of the proposed action of dismissal. After thirty days notice, such member may be so dismissed by the affirmative secret ballot vote of three-fourths of the active members present at a General Membership meeting, a quorum being present. Appeal of such action can be made to the APA Board of Trustees as outlined in Chapter X of the 1977 APA Bylaws. ■

Call for Nominations of 2004-05 Officers

The LPMA Nominating Committee will meet at the Fall Meeting on Friday, Sept. 19 at the Sandestin Hilton Hotel in Destin, FL. The committee will be considering nominations for President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer for 2004-05. Members of the committee are Dr. Mark Zielinski, Chair; Dr. Catherine McDonald, Immediate-Past Chair; and Drs. Guy Brannon, Edward Foulks, Joni Orazio, Paul Pelts, David Post, Aretta Rathmell, Patricia Touns and Arthur Freeman (ex officio). Please make suggestions for any of these officers to any member of the Nominating Committee or phone, fax, write or e-mail LPMA.

Phone numbers: 504-891-1030, 800-438-6471, Fax number: 504-891-1077, E-mail lpma@lpma.net, Address, PO Box 15765, New Orleans, LA 70175.

Members Making News

Drs. Ed Foulks and Carmen Sugai participated in the “Ask the Doctor” session of the NAMI Louisiana conference in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Keith Kessel addressed the NAMI Louisiana conference on “Gero-Psych.” Treatment Options.

Dr. Anita Kablinger led a breakout session on “Research & Technology Advances Related to Schizophrenia and Bi-Polar Disorders” at the NAMI Louisiana state conference in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Gerald Robertson was certified as a Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP) on July 1, 2003. A CCHP is one who has shown mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in the field of correctional health care. Certification is awarded to those who



have been in the field of correctional health care for at least three years, have excellent professional references, and who pass a self-assessment exam offered by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, a not-for-profit organization working to improve the quality of care in our nation’s jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities.

Dr. Robertson presented a paper on “Cost Effective Treatment/Management of Juveniles in an Incarcerated Setting” at the 6th International Congress of the International Society of Adolescent Psychiatry (ISAP) held in Rome, Italy. Along with Milton S. Rhea, Ph.D., he made similar presentations at the National Commission on Correctional Health Care meetings in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Paul Rodenhauer was the recipient of the Gloria P. Walsh Award for teaching excellence at Tulane Medical School. It is the highest teaching award offered by the school and the students select the recipient. This was the second time he received it. Dr. Rodenhauer was

one of two class sponsors for the class of 2003. Class sponsors are chosen by members of the graduating class and are privileged to make remarks at the Ivy Day ceremony. Class sponsors also have the privilege of hooding the graduates at commencement. This was the fifth time Dr. Rodenhauer served as a class sponsor in his twelve years at Tulane.

Dr. Joseph Roniger received the Tulane Owl Club Award for outstanding attending physician and **Dr. Angela Traylor** received the Owl Club Award for outstanding resident.

Dr. Dudley Stewart was appointed to the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs for a 7-year term.

Dr. Wallace Tomlinson was elected vice president of the St. Charles Avenue Association, a group that cares about preserving the avenue’s integrity and beauty. The organization recently celebrated its 30th anniversary and received a plaque presented by members of the City Council.

Dr. Mark Zielinski spoke on “Current Trends in Psychopharmacology” at the NAMI conference in Baton Rouge. ■

Legislative Summary: Lobbying Efforts In Action

Vera Olds, Lobbyist

The 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which started this year on March 31 and ended at 5 PM on June 23, 2003, was general in nature. During the session, lawmakers filed 3,166 bills, 428 Joint Resolutions, and 312 Simple Resolutions. We identified 71 of the total as having potential impact on the members of the LPMA. Of the 71 priority bills, 30 of those received final passage. This does not include HB 1, the Appropriations Bill, in which the budget for the Office of Mental Health and the entire Medicaid budget lies.

As you know, annually each house meets in its own chamber at the Capitol for a regular session. Odd-numbered and even-numbered year regular sessions are conducted differently. In odd-numbered years the regular session begins at noon on the

last Monday in March and runs for not more than 60 legislative days (a day when either or both houses are meeting) during a continuous 85-day period. The Legislature is prohibited from considering proposals to levy a new tax or increase an existing one during these sessions. This year’s session (2003) was like this – general in nature with prohibitions on raising taxes.

