

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

Officers:

President – Caron Harrang, LICSW, FIPA
Secretary/Treasurer – Maxine Nelson,
LICSW, FIPA
Director of Training – Dana Blue,
LICSW, FIPA

Directors:

David Jachim, PhD, FIPA
Adriana Prengler, LMHC, FIPA
Candidate Representative – Julie
Hendrickson, MA, LMHC

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Hollee Sweet

Present: Dana Blue, Caron Harrang, Julie Hendrickson, David Jachim, Maxine Nelson,
Hollie Sweet

Guests: Robert Oelsner, Rikki Ricard

Absent: Adriana Prengler

The meeting was called at 7:05 p.m.

- I. December Meeting Minutes.
The December minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Treasurer’s Report. Maxine Nelson reporting:
Maxine Nelson reviewed NPSI’s financial statements with the Board. We have \$11,173.83 in checking, \$15,121.29 in savings, and \$23,631.85 in our investment account. Maxine noted that a major expense this month was the NPSI PEP WEB subscription, which will be covered by upcoming membership dues.
- III. Education Committee Report. Dana Blue reporting:
The approved meeting minutes from the December 1, 2015 Education Committee meeting are available below (Appendix A).

Dana Blue announced a new Chair of Admissions, Maxine Nelson. Dana reviewed with the Board the language she intends to include in the NPSI dues to include PEP WEB dues: \$1,085 annually (NPSI Membership Dues \$600, IPA Dues \$300, Pep WEB \$130, CIPS Dues \$50, NAPsaC Dues \$5). (If you already have a PEP WEB subscription through another organization, you may deduct \$130 from your dues.)

The Education Committee has decided to offer the Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis Course again next academic year.

- IV. EBOR 2016 Organizing Committee Report. Rikki Ricard reporting:
Rikki Ricard attended the meeting to discuss the policy of paying local plenary presenters. The only previous local plenary presenter was Jeffrey Eaton who stepped in last minute to replace Elizabeth Bianchedi (Argentina) who was unable to attend. Jeff does not remember if he was given an honorarium and recordkeeping does not detail this aspect of the budget. After discussion and having received prior approval from the Board for the current conference budget, the organizing committee has drafted a policy that stipulates all plenary presenters both local (NPSI) or international will be given an honorarium, the amount of which will be determined by the organizing committee for each EBOR conference.

Action: The policy regarding honoraria will be added to the EBOR Conference Manual along with written agreements and other supporting documentation.

- V. Membership Assembly Planning.
David Jachim reviewed the responses to the Ethics Committee survey with the Board, and the Board discussed how the responses would be presented and discussed at the Membership Assembly scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016.

Dana Blue requested that the issue of adding an academic track to our psychoanalytic training be added to the agenda.

Leadership development, distance learning, and the NPSI PEP WEB subscription will also be discussed at the Membership Assembly.

- VI. Board History. Robert Oelsner reporting:
Robert Oelsner was invited to attend this meeting to discuss his concerns during his tenure as a director on the Board. Robert expressed his concerns regarding ethical issues endemic to the organization and his views on historical antecedents. The Board welcomed the opportunity to hear his concerns and conveyed an open door policy toward any member who wants to express their point of view on any aspect of the organizational functioning, past or present.

- VII. Next Board Meeting.
The next Board Meeting will be held February 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Appendix A
NPSI Education Committee
December 1, 2015

Members:

Director of Training-Dana Blue
Progression-Judy Eekhoff
Curriculum-Barb Sewell

Candidates-Dave Parnes
Recording Secretary-
Connie Sais

Present: All members

The meeting was called to order by Dana Blue at 7:35 pm.

- I. Connie Sais was introduced as the new recording secretary.
- II. The EC committee unanimously approved minutes from October meeting.
- III. New Business

A. Annual meeting December 2, 2015

Barb requested clarification regarding who could attend the meeting and specifically if candidates were invited. Dana said everyone is welcome to attend.

