

## Charting Our Course – WPS Looks at Where to Go and How to Get There

### An Interim Report from the Strategic Planning Committee

By Richard A. Ratner, MD, President-Elect and Chair-Strategic Planning Committee

With a membership that has surged upward by nearly 200 to a grand total of 994 members in the past three years, our Society shows evidence of vitality, vigor and vigilance. One of the keys to any association's success is the membership's belief that the return on investment is high, and these numbers suggest that our members perceive this to be the case. But the world is changing so rapidly that we must constantly remain alert to our members' evolving needs and be prepared to help deal with them. Our strategic goal is to develop into the organization that you can't be without because we meet your needs and represent you in the community.

To ensure a future that is brighter than today, the WPS Strategic Planning Committee has been engaged in the process of assessing your goals and dreams for the Society and figuring out how best to turn them into realities.

We began by asking you to complete a survey to tell us what you do and do not like about WPS, what your biggest professional head-

aches are, and which of our current services are most important to you. We received 120 responses, not great but large enough to provide a reasonable sample. We divided them into demographic/practice groups and then asked a representative of each group to analyze the responses, both to summarize trends and common traits and to report imaginative individual suggestions to the Committee. Groups reviewed thus far include: Women, Men, Academics, Life Members, International Medical Graduates, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists and Psychoanalysts. Our respondents were mostly 40 or older. Indeed, few respondents were younger than age 38 – which is a telling factor in itself.

Common threads run through all the groups surveyed in terms of things members find most important about WPS and where we should focus our efforts in the future.

- Advocacy for patients
- Advocacy for the profession and practitioners
- Greater collegiality and networking opportunities
- Improving managed care reimbursement rates

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## Organizing for Success

by David H. Fram, MD

There have been two diverging trends in recent years in governance of the Washington Psychiatric Society. One has been a progressive enlargement of the size of the Board to its current size of 38. The other has been the development of the smaller working group, the Executive Committee.

The membership of the Board has been increased by the addition of new categories of members, many of whom are appointed. In addition to the four Board members, two Early Career Psychiatrists, four Legislative Representatives, three APA Assembly Representatives, a Public Affairs Representative, and five officers elected by the general membership there have been added Allied Organization Representatives, of which there are now five; Member in Training Representatives, of which there are now five; and WPS Committee Chairs of which there are now two. Other Board members are the three Chapter Chairpersons (elected by each chapter); three APA Board of Trustees members; and two APA Area 3 Council members. The rationale behind the enlargement of the Board has been to attempt to be as inclusive as possible in order to address the diverse issues that impact on our profession and its members.

An unforeseen development that has arisen from this enlargement of the Board has been an increasing difficulty in coherent decision making

and management. Some members of the Board have limited involvement in the issues facing the Board and as such are not able to participate as effectively as needed. The impact of voting rights by non-elected Board members has been a factor not considered as the Board has enlarged. Some members also have, unfortunately, had limited attendance at Board meetings, rendering their participation even less effective.

A parallel development in WPS governance has been the formation and activity of the Executive Committee, made of the five Board officers and three Chapter Chairs. This committee has been meeting monthly with our Executive Director and has attempted to address issues in a focused thoughtful manner for subsequent presentation to the full Board for its consideration. Items for the Board meeting agenda have also been considered and set by this Committee. As such, issues requiring rapid action can be researched and interim decisions made if needed. The issues brought to the full Board for final discussion and decision-making can then be considered in a more thoughtful manner. Governance issues to be considered for the future include the wisdom of including non-elected Board members in the voting roster, the method of appointment of Board members from Allied Organizations and the degree of decision making allowed to the Executive Committee. ■

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Maryland General Assembly

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Virginia General Assembly

[www.legis.state.va.us](http://www.legis.state.va.us)

District of Columbia Council

[www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us](http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us)

MedChi

(Maryland State Medical Society)

[www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org)