Even-numbered year regular sessions (“Fiscal Sessions”) begin at noon on the last Monday in April and may run no longer than 30 legislative days during a continuous 45-day period. The session is limited to fiscal matters. These include enactment of a general appropriations bill; implementation of a capital budget; making an appropriation; levying or authorizing a new tax; increasing an existing tax; legislating with

regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals or credits; or issuing bonds.

Due to a Constitutional amendment that was adopted in 2002, the odd/even numbered year session limitations on subject matter will reverse. Because of the upcoming reversal, next year’s regular session will again be “general” in nature. Therefore, the regular session of the 2005 will be “fiscal,” 2006 will be “general,” and so forth. The number of bills filed will again be larger next year and broader in scope with taxes prohibited. It has already been rumored that a special session will be necessary after the new administration comes in to raise revenues.

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Committees

2003-2004 Committees

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In Memoriam

Max Edwards Johnson, M.D. 1915-2003



It is with great personal sorrow that I write a memorial to my friend and fellow physician Max Johnson, who passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at Lambeth House in

New Orleans. He was 88 years old.

Max was born in Hollis, OK and lived in New Orleans for more than 45 years. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma (where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa) and the New York Academy of Science. He practiced neurology and psychiatry and was board certified in both disciplines. He formerly was a clinical professor of neurology at

LSU School of Medicine.

During World War II, Max served as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a neuropsychiatrist. He was a Distinguished Life Fellow of APA and belonged to several other medical associations. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Roundtable Club and the National Model Railroad Association. Survivors include a son, Jeffrey Hirst Johnson of Durham, NC; a daughter, Mary Franklin Raisch of Toronto, Canada; and two grandchildren.

A mutual friend of ours said of Max, "When I think of 'Dr. J.' I shall ever be grateful for having had the abundant blessing of knowing such a fine gentleman and scholar. He shared so many wonderful stories about the world he

knew as a young man and how those events came to color our very existence today both in life and medicine. I learned so much from him and admired his wisdom, faith and especially his grace. His intellect awed me and his kindness inspired me."

Personally, I knew Max to be an excellent clinician with a superior understanding of both neurology and psychiatry. He was a quietly unassuming man who cared for and about his patients, family and friends with a great deal of compassion and understanding. There is a saying, "when an old man dies, a library burns." This is certainly the case with the passing of Max Edwards Johnson, M.D.

Submitted by Sidney J. Montz, Jr., M.D. ■

Membership Committee

Changes since the last Newsletter Membership report are as follows.

Deceased: Max Johnson (DLF)

Member-in-training: Saima Zia of LSUHSC, Shreveport

Upgrade to General Member:

James Scott Stanley, David M. Murdock
Transfers-in: Paul a. Molinar (GM) of Alexandria from Maryland

Transfer-out: Pamela Mathews (MIT) to Texas

Reinstatement: Gordon Blundell, Jr. (GM)

Dr. Paul A. Molinar is an acute inpatient psychiatrist at Crossroads in Alexandria and an inpatient psychiatrist in the intermediate ward at the Alexandria VA Medical Center. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and completed a psychiatry residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. Dr. Molinar is licensed as an attorney in Maryland and practiced law with the Federal government. His wife is a judge with the Social Security Administration in Alexandria.

Dr. James Scott Stanley is Assistant Clinical Director of the Eastern Mental Health System, Forensic Division in Zachary, LA. He graduated from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. He completed a psychiatry residency at Tulane University School of Medicine and also completed residencies in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry at Tulane. Dr. Stanley is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in General Adult Psychiatry and by the American Board of Forensic Psychiatry.

