



## Getting Down to **BUSINESS**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for General Psychology,**

Division One of the American Psychological Association, Friday, August 24, 2001, in Room 3739, the suite of President Lyle E. Bourne, Jr., in the San Francisco Marriott Hotel

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Attending were Lyle E. Bourne, Jr., President; Linda Bartoshuk, President-Elect; Lewis P. Lipsitt, Past President; Bruce Overmier, President-Elect-Elect; Michael Wertheimer, Secretary; Lee H. Matthews, Treasurer; Gregory A. Kimble, Council Representative; Harold Takooshian, Fellows and Membership chair; C. Alan Boneau, Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large; R. Duncan Luce, Member-at-Large; Frank Farley, Member-at-Large; Lynn A. Hasher, Member-at-Large; and Susan Mineka, Member-at-Large-Elect. Absent were Wendy M. Williams, Member-at-Large; Donald A. Dewsbury, Historian; and Bonnie Strickland, Member-at-Large-Elect.

The minutes of the January 27-28, 2001 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as published in the Spring, 2001 issue of *The General Psychologist*, Volume 36, number 1, pages 20-21. Lewis Lipsitt, substituting for Robert Perloff as the Program Chair for the 2001 Division One convention program, was commended for an outstanding program consisting of 24 hours of Division-sponsored items. Some concern was expressed about the lack of publicity for the Division's program in such outlets as the *APA Monitor*. Lyle Bourne announced that Bruce Overmier won election as the President-Elect of the Division, and that the new Members-at-Large-Elect of the Division are Susan Mineka and Bonnie Strickland, replacing C. Alan Boneau and Michael Wertheimer (though Wertheimer continues on the Executive Committee as secretary, and Boneau continues on the Executive Committee as Newsletter Editor). Bourne reported that the role of President entails many chores throughout the year, with numerous requests and other communications from the APA Central Office and elsewhere that often require immediate attention. Lewis Lipsitt's Past President's Report will be sent out by Bourne to all members of the Executive Committee. Linda Bartoshuk, as incoming President, announced that the 2002 convention will be reduced to four days, and that a new "cluster" form of programming will be undertaken at that convention; she and Mary Lou Cheal will be the 2002 program chairs. Bartoshuk indicated that, for the purpose of fiscal responsibility, she will try to dispense with a "midwinter" meeting of the Executive Committee and endeavor to complete Division business via e-mail and, if necessary, by conference call.

The report of the Editor of the Division's journal, *Review of General Psychology*, Peter Salovey, was received with thanks; he will continue as editor through an issue in the

middle of 2002. The chair of the editor search committee, Frank Farley, recommended that Todd Heatherton of Dartmouth College be appointed to a three-year term as the next editor; the recommendation was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the Executive Committee. The journal is still losing money, but APA, not the Division, is covering the losses. The number of institutional subscriptions to the journal is still fairly low, but continues to increase (from 56 in 2000 to 63 currently). It was suggested that invited lecturers at the convention be asked to submit articles based on their addresses for possible publication in the journal, that other efforts be undertaken to increase the number of manuscripts submitted to the journal, and that more publicity for the journal should be sought from the APA.

The Treasurer, Lee Matthews, reported that the Division still has assets of the order of \$34,000 in cash and \$26,000 in long-term investments, and that \$18,400 has been received in income through early June of 2001, but that income from dues is decreasing as paid membership in the Division continues to erode. Total expenses for the entire calendar year (including about \$8,000 spent to date), including awards, Newsletter costs, and expenses incurred at the convention are projected to be about \$18,500. The Executive Committee authorized continuing contributions of \$100 to the Archives of the History of American Psychology at the University of Akron, \$100 to the Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, and \$50 to the Scientist-Practitioner Caucus of Council. Honoraria for the Staats award come from the American Psychological Foundation; in the past, these honoraria were covered by Division funds, so an effort should be made by the Treasurer to retrieve these moneys from APF (possibly with interest).