Medical Society of Virginia

[www.msv.org](http://www.msv.org)

Medical Society of the District of Columbia

[www.msdc.org](http://www.msdc.org)

American Psychiatric Association

[www.psych.org](http://www.psych.org)

American Medical Association

[www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

[www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov) ■

## Spring CME Events

### Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Society of Greater Washington Annual Spring Scientific Symposium

“Forensic Topics in Clinical  
Practice”

Saturday, March 18, 2006  
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

USUHS on the campus of the  
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Bethesda, MD

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- Current issues related to special education
- Uses of the juvenile justice system

- Divorce and domestic relations law
- Applications of ethical principles in clinical practice

Fee: \$35 students/residents;  
\$85 CAPSGW members;  
\$100 nonmembers  
Information: Thomas Kobylski, MD  
703-893-1510

### American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians – Washington, DC Chapter and The Washington Psychiatric Society

“New Directions in Managing  
Impulsivity”

Saturday April 1, 2006  
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The George Washington University  
Hospital Auditorium  
901 23rd St, NW  
Washington, DC

CME accredited for 3.5 hours of  
Category 1 of the Physician's

Recognition Award of AMA  
Objectives:

- Describe the typical developmental trajectories for white matter and gray matter volumes during childhood and adolescence
- Discuss possible implications of late prefrontal cortex maturation
- Understand the role of signaling pathways in the pathophysiology and treatment of mood and impulse control disorders (ICD)
- Understand that mood stabilizing agents exert neurotropic effects and that this is leading the development of novel therapeutics
- Understand the diagnosis and phenomenology of ICDs
- Understand the neurobiology and treatment of ICDs

Fee: \$30 ASPP or WPS members;  
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## Legislative and Educational Meetings Highlight February for WPS

On February 15, members of the Suburban Maryland Chapter traveled to Annapolis to join Maryland Psychiatric Society colleagues at a reception for Maryland state legislators. The reception, sponsored by the Maryland Psychiatric Political Action Committee (MPPAC) drew senators and delegates from both parties who talked

with psychiatrists on mental health issues before the General Assembly.

On February 27, the WPS Committee on Continuing Medical Education (chaired by Elizabeth Morrison, MD) presented its winter program at Tragara's in Bethesda. Speaker at the CME accredited event was Daniel Weinberger, MD, Chief of the

Clinical Brain Disorders Branch at NIMH. Dr. Weinberger discussed "The Genetic Revolution in Psychiatry" with WPS members. Our next program is a joint collaboration with the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians on April 1 at George Washington University Hospital. Topic: New Directions in Managing Impulsivity. ■



WPS and MPS members talked with legislators on a number of issues, including the WPS-backed bill on confidentiality of patient records which has passed the Senate and is now in the House of Delegates. Pictured here (L-R) are Lou Kopolow, MD – Chair of Suburban Maryland Chapter, Del. Adelaide Eckardt (R-Caroline, Somerset, Talbot and Wicomico), Steven Sharfstein, MD – APA President, Roger Peele, MD – APA Trustee, Kayla Pope, MD – Baltimore; and Harold Eist, MD – APA Past President.



Dr. Weinberger lectures



WPS member Patrick Sheehan, MD (center) reviews the issues with MPS members, Len Hertzberg, MD (L) and Harry Brandt, MD.



(L-R) WPS President-Elect Richard Ratner, MD and Dr. Brandt catch up with fellow physician, Del. Dan Morhaim, MD (D-Baltimore County). Dr. Morhaim, who practices emergency medicine, is a long-standing friend of mental health care in Maryland.



Legislative Aid, Lisa Van Pool (l) shares a smile with WPS member, Marilou Taglang-Jimenez, MD. Aids are key contacts in legislators' offices, are extremely knowledgeable on policy issues, and convey constituent concerns and interests to members of General Assembly



Dr. Kopolow discusses strategy with Andrew Angelino, MD, chair of the MPS/SMPS Legislative Committee.