Dr. David M. Murdock is the Clinical Director of the Acute Psychiatric Unit and the Mood Disorders Unit at DePaul/Tulane Psychiatric Hospital. He directed the Tulane Psychiatry Residency teaching service, providing inpatient care for both of the above units as well as clinical duties in the DePaul/Tulane outpatient clinic. Dr. Murdock received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi in Jackson. He completed a combined residency in psychiatry and neurology at Tulane Medical School and was a Geriatrics Fellow at LSUHSC in New Orleans. ■

Council Appointments

Dr. Pat O'Neill appointed Drs. Bob Barnes, Greg Brown, Janet Johnson and Catherine McDonald to the positions of Executive Advisers to the LPMA Council. Dr. Marc Colon was appointed Early Career Psychiatrists Representative and Dr. Wallace Tomlinson as Historian. The Members-in-Training Representatives are Dr. Janice Hollier of LSUHSC in Shreveport, Dr. Brian Isaacson of LSUHSC in New Orleans and Dr. Casey Prough of Tulane Medical School.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
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All statewide elected officials and all legislators will have to stand for elections this fall. Qualifying is scheduled for August 19-21 this year. This will be the last term before “term limits” will kick in for the legislators.

During this year’s session, no bill passed that had significant negative impact on the members of the LPMA. Several bills, in their original form, potentially had a detrimental effect on mental health and psychiatrists and had to be amended to make them harmless or more advantageous. The following will outline a number of the bills that were followed and worked on, some of which were done in a cooperative effort with the other healthcare provider groups including the Louisiana State Medical Society.

Issues Affecting LPMA

HB 1 by Representative LeBlanc (Appropriations Bill) started out the session as a “doomsday scenario” as the Executive Budget with a potential \$1.5 billion shortfall in projected revenues, including federal healthcare matching dollars. Throughout the Session, this bill went through four different configurations determined by legislative actions (House and Senate separately) with the infusion of \$263 million in new federal dollars in the middle of the Session.

Most of the cuts initially included in the budget of the Office of Mental Health were restored. The cuts, which would have basically closed the Southeast Developmental Center, were restored by the House Appropriations Committee, as were the cuts to the other Developmental Centers. The DHH/Office of Mental Health is still very much aimed toward the move to community-based care and away, as much as possible, from the institutional setting.

As the Appropriations bill ended up, an across the board cut of 0.8% was put in place with a language amendment adopted that would protect healthcare providers, who participate the most in providing care to Medicaid and indigent patients. According to the testimony of Secretary David Hood of DHH, this cut will not affect Medicaid private physician reimbursement.

DHH policy and commitment is to providing access to care for Medicaid patients.

HB 953 by Rep. Diane Winston establishes a parental reporting requirement during a minor’s confinement in a treatment facility. This bill was in response to a constituent problem in Rep. Winston’s district. In its original form the bill would have placed undo hardships on the treating physician and did not take into account situations in which parental abuse could have been the cause of the minor’s problems. DHH also expressed strong concerns about the bill, and after working with the representatives of the Office of Mental Health, several LPMA members and a representative of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the bill was amended to its present form and passed. The amendments broadened the concept of who was acceptable to communicate with the parents and allowed for discretion of the physician in problematic situations. Rep. Monica Walker, who now is a member of the House Health & Welfare Committee brings a great deal of practical experience in the field of mental health to the committee. She administers mental health facilities in her district.

HB 1017 by Rep. Emma Devillier, et al provides for definitions and circumstances in the imposition of capital punishment on mentally retarded persons. This bill was a battle between the criminal defense attorneys and the District Attorneys’ Association. The definition of “Mental retardation” was considered, and the definition requested by the national professional groups (those representing the mentally retarded, the AMA, the psychiatrists, and psychologists) was used in the amended bill. The bill ended up in the posture of the jury trying the issue of the mental retardation of a capital defendant during the capital sentencing hearing unless the state and the defendant agree that the issue should be tried by the judge.

SB 388 by Sen. Schedler will prevent the Department of Health and Hospitals from limiting the availability of atypical antipsychotic drugs, drugs needed for the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis C to Medicaid patients. Rep.

Welch passed a very similar bill, which was much more limiting for DHH’s drug review panel, and it was vetoed by the Governor. Sen. Schedler’s bill provided the exemption for specific therapeutic class, which was more compatible with the DHH preferred drug list and prior authorization process, which are also organized by therapeutic class. Sen. Schedler reiterated his commitment to exempt these drugs, a commitment that was made when the preferred drug bill passed two years ago.

