



Northwestern  
Psychoanalytic  
Society & Institute

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 3, 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

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Present: Dana Blue, Caron Harrang, David Jachim, Maxine Nelson, Adriana Prengler,  
Hollie Sweet

Guest: Laura Groshong

Absent: Julie Hendrickson  
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The meeting was called at 7:05 p.m.

- I. January Meeting Minutes.  
The January minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Presentation by Laura Groshong.  
Laura Groshong joined the meeting to discuss her work as NPSI’s legislative representative over the past year, as well as bills that are currently being scheduled for hearings.
- III. Treasurer’s Report. Maxine Nelson reporting:  
Maxine Nelson reviewed NPSI’s financial statements with the Board. We have \$19,278.43 in checking, \$15,121.65 in savings, and \$22,895.13 in our investment account. Maxine noted that several members have included donations for legislative fees in addition to paying their dues.

Maxine further noted that the Ad hoc finance committee met. They discussed a meeting between Brandi Conforth and Hollee Sweet to set up records so that revenue and expenses are broken down by program: tuition, training, study groups, scientific meetings, and EBOR.

Maxine mentioned that NPSI uses PayPal for conferences and meetings, but that we are considering whether to offer PayPal for tuition and membership dues. The board agreed, and also discussed adding a convenience fee to PayPal charges, as well as late fees to tuition and dues.

- IV. Education Committee Report. Dana Blue reporting:  
Dana Blue reported that NPSI has a new full faculty member, David Jachim. Also, the Admissions Committee has organized clinical open houses, and will be sending out invitations in Constant Contact. Dana noted that the committee also discussed a policy on remote analysis. Dana further noted that non-clinician candidates will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

To see the Education Committee minutes from January, please see Appendix A.

- V. Liaison and Distance Learning Committees Report. Caron Harrang, Maxine Nelson, and Dana Blue reporting:  
Caron Harrang reported on the January 16, 2016 NAPsaC and CIPS Board meetings, focusing on the IPA policy on remote analysis. Caron also mentioned that the Contemporary Freudian Society in New York and D.C. has joined CIPS.

- VI. President's Report. Caron Harrang reporting:  
Caron Harrang mentioned that there were no nominees for President Elect at the Annual meeting. NPSI also needs to elect additional Directors, and Selected Facts needs to replace Maxine Nelson as managing editor. Caron suggested a few members that could be invited to join as full members.

- VII. Next Board Meeting.  
The next Board Meeting will be held March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Appendix A  
NPSI Education Committee  
January 5, 2016

Members:

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

Candidates-Dave Parnes  
Recording Secretary-  
Connie Sais

Present: All members

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

- I. Maxine Nelson was introduced as the new Admissions chair.
- II. The EC committee unanimously approved minutes from December meeting.
- III. New Business
  - A. Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis (Dana)

Informed by a previous agreement to continue developing NPSI's psychotherapy training programs, and in response to the success of the 2015-6 inaugural course, the EC discussed offering a second Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis course in the 2016-7 academic year.

Action: NPSI will offer a second Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis course. A committee of Adriana Prengler, Maxine Anderson and Dana Blue have agreed to develop and produce this offering.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Distance Learning (Dana)

In a continued period of exploration, the development of NPSI's distance learning capacity has become increasingly complex. Two central questions permeate the process of DL development, *whether* and *how* to use DL technology. DL technology is currently best utilized in didactic formats such as to export a workshop or seminar, or during special events. The complexity is due, in part, to the application of DL technology to an analytic training program, specifically to the clinical components of training. The IPA position regarding DL, documented in its regulations and guidelines, considers DL a new uncharted area.

The EC discussed various psychoanalytic and non-psychoanalytic models in which DL technology has been effectively used. Not all of the models are HIPAA compliant. To increase access to training programs the IPA is creating a 4<sup>th</sup> region to cover Asia and the

South Pacific. An invitation to attend the membership meeting for Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 was announced.

Action: The development, and possible implementation of DL technology will continue to be explored by the NPSI DL committee, chaired by Dana Blue and Caron Harrang. Further, the issue will be added to the NAPsaC agenda for clarification by IPA leadership by the NPSI liaison committee representatives who will report back.

#### B. PEP Web Subscription Update (Dana)

The PEP Web subscription has begun. NPSI's treasury committee is tracking membership. Currently, analyst members can join four times a year.

### V. Committee Reports

#### A. Admissions Committee (Maxine)

Admissions creates and implements an outreach plan for NPSI's training programs. In the effort to make formal announcements regarding NPSI's offerings, the EC discussed the role a name or title plays in helping people understand what they need to know about a course or event. For example, the EC considered alternatives to the name "candidate curious events." Of importance is a clear intention to nurture an appreciation for a clinical curiosity, orient participants to analytic training and to address questions and concerns. There are now two "clinical open houses" planned for February and April of 2016. NPSI is not currently accepting academic candidates, though this issue will be discussed at the upcoming membership meeting.

The EC discussed the importance of maintaining the collaborative nature of its relationships with the Alliance and COR. NPSI cultivates networks by providing teachers, presenters, co-sponsorships, a library and advertising space. The EC is committed to developing and cultivating strategic partnerships.

Action: Admissions will research allied organizations and do targeted outreach. Dave Parnes, candidate president will conduct an informal feedback poll regarding the enrollment of academic candidates, and Dana will raise this question with the membership.

#### B. Candidate Committee

Discussion of the interface between the Ethics Committee, the EC and Candidate group took place. Points included: NPSI leadership serves a protective function for each group. The Ethics Committee is an ad hoc committee that strives to be inclusive and transparent to the degree possible. The Education Committee helps to disseminate information to the candidates, in awareness that some information is sensitive and requires discretion particularly as it relates to an actual ethics investigation versus the ongoing role an ethics discussion plays in the institute. Of primary concern is burdening the candidates with too much information; therefore the Ethics Committee does not include a candidate representative.

Action: Dave will report back to the candidates.

### C. Curriculum Committee

The EC discussed the NPSI Auditor policy for didactic courses and the Guidelines for Faculty Teaching didactic courses at NPSI. NPSI will permit auditing of selected didactic courses beginning this year. The NPSI Auditor policy was reviewed, including the criteria, process, the basis for acceptance and the ratio of auditors to students. The Auditor policy is a working document, and the CC will seek feedback from all involved in this initial offering.

Guidelines for Faculty Teaching didactic courses at NPSI follow the IPA teaching guidelines. Didactic courses have two instructors, and visiting instructors will be vetted.

Two decisions were voted on, and passed:

1. Candidates will not be invited to teach in the program until they are graduated; and
2. Faculty need not be community or analyst members of NPSI in order to teach.,

The procedure for submitting and receiving anonymous evaluations was also reviewed. As an requirement of accreditation, NPSI evaluations offer a means to verify participation and the document the number of credits earned.

Action: Inform Holly of the evaluation guidelines. (Barb)

### C. Progression Committee

Time did not allow a report from Progression, which was tabled until next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm

Next meeting: February 2, 2016 7:30-9 pm at NPSI

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Sais, Recording Secretary

Dana Blue, Editor