(L-R) Kathryn Suter, MD, Molly Strauss, MD, Maureen Donnelly, MD and Lou Kopolow, MD at Tragara.



The private dining room at Ristorante Tragara was packed for the Feb. 27 CME program. Good food and good friends are an important part of the quarterly CME programs presented by WPS. Here Gustavo Goldstein, MD (center) shares a laugh with colleague Louise Postman, MD seated to his left. Others at the table are (L-R) Richard Epstein, MD, Michael Fishman, MD, Carol Kleinman, MD, Leon Cytryn, MD (back to camera) and Howard Hoffman, MD.

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# Virginia, Maryland Legislatures Address Patient Safety, Physician Strictures; DC Public Mental Health System Works to Meet Dixon Mandates

For 2006, the road to the Virginia General Assembly is paved with asphalt, literally. While the state capitol is under extensive renovations for the first time in 100 years, the Assembly itself is focused on transportation improvements and funding for roads. Led by Northern Virginia Chapter Chairman, Eric Steckler, MD, many Northern Virginia physicians have traveled to Richmond for "White Coat Days" during the session.

In Maryland, in this election year for all seats in both houses, sexual predator legislation dominates new legislation.

In the District of Columbia, the Department of Mental Health, still with far to go to meet the needs of its patients continues to work toward improving care while the City Council focuses on the mayoral election and a new baseball stadium.

## Virginia

The Northern Virginia Chapter of WPS has joined other major physician and health care provider associations in opposing HB 1531. This bill would put a health care provider at risk for charges of unprofessional conduct if the provider inquires whether a patient has access to a gun in the home and the "inquiry has no relationship to the practice of the healing arts or the medical condition of the patient." In a letter to Senator Richard Saslaw (D-Springfield) WPS noted that "this bill does not serve well the children of Virginia and puts physicians in the bind of either following the legislation or practicing ethical, patient-focused medicine" by prohibiting physicians and other health care providers from asking routine questions designed to ensure a child's safety.

WPS also opposes HB 443 (defeated) which would have included marriage and family therapists on the list of health care providers giving them many of the same rights

and privileges now reserved for physicians.

We opposed HB 1112 that would have allowed patients to see a physical therapist without a referral by a physician, noting that physical therapists don't have the training to diagnose and recommend treatment.

We supported HB 946 that will require health insurers to pay health care benefits directly to a physician who has rendered medical screening and stabilization services under the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act, if the insured authorizes such as assignment of payment or benefit.

We support HB 1110 which overcomes the Virginia Court's ruling that holds physicians liable for interpreting the results of tests ordered by other physicians even if the liable physician is not asked by the patient to review or does not provide the physician with a report. The operative language reads, "No physician shall be liable for the failure to review or act on the results of laboratory tests or examinations of the physical or mental condition of any patient, which tests or examinations the physician neither requested nor authorized, unless 1) the report of such results is provided directly to the physician by the patient so examined or tested with a request for consultation; 2) the physician assumes responsibility to review or act on the results; or 3) the physician has reason to know that in order to manage the specific mental or physical condition of the patient, review of or action on the pending results is needed. However, no physician shall be immune under this section unless the physician establishes that (i) no physician-patient relationship existed when the results were received or accessed; or (ii) the physician received or accessed the results without a request for consultation and without responsibility for management of the specific mental or physical condition

of the patient relating to the results or (iii) the physician consulted on a specific mental or physical condition, the results were not part of that physician's management of the patient and the physician had no reason to know that he was to inform the patient of the results or refer the patient to another physician; or (iv) the physician received or accessed results, the interpretation of which would exceed the physician's scope of practice and the physician had no reason to know that he was to inform the patient of the results or refer the patient to another physician."