Action: Dana agreed to initiate an invitation to the candidates.

B. New system for filing EC minutes

A draft of the meeting minutes will be sent out to each member. Once reviewed and accepted the minutes will be sent to Hollee and then uploaded to the website.

Action: Connie will complete the draft of the minutes. Once completed, the draft will be sent to Dana, who will review then distribute to the EC who will offer comments and accept at the subsequent meeting.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Distance Learning

DL development continues to be a priority. There are two types of technology platforms being considered, synchronous and asynchronous. A synchronous platform is a real time broadcast. An asynchronous broadcast would allow for archiving material and make the material available at other times for CEU's and meetings. The estimate for a user friendly live stream software platform is approximately \$7,000.00. The technology advisor recommended utilizing Blackboard. Concerns noted with DL technology include identifying which type of technology will best meet NPSI's needs, addressing the two dimensional aspects of DL technology, fostering a multidimensional analytic or

supervisory relationship and teaching with DL technology. DL technology could also introduce an unknown positive dimension into the program. For example

phone supervision has been effective. However, the current handbook does not include a phone supervision policy and it is understood the current policy states there is to be no phone supervision for the first or second case. It is important to note the IPA does not endorse Skype for analysis or supervision. The use of DL technology could begin as early as January 16 for community events, and fall of 2016 for candidates.

Action: Dana and Barb will evaluate Blackboard technology. The progression committee will review and revise the handbook regarding phone supervision.

B. Faculty Representation

The issue of faculty participation continues to necessitate attention. The group explored various models of inclusion, and wondered about the factors that had led EC to change.

Action: Dana will explore NPSI's history to determine the elements of change in the EC's model.

C. PEP Web Subscription

The EC, in conjunction with the board, elected to develop an NPSI-wide PEP Web subscription. The NPSI subscription will include all analyst members.

Action: Dana will report the status of the PEP-Web subscription to the membership.

V. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

The CC committee will meet next week. There have been a number of changes to the teaching schedule. Faculty members have stepped up and stepped in. Faculty continue to develop learning objectives and evaluations with some teaching at various times of the year. Faculty have also been assigned to both senior and younger candidate groups. Due to small class size the committee is considering combining some seminars. However, no changes will be made until after the next term. It is unknown if there will be a new candidate pool in the fall of 2016. Information about auditing classes was sent out to candidates with little response.

Action: Barb will follow up with Hollee about the process of auditing courses.

B. Progression Committee

The policy regarding frequency of sessions was reviewed. Specifically, page 19 of the handbook does not specify the frequency of sessions. The current handbook for the IPA recommends 3-5 times per week. The progression committee approved an edit on page 19, paragraph one, sentence #6 regarding control case frequency. The practice of holding progression meetings during class is under review and pros and cons were discussed. The group agreed that regardless of PC's decision, if candidates are taken from class, the instructor should be informed prior to this event. Candidate reports continue to be read

and approved. Policies concerning leaves of absence were reviewed. The Dean of Students position was also discussed.

Action: The committee will forward the approved edit on page 19, paragraph one, sentence #6 to Hollee. Judy will take page 19, paragraph one, and sentence #5 to the progression committee for review. Barb will request more feedback from faculty and staff about the concerns with taking candidates out of class. The committee will notify instructors prior to meeting with candidates during class. The committee will let instructors know about progression committee meetings. The committee will review with faculty and candidates the guidelines for leave of absence. Specifically, the committee will let candidates know they are to inform the progression committee about taking a leave of absence.

C. Candidate Committee

The main focus for the Candidate Committee has been on getting the low fee clinic information organized and uploaded to the NPSI website. Caron Harrang has been asked to provide guidance in how best to continue moving forward.

Action: David will continue to organize the clinic information and develop the verbiage for the website.

III. New Business Continued

C. Ethics questionnaire from NPSI Ethics Committee

This discussion, for EC members only, started at 8:38 pm and closed the meeting.

Action: Dana will address any questions.