Harold Takooshian, fellows and membership chair, reported that three new fellows recommended by the Division had been approved by the APA Membership Committee and the Board of Directors, and that the Council of Representatives was expected to ratify them at this convention: Aaron T. Beck, Hector Betancourt, and Howard T. Everson. Also, two members of Division One who already were fellows of APA through other divisions were, at the Committee's January meeting, by unanimous vote made fellows through Division One: Agnes N. O'Connell and Bonnie Strickland. Invitations that were sent to distinguished general psychologists who were not yet members of the Division netted more than 20 new members for the Division. Mark Mattson was appointed co-chair of membership, to help with further efforts to increase the number of members of the Division. Takooshian's report was accepted with thanks.

C. Alan Boneau reported that this year's Division awards are as follows: William James Book Award to Michael Gazzaniga for *The New Cognitive Neurosciences*, second edition; Ernest R. Hilgard Award to Wilse B. Webb; C.

Alan Boneau Award to Elizabeth Lynn in 2001 and to Helen Warren Ross in 2002; Arthur Staats Award to Gregory A. Kimble; and the George A. Miller Award to Jacob Feldman. Next year Lynn Hasher is scheduled to chair the awards program.

The revision of the Division's by-laws, as published in the spring, 2001 issue of *The General Psychologist*, volume 36, number 1, pages 22-24, were approved by the Executive Committee with minor corrections, and with the amendment (added at the Business Meeting) that Article V, Nominations and Elections, Paragraph 6, is changed to indicate that elected officials assume office at the beginning of the calendar year following the year in which they are elected.

Gregory A. Kimble, Council Representative for the Division, reported that much of the APA Council of Representatives' effort is being devoted to trying to determine priorities for the APA, and that the establishment of prescription privileges for qualified practicing psychologists continues to be an emphasis. The Coalition for Academic, Scientific, and Applied Psychology is attempting to develop a pool of academic and science-oriented psychologists' names for nomination to positions in the APA governance. A request for nominations (including self-nominations) for this pool is to be published in the next issue of the Newsletter; the nominations should be sent to either Lyle E. Bourne, Jr. or Linda Bartoshuk. On another matter, there is a continuing concern that while APA boards and committees have direct or indirect input on items on the Council's agenda, there still is no mechanism for providing input from the divisions on Council agenda items about which the divisions might have relevant expertise.

The Newsletter Editor, C. Alan Boneau, reported that the last two issues of *The General Psychologist* have been posted on the Division One website. About one half of all members of Division One have access to e-mail; he suggested that the Division could save a substantial sum if future issues of the Newsletter are sent out via e-mail to those who have access to it rather than sending a hard copy to all members. He was encouraged to pursue this possibility. Boneau's report was accepted with thanks.

Gregory A. Kimble, senior editor of the series of volumes sponsored by the Division and published jointly by the APA and by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, *Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology*, reported that the manuscript for volume 5 in the series is almost finished and should be ready to submit to the publishers by early November, 2001. The series continues to generate about \$1,000 annually in royalties for the Division. No action was taken at this meeting about further volumes in the series; this matter should be taken up again by the Executive Committee and at a business meeting of the Division in the near future.

Lewis P. Lipsitt, the master of Division One's listserv, reported that the listserv now exists. He encouraged all interested members of the Division to send him their address for inclusion in the listserv. Lee Matthews agreed to undertake an updating of the Division One webpage, which is somewhat out of date.

The Division One Historian, Donald A. Dewsbury, could not attend the meeting. His report, submitted by e-mail on July 12, 2001, indicated that the process of collecting Division One materials appears to be going smoothly, and that Wade Pickren in Central Office has the APA Archives running well. He urged emphatically that all outgoing officers, officers who have held previous offices they no longer hold, and those who have held offices before but no longer hold them, send their Division One-related materials to him for the Division One archives; the entire enterprise depends upon having Division One officers forward materials to him for preservation.

Michael Wertheimer, Secretary, indicated that other than numerous communications by e-mail and standard mail, he had nothing further to report. Proposed minor revisions of the Division's officers' manual and calendar were approved. Frank Farley, Division liaison to the APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology, reported that he had attended the CIRP social hour at the 2001 APA convention. Four items were, because of lack of time, deferred to a future meeting of the Executive Committee: the Division One "Initiatives Initiative," development of a mechanism for recognizing the outstanding contributions to general psychology of individuals who are not members of the APA, possible further volumes in the *Portraits of Pioneers in Psychology* series, and a letter from the Committee Against Medicalizing Psychology.