For more information on Virginia legislation, visit <http://legis.state.va.us>

## Maryland

WPS and its Suburban Maryland Chapter, with support from the Maryland Psychiatric Society and MedChi, supports SB 142 which protects the confidentiality of medical records subpoenaed by the Board of Physicians in an investigation initiated by a third party non-patient. WPS member Harold Eist, MD and Executive Director Walter Hill testified in favor of the bill, which has now passed the Senate and in the House of Delegates.

We are opposing SB 16 which alters the definition of a sexually violent predator, and creates a procedure in which a person convicted of or charged with a sexually violent offense and who suffers from a specified mental abnormality or personality disorder may be placed in the custody of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene until the person meets certain criteria.

We support SB 32 which includes emergency preparedness credentialing programs for health care practitioners licensed in the state and in other states among the training

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# Washington Psychiatric Society Publishes 2006 Edition of Membership Directory

By Louis E. Kopolow, MD, DLFAPA, Chair, Directory Committee

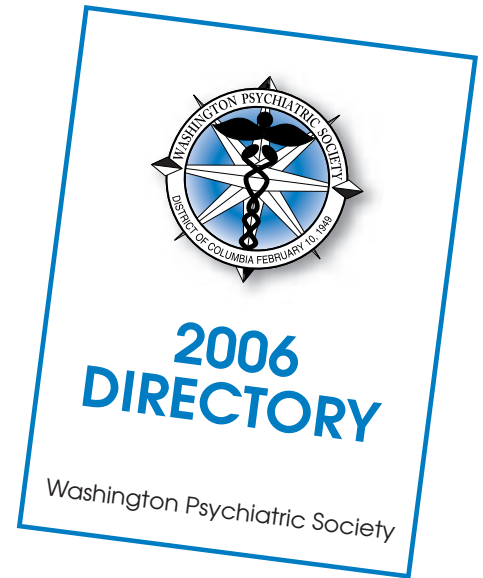
Since the year 2000, the Washington Psychiatric Society has maintained its Directory online. Many of our members and others in the community have asked us to again produce a print directory. The Society is pleased to respond to your requests and offers the 2006 Membership Directory, which is now in the mail to you.

I hope you will find it useful and a readily accessible source of information on our colleagues for referrals, consultations, collegial opportunities and much more. We have worked hard to make this directory user-friendly and informative. Special thanks are due to Rosemary Polley in our office for her hard work and dedication to updating our individual records and to making this book as accurate and current as humanly possible.

Our membership has grown steadily over the past few years, now including nearly 1,000 psychiatrists in Washington, DC, Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland. We are proud of the diversity of our members and the broad range of practice settings and interests represented here. You will see many names that are new to you, yet whose practices are nearby. Let this directory facilitate your contact with those colleagues. The better we know one another, the better we can serve our patients and all persons in need of psychiatric care.

For nearly 60 years, the Washington Psychiatric Society has been the voice and conscience of psychiatric medicine in this region. Through our Board of Directors and committees we work diligently and faithfully to expand the knowledge of psychiatric medicine, advocate on

behalf of our profession and patients, and enhance the professional lives of our members. On these pages you will find the names of physicians like you, who are committed to the highest level of professional excellence and patient care, and are proud to be members of our Society. ■



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## WPS Web Site Has New Look and User-Friendly Feel

By Eliot Sorel, MD, DLFAPA

Many thanks to our WWWG (Washington Psychiatry Society Web Work Group)-Connie Dunlap, Lise Van Sustern, Elizabeth Morrison, Carol Lynn Tripitelli, Maryam Razavi, James L. Collins, Michael Houston, Roger Peele, Richard Ratner, Walter Hill, Jennifer Tota, and Eliot Sorel. Over the past year and a half we have worked hard to update our WPS web. It is now a done deal! Please visit our new, improved [www.dcpsych.org](http://www.dcpsych.org) at your convenience.

