One important way to participate in Division 39 is to belong to one or more of the sections that the division has established. Section membership allows a more informal and personal entrée into division activities, including participation in writing and presenting papers, participating in email discussions and online continuing education committee, and so on. The sections also contribute to the vitality of the division through the development of projects, especially graduate student awards and stipends, that help ensure the continued growth of the division and psychoanalysis.

Section I: Psychologist Psychoanalyst Practitioners
Section I serves the function of encouraging communication among psychologists and other allied disciplines engaged in the practice of psychoanalysis, and supporting specific standards for training in psychoanalysis. Membership is defined by certain training requirements, which represent diverse theoretical views. Section I offers panels, programs and social events with prominent psychoanalysts at division meetings. The section provides a comprehensive membership directory; and publishes a newsletter, The Round Robin, three times a year.

Membership Fees: $40.
Information: Al Brok: (212) 580-3086, or ABRiver@aol.com
Application: Division website

Section II: Childhood & Adolescence
Section II gathers clinicians and researchers interested in working with and thinking about young people from a psychoanalytic perspective and embraces a broad spectrum of theoretical orientations to clinical work and research. Through national study groups, the Section II Newsletter, and symposia with renowned clinicians and writers, we seek to develop links among psychoanalytically oriented clinicians throughout the country as well as with those in other disciplines who contribute to work in this field. Section II views its commitment to children as extending beyond the boundaries of clinical work to promote the rights and needs of children in the world at large.

Membership Fees: $40 for members ($30 for affiliates; $20 for students)
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Application: Division website

Section III: Women, Gender & Psychoanalysis
Section III is dedicated to promoting research and theory concerning gender and women’s issues, to increasing the participation of women within the profession, to advancing the psychotherapeutic treatment of women and to advocating on behalf of women’s issues. The Section has an additional focus on contemporary social issues. The Section III Newsletter, symposia, annual award and directory of clinicians addresses collaboration and communication.

Membership Fees: $40.
Information: Susan Carpenter. (412) 983-5707 or dr_carpenter95@yahoo.com.
Application: Section III website: http://www.section-three.org/

Section IV: Local Chapters
Section IV is made up of local chapters of the division. Local chapters seek to support the identity of psychologists and other professionals interested in psychoanalysis, to provide educational opportunities in psychoanalytic theory, technique and related subjects as well as to educate the community about the value of the psychoanalytic orientation. Any group of division members may form a local chapter if one is not available in the area.

Membership Fees: Local chapters pay $5.00 per division member in the chapter.
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Application: Division website

Section V: Psychologist Psychoanalyst Clinicians
Section V fosters diversity and pluralism in psychoanalysis through a varied program of professional activities. We think that psychoanalysis should be a discipline of inquiry not orthodoxy of belief. Our work, on both the theoretical and the clinical level, is distinguished by the questions being asked and not by the answers that seem to have been found. Our programs, essay contests, website discussions, CE program, panels and lectures are informed by this perspective. We see psychoanalytically informed practice as a vital protection against the assaults on inner life and individual spirit that have come as a consequence of the industrialization of health care and of psychotherapy in particular. It is our mission to both defend and extend this worldview.

Membership Fees: $60 for members ($30 for students)
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Application: Section V website: http://www.section-five.org/

Section VI: Psychoanalytic Research Society
The purpose of this Section is to promote empirical, theoretical and clinical psychoanalytic research. It serves to facilitate the continual development and training of researchers and to broaden the role that psychoanalytic research plays in psychology, related disciplines, and the public sector. Activities include presenting panels at division meetings and offering scholarship awards to students to do psychoanalytic research.
SECTION VII: PSYCHOANALYSIS AND GROUPS
Section VII provides a forum for studying the application of psychoanalytic thinking to the theory and practice of psychoanalytic group therapy, and for understanding phenomena endemic to institutional and societal groups. Members of the Section are encouraged to present their ideas regarding the interrelationships between psychoanalysis and groups in the official programs of Division 39. In addition, the Section sponsors its own annual scientific meeting on critical issues relating to psychoanalysis and groups.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: $25, ($15 for students).
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APPLICATION: Division website

SECTION VIII: COUPLE AND FAMILY THERAPY AND PSYCHOANALYSIS
Section VIII is dedicated to promoting the understanding and treatment of the psychological needs of couples and families. At both theoretical and clinical levels, we are exploring how multiple perspectives within psychoanalysis, and within other relevant models, can inform and enrich one another, expanding the horizons of psychoanalysis to include couples and families. We are also committed to increasing the discourse within the Division 39 community around issues at the interface of the individual and the broader relational context in which he/she is embedded. This includes an emphasis on supporting and building on the strengths of family and social relationships as a source of healing. We invite psychoanalytic clinicians that work with couples and families, or who are interested in so doing, to join.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: $35.
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APPLICATION: Section VIII website: www.psychoanalysis.net/S8Public/

SECTION IX: PSYCHOANALYSTS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Section IX welcomes those interested in both social issues and psychoanalytic ideas. We sponsor events and activities in which a psychoanalytic perspective is brought to bear on contemporary social issues such as human rights, race relations, education, poverty and violence. We publish a newsletter, conduct an online course for our members on the relationship between psychoanalysis and culture, and sponsor programs at our Spring Meetings and during the APA Conventions on an annual basis. In the future, we plan to sponsor local and national study groups, develop a book series, and work in coalitions toward universal, single payer health care, among other projects.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: $40 ($20 for students)
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APPLICATION: Division website

The information in this pamphlet only touches the surface of the important work and activities of the sections. To learn more about the sections, please visit the Division 39 website at www.division39.org and follow the links to the various sections. As noted above, some of the sections also have their own websites, but these can also be accessed through the division site. A better way is to attend Division 39 Spring Meeting or visit the Division 39 Hospitality Suite during the APA Annual Convention to meet section members, attend section panels and begin to learn about this important part of the division.