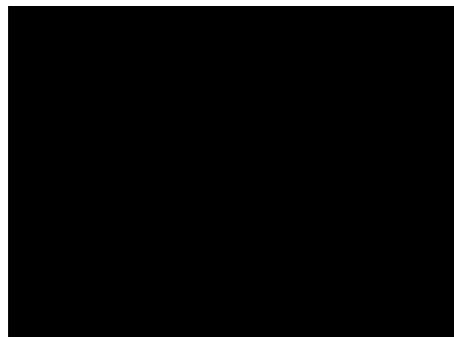
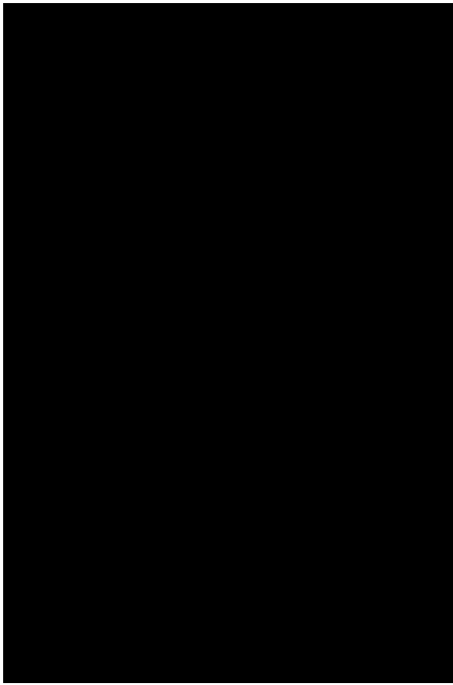
SB 974 by Sen. Schedler requires the mandatory accreditation of providers of mental health rehabilitation services by an accreditation body and authorizes the secretary of DHH to promulgate rules and regulations for this purpose.

HB 1433 by Rep. Lydia Jackson makes administrative changes to the APRN practice act relative to the regulation of APRNs. It repeals the Joint Administration Committee for APRN prescribing and transfers administration of APRN practice to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners will continue to have authority over collaborating physicians. Amendments were adopted which restored the collaborative practice agreement for a prescribing APRN to perform on “certain acts of medical diagnosis”, and the minimum requirements for such agreements.

SCR 129 by Sen. Hines establishes the Physician Assistants Practice Committee to study and make recommendations regarding physician assistants and their scope of practice. I feel that we should be careful to monitor this task force as it might relate to other scope of practice areas.

I feel very strongly that the psychologists prescriptive authority legislation was not introduced this year because of a lot of hard work on the part of LPMA members across the state and by a very good team of lobbyists working for you. I also feel that the upcoming elections of all legislators had a great deal to do with their decision. All lobbyists working for you agree that it is most probable that their bill will be introduced next session and that the “medical psychologists” will be working hard in legislative races to elect legislators friendly to their cause. Therefore, it is incumbent on our part to do the same. ■

Scenes from the APA Annual Meeting **New Residents**

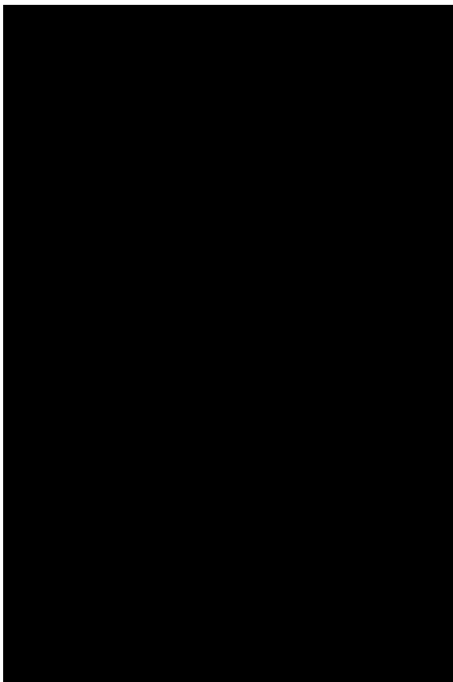


(Left) Dr. Ed and Mrs Janice Foulks. (Top Right) Dr. Jeffrey Akaka, Hawaii Representative to the Asembly, with Dr. Jodie Holloway, new Distinguished Fellow. (Above Right) Dr. Donald and Mrs. Robin Palmisano with Dr. Dudley Stewart. Dr. Palmisano is the newly installed president (as of June 18, 2003) of the American Medical Association.