Our web was launched in 1999/2000. It is worth revisiting, revising, and updating it at least every 4-5 years if not more often. As your WPS President who launched it, I must confess my attachment to it and wish to see it grow and prosper! We need your virtual visits and timely contributions to keep our new web fresh, lively, and useful. Your feedback would be very much appreciated. Our website is one of the most visited of all APA District Branch sites, with over 300 visitors each month. ■

# WPS Member Lise Van Susteren, MD Campaigns for U.S. Senate

Saying that "It's going to take a doctor, not another career politician, to fix healthcare in America," Lise Van Susteren, MD announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate in Maryland. She is joined in her pursuit of the Democratic Party's nomination by a number of candidates, most notably Ben Cardin and Kweisi Mfume. The Democratic primary winner will face Republican Michael Steele, the state's lieutenant governor, in November's general election.

Healthcare will dominate the issues in the campaign. "As a psychiatrist and a doctor," Dr. Van Susteren said, "I have been working with real people with real problems every day for the last 25 years. My

patients came from all walks of life, the poor, the rich, the uninsured, the lost – those caught in the bureaucracy. I have been listening to their problems, working with them to make things better. But many of the problems come from upstream - beyond our reach.

"That is why I am running for the Senate: to address the issues that make a difference in the lives of the people of Maryland. I'll never say I don't need to talk about issues. And I'll never stick my finger in the wind before telling you what I believe."

Dr. Van Susteren is in private practice in Montgomery County. She supports embryonic stem cell research, and developing programs to help Americans stop smoking and

address obesity, especially in children.

"We must do more to help Americans stop smoking. Direct and indirect complications from obesity cost \$263 billion a year. Obesity is growing, especially in children. We teach them about nutrition and turn around and feed them junk food in the lunch room." She applauded the ruling by Maryland Circuit Court Judge M. Brooke Murdock that the state law banning gay marriage is discriminatory and is not constitutional, and supports the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision.

For more information on the campaign, visit Dr. Van Susteren's website at [www.vansusterenforsenate.com](http://www.vansusterenforsenate.com). ■

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## Positions Available

**PART-TIME PSYCHIATRIST** interested in joining a multi-disciplinary practice working in long-term care facilities. Geriatric experience helpful. Need Maryland license. Growth opportunity. Competitive compensation. FAX CV TO PGS: 301-681-4699.

**PSYCHIATRIST NEEDED** to join existing group practicing in the Prince George's County area to provide inpatient psychiatric services and consultations, will also work with psychiatric

liaison. Must have strong skills in pharmacotherapy and be licensed in MD. Full-time and Part-time, flexible hours and guaranteed generous compensation Fax CV to (703) 780-9359. Attn: Tina Miller

### STAFF PSYCHIATRIST

(\$110-660-\$132,220)  
Saint Elizabeths Hospital of the Department of Mental Health have openings for Board Certified and/or Eligible Adult Psychiatrists to work in a responsive, culturally competent system of public inpatient care in the District of Columbia that promotes consumer rights, responsibilities and recovery. Excellent opportunity for those interested in clinical care and teaching. Please contact Sharon Lofton, Division of Human Resources at 202-645-4545/fax 202-673-4386/e-mail [sharon.lofton@dc.gov](mailto:sharon.lofton@dc.gov). To apply please forward a DC 2000(employment application CV and cover letter. To send by US Mail: Attn: Sharon Lofton Dept of Mental Health, Div of Human Resources, 64 New York Ave. Fifth Floor NE Washington, DC 20002.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPT. OF HEALTH** is recruiting for a contractual Board Certified/Eligible Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist to work in a child and adolescent mental health outpatient clinic up to 15 hours per week.