A delegation from APA Central Office, consisting of Kurt Salzinger and Merry Bullock from the Science Directorate and Patricia Kobor from the Public Policy Office, joined the Executive Committee shortly before 9:00 p.m. They reported that scientists within APA are being encouraged to write 600 to 1000-word "op-ed" articles for popular media such as newspapers, with copies of these items to be submitted to and maintained in a data bank that APA is setting up on psychology as a science. October 15 to 19, 2001 has been designated as "Exploring Behavior Week," an outreach program in which academic psychologists and graduate students are urged to present lectures on psychology as a science to grades 8 to 12 in local schools, taking the "thrill of psychology" to the students. The Science Directorate has been supporting training institutes aimed at faculty and graduate students on such currently relevant topics as fMRI (functional magnetic resonance imaging of brain activity), and is prepared to help psychologists in efforts to obtain support for psychological research from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

#### **Report on the Business Meeting of the Society for General Psychology.**

*Saturday, August 25, 2001, in Yerba Buena Salon 5, in the San Francisco Marriott Hotel*

The meeting was called to order by President Lyle E. Bourne, Jr., at 5:05 p.m. The minutes of the August 2000 business meeting were approved. The actions of the Executive Committee meetings of January 27-28, 2001 and August 24, 2001 were reported and ratified, with the addition of the amendment to the revision of the Division

by-laws that the terms of officers of the Division start at the beginning of the calendar year following their election. In discussion, it was suggested that the Division's journal, *Review of General Psychology*, should receive more publicity, that it should attempt to focus even more on the Division's mission, and that it should attempt to increase the volume of manuscripts submitted to it for possible publication. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wertheimer, Secretary

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## Call for nominees for Fellow in 2002

Members of APA Division One are now invited to nominate others (or themselves) for election as a fellow, based on their "unusual and outstanding contributions" to general psychology. Phone or write soon for a packet of forms, including our Division's 12 criteria. This year all completed materials must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, 14 December 2001: 4 copies of the nominee's vita, personal statement, and endorsements from 3 current APA fellows. At least 2 of the 3 endorsers must be fellows of Division 1. (Those who are already a fellow of another APA division can ask about a streamlined nomination procedure.) — Harold Takooshian, SGP Fellows, 314 Dartmouth, Paramus NJ 07652, USA. Phone 212-636-6393.

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## Tribute to Jack Hilgard

*[While putting this issue together, I received an email informing me that Ernest R. Hilgard had died. Jack Hilgard was an old friend of the Division, one of its former Presidents, and the inspiration for the Division's Ernest R. Hilgard Award for a Career Contribution to General Psychology. In my files I found some appropriate celebratory items that are entered here to commemorate his life and accomplishments. The Editor]*

### Text of Presidential Award to Prof. Hilgard by APA President Norine Johnson, Ph. D.

To Ernest R. Hilgard, Ph.D. In recognition of his trailblazing contributions to psychology as a science, as a profession, and in the public interest. While many eminent psychologists have reaped the respect of their peers for advances in a narrow specialty, Ernest R. Hilgard has enriched the entire field of psychology with contributions to the major facets of the discipline including conditioning, learning, hypnosis and the history of psychology, while holding leadership positions in higher education and in professional associations, including leadership in the 1940s reorganization of APA. Ernest Hilgard rendered exemplary service to his country as a psychologist in World War II. He is the author of seminal publications and influential textbooks and has been mentor to generations of students. Among his many honors, Professor Hilgard has received the Warren Medal of the Society of Experimental Psychologists in

1940, the Gold Medal Award of the American Psychological Foundation in 1978, and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Psychological Association in 1994. His national eminence was recognized by his election to the National Academy of Sciences and to the American Association of Arts and Sciences. The American Psychological Association is profoundly honored to present this presidential citation to a psychologist whose prolific creativity has enormously advanced the field of psychology, education, and society at large.

