



Northwestern
Psychoanalytic
Society & Institute

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2, 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,
Adriana Prengler, Hollee Sweet

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

- I. February Meeting Minutes.
The February minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Treasurer’s Report. Maxine Nelson reporting:
Maxine Nelson reviewed NPSI’s financial statements with the Board. We have \$9,334.62 in checking, \$15,122.03 in savings, and \$22,784.16 in our investment account.

Maxine noted that we paid out a significant amount this month, notably our IPA dues and the renewal for liability insurance.

Maxine also reported on the Aguayo Workshop and Pre-Workshop Seminars, for which our total revenue was approximately \$3,000.00. Workshop revenue was split with the Northwest Alliance for Psychoanalytic Study which co-sponsored the weekend workshop. Proceeds from the Pre-Workshop Seminars were paid to NPSI only and accounted for half the total revenue for this very successful event.

Maxine proposed that any community member who joins NPSI as of January 1 will be considered current through the following year. The Board agreed that this will generate good will and voted unanimously to approve this policy.

Action: Hollee Sweet will inform Community Members who have joined since January 1, 2016 of this policy.

Maxine noted that NPSI needs to establish a policy for refunds. This policy needs to be displayed on flyers for events.

Action: Maxine Nelson will draft a formal refund policy and circulate to the Board via email prior to the March meeting.

III. Education Committee Report. Dana Blue reporting.

Dana Blue reported that the Education Committee discussed following up on a faculty survey regarding how long faculty terms should be. The current policy is for faculty to co-teach for the full 12-week term. An alternate model is for faculty to split the term and teach in 6-week increments. This model has been adopted at PCC in Los Angeles with favorable results.

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

IV. Liaison Committee Report. Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson reporting: Maxine Nelson reported that the Contemporary Freudian Society has now re-joined CIPS. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Contemporary Freudian Society re-joining CIPS.

Maxine also noted that the CIPS Board of Examiners has formed, which will facilitate the process of certification for NPSI training analysts.

Maxine and Caron encouraged attendance at the May 13-15 Clinical Conference in Los Angeles.

Action: Caron will send an email to full members encouraging attendance at the CIPS Biennial Clinical Conference.

V. President's Report. Caron Harrang reporting:

Caron Harrang discussed scheduling a Membership Assembly. The Board will personally reach out to members to attend. Caron also expressed her concern regarding succession, which was echoed by the Board. This will be a primary agenda item at the next Membership Assembly.

Caron relayed her conversation with psychoanalyst Robert Waska (SFCP), in which he suggested that NPSI could offer distance learning content on the NPSI website and continuing education credits for individuals practicing in California and possibly other states.

Action: Caron will continue to explore this possibility and report additional information as it becomes available.

The Board discussed the importance of directors making an annual charitable donation to NPSI on an annual basis as part of an overall fundraising strategy. The Board voted unanimously to approve a motion requiring directors to donate annually, the amount of which is at the director's discretion. The candidate representative to the Board is excluded from this requirement.

Caron proposed that the Board and Advisory Council again meet for a planning session and retreat on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 9 am to noon. The aim will be to coordinate activities between the Board and Advisory Council with a focus on fundraising.

Action: Caron will send out a Save-the-Date email to the Advisory Council once the date has been vetted by the Board.

VI. Next Board Meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be held April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Appendix A

Education Committee Meeting Minutes February 2, 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 7:33pm

The EC committee unanimously approved minutes from January meeting.

New Business

IPA Policy on Remote Analysis (Dana)

The EC discussed the development of a provisional NPSI remote analysis policy. Under IPA regulations, in the analysis of a candidate, remote analysis is not allowed. As a component society of the IPA, the EC will follow the IPA guideline. NPSI's candidate group has been updated.

Three elements of the provisional policy were clarified:

1. No remote analysis of a candidate.
2. No control cases via distance.
3. No remote supervision via distance of first two training cases.

Actions: The Progression Committee will revise the candidate handbook. The EC will take the provisional policy to inform the board and membership group regarding alignment under IPA policy. The TA Committee will be consulted. Formal policy will be voted on at the March EC meeting.

III. Committee Reports

A. Admissions Committee (Maxine)

The Admissions Committee has two clinical open house events scheduled for 2016, Sunday February 28 from 1-2:30 pm and Saturday April 2 from 11am-12:30. A flyer has been created for these events and is being disseminated. The flyer will be distributed at major clinical offerings such as NPSI's co-sponsored Joseph Aguayo event, and via the

NPSI email list. On the topic of outreach, EC discussed advertising next year's Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis certificate course to a broader audience, including the UW School of Clinical Social Work and the Seattle School and organizations including the Alliance and COR. The Fundamentals Planning Committee is considering advertising the course at different schools. Though several have expressed interest, NPSI has not yet received applications for analytic training for Fall 2016.

Action: Maxine will let Hollee know where to send the clinical open house flyers.

B. Candidate Committee (Dave)

The discussion amongst the current candidate cohort regarding acceptance of academic only candidate's was summarized. Overall the cohort was positive although concerns were also raised regarding the potential impact of academic only candidates. Discussion on EC was also positive albeit with concerns about the way academic only candidates may effect processes and procedures. The EC then discussed the importance of confidentiality and privacy and stressed that the interview process must include assessment of academic only candidates' specific previous experience with psychoanalysis and their intended future professional use of psychoanalytic training

A decision was voted on, and passed:

1. NPSI will assess academic-only candidates on a case-by-case basis

Action: NPSI will continue to gather information on whether to integrate an academic-only track in the analytic training program.

C. Curriculum Committee (Barb)

The EC discussed teaching coverage, potential recruits and the length of the teaching rotation. Finding a teacher for a twelve week rotation is challenging. The EC discussed the possibility of changing from a twelve week rotation to two six week teaching rotations. The structure of the courses would remain the same; only the instructors would change mid-way through each term. The EC discussed NPSI's policy for auditing selected courses. The instructor will determine how many will be able to audit a select course on a first come first serve basis.

The EC discussed the processes, procedures and content regarding course evaluations. Substantive information helps determine if and what kind if change is needed. The method of delivering student evaluations was discussed.

David Jachim was unanimously voted in as a NPSI full faculty member.

Actions: Maxine will poll the membership to determine if a six-week teaching stint would be more agreeable than our current twelve-week commitment. Judy will ask Progression to revise The Candidate Handbook to reflect NPSI's auditing policy. Barb will invite David Rasmussen to teach the Meltzer seminar in the 2016 spring semester. Barb will ask Hollee to send out an invitation to audit select courses and participants will be confirmed in advance with instructors and Director of Training. All course

evaluations will go to the Curriculum Committee with information offered to the faculty, and Curriculum will continue to work on sensitive handling of evaluations. Dana will send out an announcement in recognition of David Jachim's full faculty status.

C. Progression Committee (Judy)

The Progression Committee has been clarifying, reviewing and updating the candidate handbook. The policy regarding leaves of absence has been updated, and the new policy can be found in the Candidate Handbook. Discussion of the procedure for appointing members to the Graduation Paper committee took place.

Actions: The next PC meeting will include a discussion of remote analysis and remote supervision and the handbook will be updated accordingly. PC will also select a Graduation Paper committee for a candidate currently at work on this final requirement.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Next meeting: March 1, 2016 7:30-9 pm at NPSI

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Sais, Recording Secretary

Dana Blue, Editor