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This position will perform evaluations and medication management sessions for child and adolescent patients and coordinate with therapists for patient care. The hours of the clinic, which is located on Crain Highway in Glen Burnie, are Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The salary is negotiable and hours are flexible to meet the needs of the clinic. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Roger Messick at 410-222-6785. Send a resume and a copy of your Maryland license to: D. McLean, 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401. EOE

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES** at the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates, an independent non-profit clinical practice affiliated with The George Washington University, is seeking a psychiatrist for a full-time academic appointment at the rank of instructor or assistant professor beginning July 2006. This clinician-educator position in the adult outpatient division requires expertise in the evaluation and treatment of mood and anxiety disorders. The applicant must be license eligible in the District of Columbia and be Board Certified or Board Eligible in General Psychiatry. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications. Review of applications will begin March 17, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. Please send letter of interest and CV to Jeffrey S. Akman, MD, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, 2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. Tel. 202-741-2880; fax 202-741-2891. The George Washington Medical Faculty Associates is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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Calvary Women's Services and Miriam's Kitchen are seeking a psychiatrist to work on a consultant basis in its social service programs. The psychiatrist would visit the two locations for approximately 22 hours (total) per month to assess and diagnose clients, prescribe and monitor medications, and assist with benefits applications as needed. A psychiatrist who appreciates relationship building in a community setting is strongly desired.

**Calvary Women's Service**  
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**Miriam's Kitchen**  
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2. Write orders and prescriptions for medications and monitor for efficacy and side effects.
3. Engage identified clients in psychiatric counseling services.
4. Facilitate a weekly therapy group at Miriam's Kitchen.
5. Participate in facilitating appropriate hospitalizations, crisis interventions and referrals.
6. Communicate with hospital staff to ensure optimal treatment and discharge planning.

Calvary Women's Services is a housing and support services program for homeless women. Many of these women suffer from mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, and emotional problems. Located at 928 5th Street, NW (near Chinatown), Calvary

provides housing and support services to women in need.

Miriam's Kitchen serves homeless individuals in the District of Columbia. Approximately 75 percent of our guests sleep on the streets and in shelters. This means that Miriam's may be the only place that they go for help. The majority of Miriam's clients suffer from some form of mental illness. Miriam's provides a low-barrier breakfast program, Case Management, and therapeutic groups for clients at its 2401 Virginia Ave., NW location (in Foggy Bottom).

Hours: Calvary Women's Services

- flexible, evenings preferred.
- Miriam's Kitchen
- Two mornings per week from 7 to 9 AM.

Salary: \$125 per hour

Please contact Kristine Thompson, Executive Director at Calvary, at 202/783-3318 for more information. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply. ■

#### MEETING NOTICES

**Washington Psychoanalytic Society and Institute**  
**Scientific Meetings & Workshops**  
**Winter and Spring 2006**  
**Fourth Annual Raphling Memorial Lecture**

DATE: March 31, 2006  
TITLE: Nancy Chodorow, Ph.D.  
The Faultlines and Vulnerabilities of Masculinity  
Discussant: Dr. Stephen Rosenblum  
LOCATION: RossHall, Rm #117, 2300 Eye St NW - GWU  
TIME: 8:00 PM  
COST: FREE

**Friday, April 21, 2006 –**  
**REGISTER BY MONDAY APRIL 10**

TITLE: Ethel Person, M.D. – Love and Power  
OBJECTIVES: 1) Identify selected psychoanalytic concepts and issues as applied to eroticism in the transference 2) Identify basic technical issues in the therapist's management of eroticism in the transference  
LOCATION: One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, NW, Washington DC.  
TIME: 6:30 - cocktails,  
7:00 - dinner,  
8:15 - paper and discussion  
COST: \$50



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programs that the Governor is authorized to institute in the event of a state emergency.

We support HB 302 that requires the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to study the creation of a system of gambling treatment programs in circuit courts for offenders whose crimes are associated with chronic and compulsive gambling.

We oppose HB 713 that would authorize licensed certified social workers to perform an evaluation of only the mental or behavioral portion of a permanent impairment in a workers' compensation case.

For more information on Maryland legislation, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us>.

