



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 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, Adriana Prengler, Hollee Sweet

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

- I. March Meeting Minutes.
The March minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Treasurer’s Report. Maxine Nelson reporting:
Maxine Nelson reviewed NPSI’s financial statements with the Board. We have \$14,359.79 in checking, \$15,122.41 in savings, and \$23,689.77 in our investment account.

Maxine reported two major expenses this month were the Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education (ACPE) annual fee and travel expenses related to the February 2016 Aguayo workshop.

Maxine reported on the ad hoc Finance Committee meeting held this past weekend preparing a comprehensive budget for NPSI. The purpose of the committee is to develop a budget tied to specific activities (e.g. psychoanalytic training, psychotherapy training, EBOR, study groups, etc.) allowing the Board to become more strategic in program planning. The committee chaired by Maxine includes David Jachim and Advisory Council members, Brandi Conforth and Patrick Nalbone.

- III. Education Committee Report. Dana Blue reporting:
Dana Blue reported that the Education Committee has proposed developing a second year for the Fundamentals in Psychoanalysis certificate program and

sent a request to members and senior candidates interested in teaching in the program.

A clinical open house organized by the Admissions committee was hosted on April 2 in the home of Maxine Nelson and attended by seven interested mental health professionals. Training analyst Caron Harrang facilitated a discussion of clinical material presented by one of the participants. The committee is Chaired by Maxine Nelson and includes Dana and Margaret Bergmann-Ness.

Dana reported that the committee is working on an Institute Policies and Procedures manual.

The candidates have been working on the NPSI Referral Service, formerly known as the Flexible Fee Clinic. Dana reviewed the text to be included on NPSI's website regarding the Service. The aim is to facilitate access to affordable psychoanalytic treatment for the Greater Seattle general public and support candidates to fulfill training requirements.

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

IV. Ethics Committee Report. David Jachim reporting:

David Jachim suggested that the Board consider two additions to the NPSI Code of Ethics:

1) Avoiding Exploitation

"Concurrent supervision of candidates by the spouse, significant other or other relative of their analysts should be avoided whenever possible in the interest of maintaining the independence and objectivity of both the supervisory and analytic processes."

2) Integrity

"Psychoanalysts should cooperate with ethics investigations and proceedings conducted in accordance with the Provision for Implementation of the Principles and Standards of Ethics for Psychoanalysts. Failure to cooperate is itself an ethics violation."

The Board discussed and agreed with the proposed changes.

Action: David Jachim will discuss the proposed changes with the members at the May 4 Membership Assembly for their approval.

V. President's Report. Caron Harrang reporting:

Caron Harrang discussed the agenda for the May 4 Membership Assembly. The most urgent agenda is succession for the Presidency necessary for continuing as an IPA Component Society.

Action: Board members will contact full members alerting them to the importance of their participation in determining how this issue is resolved and encouraging attendance at the May 4 Membership Assembly.

Caron discussed with the Board whether the study groups should fall under the Society or Institute. Directors agreed that a Continuing Education Committee needs to be established to oversee activities that do not fall within the purview of the Institute such as study groups, scientific meetings, workshops, and conferences. Currently, Hollee Sweet manages registration, tuition collection, and sending study group evaluations to instructors.

Action: Caron will send an email to members regarding this organizational need inviting interested individuals to contact the President for additional information.

VI. Next Board Meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be held June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Appendix A

Education Committee Meeting Minutes March 1, 2016

Members:

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

Candidates-Dave Parnes
Recording Secretary-
Connie Sais

Present: Dana Blue, Judy Eekhoff, Barb Sewell, Maxine Nelson, Connie Sais

Absent: Dave Parnes

The meeting was called to order by Dana Blue at 7:33pm

I. The EC amended, and then approved, the January minutes.

II. New Business

A. Director of Training Position (Dana)

The current Director of Training, Dana Blue, was elected in June of 2015 to complete Maxine Anderson's previous two year term. Dana encouraged the group to think about possible nominees for the next DoT, and began a discussion of succession planning.

Action Items: The May 4 Membership Assembly will devote its agenda to Succession Planning. All NPSI analyst members are encouraged to attend.

III. Continuing Business

A. NPSI Remote Analysis Policy (Dana)

The EC formulated an NPSI remote analysis policy:

In compliance with IPA standards, NPSI candidates cannot employ remote analysis as a modality for required personal analysis, or for the analysis of training cases.

Then, the group voted on an implementation plan: As of April 1, any analytic hours done remotely will not count toward the graduation requirement, with the understanding that all candidates will be in full compliance as soon as possible. This measure was passed with three yes votes and one abstention.

Action item: Dana will inform the affected candidates of the policy and implementation. Dave, as candidate rep, will bring this to the candidate group.

B. Ethics Programming (Dana)

A request for an ethics offering for NPSI has been taken to the NPSI board as a priority from EC. Judy also suggested that it would benefit NPSI to offer a Suicide Intervention workshop from a psychoanalytic perspective, since all clinicians are required to take this.

Action: Dana will revisit the Ethics request with the NPSI board. The idea of a Suicide Intervention workshop will also be offered to the board. Dana noted that person power to develop and implement these offerings is in short supply.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Admissions Committee (Maxine)

A NPSI Clinical Open House is scheduled for April 2, 2016. Current advertising efforts will focus on direct contact with past participants and members of the Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis class, in addition to the email constant contact flyers and messages to local clinical groups.

B. Candidates Committee

Discussion was tabled until April due to the absence of our candidate rep.

C. Curriculum Committee (Barb)

1. Length of teaching commitments

Faculty were surveyed via email to inform ongoing discussion of shortening the teaching commitment from 12 weeks to 6 each term. There were 8 responses., of those, six wanted a change, while two did not. Because this change would involve the entire group, the EC decided to gather information from the faculty, membership and candidate groups.

Action: Barb will add the rotation change to the next curriculum committee meeting agenda for discussion. Barb will contact Caron Harrang to place the rotation change on the agenda for discussion at the May 4 membership assembly, and she will contact PCC regarding the transition process they went through in shifting to a similar format.

2. Infant Observation Courses

Judy and Barb will offer a section of Infant Observation. Marketing will begin soon, and the class will commence as soon as it fills. If registration exceeds course capacity, Dana and Caron will offer a second section of the course.

Action: Dana will send a previous Infant Observation flyer to Judy and Barb to use as a model in marketing efforts.

D. Psychotherapy Program (Dana)

There will be a second section of Fundamentals of Psychoanalysis , to launch Fall 2016.

Action: Dana will work with Adriana and Maxine to contact faculty and organize the program.

E. TA's

Barb reports that there are a limited number of TA's to do didactic and clinical seminars. The CC continues to explore how to increase the faculty pool.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting: April 5, 2016 7:30-9 pm at NPSI

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Sais, Recording Secretary

Dana Blue, Editor