Members-in-Training who completed a psychiatric residency at LSUHSC in Shreveport are **Drs. Okon Enyenihi** and **Amira Odisho**. Dr. Enyenihi is on staff at a private psychiatric hospital in Oak Ridge, TN. Dr. Odisho is on the faculty at LSUSC-Shreveport as an Assistant Professor.

LPMA Members-in-training who completed residencies in general psychiatry at Tulane Medical School are **Drs. Jose Artecona, Christopher Borrillo, Kathleen Coyle, Omayra Nieves** and **George Nodarse**. Dr. Artecona is a Forensic Psychiatry Fellow at Tulane. Dr. Borrillo has entered a Child residency at Tulane. Dr. Coyle is in private practice. Dr. Nodarse is in a Child fellowship program in New York. Dr. Nieves is on the Forensics faculty at Tulane

LSUHSC members-in-training in New Orleans who completed residencies in general psychiatry are **Dr. Erich Conrad**, who is on the psychiatry faculty; **Dr. Eric Kramer**, who is on staff at the West Jefferson Mental Health Center, and **Dr. Warren Fournier**, who is on staff at the St. Bernard Mental Health Center. ■



Note the flag poles here in San Francisco for the May 2003 Annual APA Meeting.

Representative's Report

Aretta J. Rathmell, M.D.

The majority of the bills that were presented and discussed at the APA Assembly in San Francisco were passed on to the proper component, committee or the Board of Trustees, and we probably will not know the final outcome until the November meeting of the Assembly.

All of the representatives and deputy representatives were encouraged to do what we can to contact the members of our district branches. Recently, I have had reason to believe that this is an extremely critical issue in that there is a definite line of disconnect between the organizational functions and the general membership. It is my opinion that there is a tremendous emotional hunger for the membership to be involved instead of "watching from the

sidelines." In my opinion members are not going to get involved unless they are actively recruited and made to feel that APA is a member organization and not a separate function of those that are elected and appointed to positions in it. This is one of the top issues for the attention of the Assembly and every component that I am involved with on a national level.

Should anyone be interested in details, I would be happy to talk to that person at any time by telephone or in person. I have established a fast procedure and will continue to follow it by personally contacting anyone who has questions or wants to become involved. I will do that as your representative to the Assembly as long as I can. ■



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Dr. Vaillant to Be Usdin Lecturer

The Department of Psychiatry of Ochsner Clinic Foundation is pleased to announce that George E. Vaillant, M.D. will be the Ninth Annual Gene Usdin, M.D. Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in Psychiatry. Dr. Vaillant, who is a Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and the Brigham and Women's Hospital, is internationally recognized for his work in the field of adult male development, especially his 60-year longitudinal prospective study of a cohort of Harvard graduates. Other Usdin lecturers have included

Jerry Lewis, Peter Rabins, Glen Gabbard, Kenneth Cooper, Frederick Goodwin, Kay Jamison, Domeena Renshaw and Jimmie Holland.

On Feb. 6, 2004, Dr. Vaillant will speak on "Mental Health: Is It Measurable, Researchable, Or Even Genetic?" On Saturday morning, Feb. 7, Dr. Vaillant will deliver the Usdin address, entitled "Adult Development: A 60-Year Study." Those LPMA members who are interested in attending should call 504-842-1234 for reservations. ■

Drs. Legnon, Law & Whiteman Receive 2003 Bick Awards

The Bick Award was established in 1970 by LPMA in honor of Dr. John W. Bick, Jr. It is awarded each year to the graduating medical student who demonstrates the most promise in psychiatry at each of Louisiana's medical schools.

This year's recipients were Lindsay Legnon, M.D. at LSUHSC Shreveport, Kimberly Law, M.D. at LSUHSC New Orleans and Julianna Whiteman, M.D. at Tulane Medical School.

Dr. Legnon entered a psychiatry residency program at LSUHSC, Shreveport. Dr. Law is in a psychiatry residency program at LSUHSC New Orleans.

Dr. Whiteman is originally from San Fran-

cisco and is now a resident in psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco. This is a very competitive program in terms of difficulty in being accepted and a unique one in that its focus is culture and community based. Candidates must demonstrate a deep commitment to community service and sensitivity to cultural issues. Dr. Whiteman initiated and developed a major community service project for medical student participation in New Orleans. She earned a MPH while in medical school through the MD/MPH program and was the recipient of an award given to graduating MD/MPH students for outstanding service to the community. ■

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