## District of Columbia

In a letter to Mayor Anthony Williams, WPS expressed its seri-

ous concerns over issues related to the delivery of both inpatient and outpatient care by the DC Department of Mental Health. Concerns centered on expeditious emergency evaluations of patients, violence and staffing shortages at St Elizabeths Hospital, increase of mentally ill persons in the DC Jail, payment problems to outpatient vendors and the monitoring of outpatient treatment for children and adults. DMH leaders met with the WPS Board of Directors on February 13 to discuss these issues and to explore ways that WPS can be helpful to the Department. In a follow-up meeting with DMH and WPS leaders, the Department, while taking umbrage at some of the charges in the WPS letter, nevertheless, kept the door open for

further collaboration. DMH reported that violence is going down at St. Elizabeths, that changes in the requirements for involuntarily administering medications to psychiatric patients are in the legislative process at present, and that DMH is becoming a "prudent provider," developing standards for vendors. WPS will continue to monitor hearings in U.S. District Court concerning the Department's progress toward fulfilling the requirements of the Dixon law suit. WPS members who may be interested in becoming clinical faculty members in the St. Elizabeths residency program should speak with Allan Abrams, MD.

For more information on District of Columbia legislation, visit <http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/> ■

## Dr. Antonia Baum Featured in DC Style



WPS member Antonia Baum, MD says her penchant for elite sports performance isn't an obsession – just another facet of a well-rounded

life. A sports psychiatrist, Dr. Baum received feature play in the January/February 2006 issue of DC Style Magazine.

Dr. Baum, who practices in Chevy Chase, has competed in seven marathons and six triathlons among which was the 2003 Eagle-Man event, a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run. She told DC Style that she "has a love for sports and a long history of physical activity." She swam competitively as a child and played field hockey as an undergraduate at Brown University. A significant part of her practice is

treating athletes for eating disorders and anxiety. She began this part of her practice by giving talks to coaches on eating disorders and steroid abuse in athletes. While reluctant at first to discuss these issues with her,

Dr. Baum said that over time a number of coaches began to approach her to talk about their own mental health problems and were relieved to find someone whom they trusted and who could help. ■

## WPS 50-Year Distinguished Life Fellows to be honored in the Convocation Program of the APA Annual Meeting in Toronto, Monday, May 22, 2006:

Jay Lewis Bisgyer, M.D.  
Francis A. Board, M.D.  
George Chornesky, M.D.  
Manuel O. Hernandez, M.D.

John S. Kafka, M.D.  
Joseph D. Lichtenberg, M.D.  
Dorothy A. Starr, M.D.  
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- Dealing with managed care authorization issues
- Lessening the stigma of mental illness and educating the public
- Clarifying for the public what psychiatrists are and differentiating us from other mental health professionals

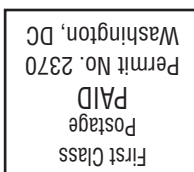
We also found that this newsletter is our members' primary source of news and information about WPS, with over 90 percent of respondents saying they read it regularly. By the same token we found the website to be fairly underutilized, something that we hope will change now that Dr. Sorel's committee has overseen an overhaul of the website—go visit

it! (WPS is not fast becoming a paperless Society.) We found that our CME programs are the most visible and appreciated services WPS currently provides. (Keeping up with scientific advances in psychiatry was an often-stated concern of respondents.)

One of our next steps must be to determine where our newer members are coming from and what their needs are. The fact that so few of our respondents were younger than 38 years old indicates that we must find ways to extend outreach to them. This will help us to tailor a program for recruiting new members. Providing multiple and varied opportunities for members to over-

come a sense of isolation and feel a part of a larger professional community is a goal for many, especially women and international medical graduate respondents.

A survey is, of course, only a snapshot of our Society. Nevertheless the information gathered is invaluable in helping us plan strategically for the next 3-5 years and beyond. Our committee's next step is to take the information and ideas you gave us in the survey and incorporate them into the Society's mission, then develop goals and tactics to carry out that mission. We'll keep you posted on our progress as we marshal our resources and build our Society around the vision of our members. ■



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