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February 19, 2001

Professor Ernest R. Hilgard  
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Dear Jack:

Inspired—nay, bewitched!—by the hurricane of your contributions to psychology, education, and society, which was brought to mind as we discussed the Ernest R. Hilgard Award of the Society for General Psychology (Division One of APA), the Society's Executive Committee asked me to express in this letter our continuing admiration for and resounding tribute to Ernest R. Hilgard, a primus inter pares psychologist.

For your catholicity of intellectual products, embracing conditioning, learning, hypnosis, and the history of psychology, just as a short list. For your exemplary service as a psychologist in World War II. For your seminal professorships at Yale and Stanford, and for the students you sired and mentored. For the sapience of your mind from halcyon salad days to more recent nonagenarian years. For your seminal publications and influential textbooks. For your parade of awards and recognitions, to list a few—the American Psychological Foundation's Gold Medal Award, the Warren Medal, and your election to the National Academy of Sciences and to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

If it can be said of anyone, it can surely be said of you, Jack, that Ernest R. Hilgard "has been there and done that," and then some, yes, and then some.

This, then, is by way of saying that we are so very proud and honored to be the stewards of the Ernest R. Hilgard Award of the Society for General Psychology, and to be part of the learned discipline and profession of psychology that you have advanced indefatigably through your beneficence as a scholar, role model, and scientific and academic leader.

[This letter is being sent to you with the full approval of Society President Lyle E. Bourne, Jr., PhD; Society Past-President Lewis P. Lipsitt, PhD; and Society President Elect Linda M. Bartoshuk, PhD. (Copies of this letter are being sent to each of them as well as to the other members of the Society's Executive Committee.)]

With very warm regards and our best wishes.

Robert Perloff, PhD



# The Society for General Psychology

## Call for Nominations for Awards of Year 2002

The Society for General Psychology, Division One of the American Psychological Association, announces its Year 2002 awards competition. The William James Book Award is for a recent book that serves to integrate material across psychological subfields or to provide coherence to the diverse subject matter of psychology. Other award programs include the competition to deliver the Year 2002 Arthur W. Staats Lecture for Unifying Psychology, the Ernest R. Hilgard Award for a Career Contribution to General Psychology, and the George A. Miller Award for an Outstanding Recent Article in General Psychology. The awardees will receive a certificate and a cash prize of \$1000 for each Award. For each of these awards, the focus is on the quality of the contribution and the linkages made between the diverse fields of psychological theory and research. The Society for General Psychology encourages the integration of knowledge across the subfields of psychology and the incorporation of contributions from other disciplines. The Society is looking for creative syntheses, the building of novel conceptual approaches, and a reach for new, integrated wholes. A match between the goals of the Society and the nominated work or person will be an important evaluation criterion. The Staats Award has a unification theme, recognizing significant contributions of any kind that go beyond mere efforts at coherence and serve to develop psychology as a unified science. The Staats Lecture will deal with how the awardee's work serves to unify psychology.

There are no restrictions on nominees, and self-nominations as well as nominations by others are encouraged for these awards. For the Hilgard Award and the Staats Award, nominators are asked to submit the candidate's vitae along with a detailed statement indicating why the nominee is a worthy candidate for the award and supporting letters from others who endorse the nomination. For the Miller Award, nominations should include: vitae of the author(s), four copies of the article being considered (which can be of any length but must be in print and have a post-1996 publication date), and a statement detailing the strength of the candidate article as an outstanding contribution to General Psychology. Nominations for the William James Award should include three copies of the book (dated post-1996 and available in print); the vitae of the author(s) and a one-page statement that explains the strengths of the submission as an integrative work and how it meets criteria established by the Society. Text books, analytic reviews, biographies, and examples of applications are generally discouraged. Winners will be announced at the Fall convention of the American Psychological Association the year of submission. Winners will be expected to give an invited address at the subsequent APA convention and also to provide a copy of the award address for inclusion in the newsletter of the Society.

All nominations and supporting materials for each award must be received on or before April 15, 2002. Nominations and materials for all awards and requests for further information should be directed to General Psychology Awards, c/o Lynn Hasher, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON M5S 3G3 Canada. Phone: 416-978-7620; Fax: 416-978-4811; E-mail: hasher@psych.utoronto.ca