

NPSI Board Meeting via Zoom
April 14, 2021

Officers:

President – Barbara Sewell, MaMFC, MDIV,
MRE, MIPA
Past-President – Maxine Nelson, LICSW,
FIPA
Treasurer – Eileen Fletcher,
SPHR/SHRM-SCP
Secretary – JoAnn Mills
Director of Training – David Parnes, LICSW,
FIPA
Education Committee Chair (rotating) –
David Parnes, LICSW, FIPA

Directors:

Caron Harrang, LICSW, FIPA
Alison Kneisl, MD, MBA, MS
Carolyn Steinberg, MD, FRCPC, FIPA

Community Member Director:
Michael Dougherty

Candidate Representatives:
Nicole Wiggins, MA

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Tese Mason

Present: Eileen Fletcher, Maxine Nelson, Carolyn Steinberg, Barbara Sewell, Michael
Dougherty, Nicole Wiggins, JoAnn Mills, Caron Harrang

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Barbara Sewell.

I. Review of March 2021 minutes.

March 2021 minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda, amended, and approved as amended.

Consent Agenda - Barbara Sewell:

- Education Committee Report
- Candidate Group Report

The Consent Agenda was approved.

I. President's Report - Barbara Sewell:

ACPE requested to change the start time of the next Board Meeting to 5:30 pm. The NPSI Board approved this request.

Barb confirmed that the current NPSI Ethics Committee, composed of Stan Case, Marianne Robinson, and Brad Cokelet, is not a standing committee of the Board and will disband in June, 2021. The Board is in favor of creating a standing Ethics Committee. Maxine Nelson, Eileen Fletcher and Carolyn Steinberg agreed to meet as an ad hoc task force for a comprehensive review of the bylaws for recommended changes for the Board to consider, including the charter for the Ethics Committee. Once the requirements for an Ethics Committee are approved by the Board, committee members will be recruited.

Barb Sewell sent a letter in response to a Candidate who sent a letter in response to the NPSI Board's published letter following the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol. At this time, the Candidate has not responded to Barb's letter.

There was a brief report on Maxine Anderson's meeting, "Navigating Emotional Turbulence." There were 56 registrants and 33 participants in attendance. Net revenue from the event was \$761.00. Board members who attended thought the discussion was very engaged and the meeting a success overall.

As of Friday, April 9, there were 66 people registered for the upcoming meeting, "Intuition in the Analytic Process: Curiosity, Attention and Observation."

II. New Subscription Models for the International Journal of Psychoanalysis (IJP) - Maxine Nelson:

The International Journal of Psychoanalysis is offering new subscription models. After review and discussion, the Board chose the "opt-out" option which includes:

Online only – with possibility to add a print copy for \$30. The default is that everybody in the organisation is automatically subscribed to the IJP, but that they have the option of opting out of this subscription if they so wish. The thing to note here is that to do so, they would have to take a positive action to make it known they wish to remove themselves from the subscriber list, for instance by contacting the administrator. Please note that to be able to offer these opt-out prices, we would need to see around 70-80% of the membership subscribed to the IJP. The organisations which currently do this usually include IJP subscription fees as part of the organisation's membership dues and then pay these fees to us once the orders have been processed.

The prices are: Member: \$70 | Student/ Candidate: \$35 | Institutional: \$400

III. Treasurer's Report - Eileen Fletcher:

Revenue to-date is ahead of previous years to-date due primarily to two conditions: the positive response to the Board's direct request to members (a letter was sent to all

members in December 2020) that membership dues be paid on or before the March 1, 2021 deadline; and higher-than-anticipated revenues from Scientific Meetings. The Finance Committee considers the financial standing of NPSI to be strong and anticipates revenues will continue to run ahead of expenses for the year.

Due to the Board's approved change in the fiscal year, there will be a one month "fiscal year" (July 1 through July 30, 2021) reported on the organization's 990 as per reporting compliance (a 13-month fiscal year is not accepted). The new fiscal year will be August 1 through July 31 beginning August 1, 2021. The Board also approved aligning the start of the academic year with the fiscal year.

V. Website Update - Caron Harrang:

Caron Harrang reported that Totera Web Systems is in the final stages of completing the organization website redesign. Caron, Michael Dougherty, and Tese Mason have shepherded the year-long process that is expected to complete within the current fiscal year.

VIII. Strategic Plan Draft-Update - All:

At the March Board meeting, Directors were assigned to refine each of the Strategic Plan Pillars in the Operating Plan and submit edits to Alison for her review before the April meeting. Alison Kneisl was unable to complete her review of the compilation and unable to attend the April meeting to facilitate a comprehensive review.

Attending Board members reviewed the draft Operating Plan and identified "leads" for each activity in the Operating Plan but were not able to complete the review. Board members agreed to continue to review Operating Plan activities and assign "leads" (responsible persons) and dates for completion. All additional changes and updates to the Operating Plan "pillars" should be sent to the Administrator by April 30. Barb, Alison Kneisl, and the Administrator will review and refine the document comprehensively and present the draft to the Board in May for final review and approval.

VI. New Business - Dave and Caron:

Dave Parnes asked Barb Sewell to convey to the Board a proposal for changing the Candidate voting status since he was not able to attend the April meeting. Barb presented a proposal Dave had written. (See Appendix A) The Board has some clarifying questions regarding Dave's proposed changes and will continue the discussion and consider a motion at the May Board Meeting.

Caron Harrang reported she will work with Nancy Winters to develop a series of Scientific Meetings based on the chapters of their recently published book titled "Body as Psychoanalytic Object: Clinical applications from Winnicott to Bion and beyond" (Routledge) due out September 2021. The proposed schedule is for five sessions (October and November 2021, January, February, and March 2022).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 12th 5:30-7:00 pm, via Zoom.

Appendix A

Proposal for Changes to Candidates Voting Status

The Education Committee met on April 7th and one of the agenda items brought forward was a proposal by David Parnes to change the voting status of Candidates at NPSI. He put forth the following proposal which was discussed and then an alternate proposal created.

Proposal for changes to bylaws: candidates' voting privileges (Written and Proposed by Dave Parnes)

Candidates are voting members via representation, as herein indicated: one candidate representative on committees (e.g., progression, curriculum, education) may cast a vote on issues within that committee; one candidate representative on the board may cast a vote on issues within the board; in the case that the full voting membership is voting on an issue, the candidate group may have up to two representatives cast votes on that issue.

In the ensuing discussion the EC questioned why the candidate group should have two representatives on a full voting membership issue, what were possible implications for the Institute, information on what some other analytic societies do with regard to candidates voting, and the possible additional unwanted responsibility on new candidates in training if they are required to vote on issues they don't know about. Out of that discussion the EC developed the following proposal, which we bring to the Board for consideration.

Proposal for changes to bylaws: candidates' voting privileges

Candidate Members who have achieved Senior Candidate status will be voting members of NPSI.

I am submitting this proposal for discussion of the NPSI Board, as our Director of Training Dave Parnes has requested that I bring this up as he is out of town at this time.

Barbara Sewell 4-14-21.

