

NPSI Board Meeting via Zoom  
October 13, 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:**

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

Candidate Representative:  
Dina Maugeri, MA

**Administrative Staff:**

Recording Secretary – Peggy Swenson

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Present: Michael Dougherty, Eileen Fletcher, Caron Harrang, Alison Kneisl, Dina Maugeri, JoAnn Mills, David Parnes, Barbara Sewell, Carolyn Steinberg

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The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Barbara Sewell.

**I. Review of September 2021 Board Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda – Barbara Sewell**

The September 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from September 8, 2021
- Education Committee Report
- Candidate Group Report
- Liaison Report
- Ethics Report

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

**II. President’s Report – Barbara Sewell**

- A. **September 16, 2021 Scientific Meeting:** Oscar Romero presented, “The ‘Cruelty’ of the Psychoanalytic Method and Antonin Artaud’s Theater.” After his presentation, Barbara Sewell, on behalf of NPSI, presented him with a certificate recognizing his emeritus status as he retires (see Board meeting materials for a copy). Twenty-two individuals attended the meeting with an income of \$170.00. **Action Item:** Video recordings of scientific meetings are available for a period of 30 days to all registrants. A video recording of the September meeting is available to full members and analysts-in-training via a Vimeo link.
- B. **Outstanding Community Member Service award:** The Board discussed the history and rationale for making the discretionary award and agreed to name one or possibly two recipients this year. Several candidates were suggested, including current Board members who were present. **Action Item:** Board members, who are not Community Members, decided to convene after the meeting to nominate one or more Community Member(s) for the award.
- C. **Selected Facts Newsletter:** The Board came to consensus that the publication of the newsletter proceed without a specific theme, as in the past.
- D. **Reminder of Proposed Dates for Upcoming events (all Pacific Time):**
  - 1. Annual Meeting: October 29, 2021 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
  - 2. Fall Board Retreat: October 30, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - 3. Spring Board Retreat: March 12, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - 4. Town Halls:
    - a. November 10, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
    - b. April 27, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

### III. Treasurer’s Report – Eileen Fletcher

- A. Eileen Fletcher presented current fiscal year financial activity. She will email the proposed fiscal year budget to Board members by October 23, 2021 for review prior to the Board retreat October 30, 2021.
- B. Membership renewal letters should be sent by the end of October in accordance with current membership renewal policy approved by the Board last year. (The current policy requires membership renewal before January 1 of the coming year.) Invoices to members will be sent several days after the renewal letters go out.  
**Action Item:** Renewal letters go out from the Secretary of the Board. As Secretary, JoAnn Mills will send the membership renewals as well as draft an end-of-the-year fundraising appeal to be sent to members in December.
- C. Eileen Fletcher stated that the Fundamentals II student who withdrew prior to the beginning of classes is likely to be eligible for a partial refund of fees based on the proposed event payment and cancellation policy which the Board has not yet approved.

**Action Item:** Eileen Fletcher will add the proposed event payment and cancellation policy document to the agenda for the October 30th Board retreat.

- D. Eileen Fletcher suggested the 2021 fundraising appeal be directed toward the newly established “Opportunity Fund” and/or the “Scholarship Fund.” The Board discussed both funds as options for fundraising, but did not come to a decision. Board members agreed to gather insight and ideas from the broader membership about how NPSI can best use available funds to support the mission of the organization through innovation and scholarship.

**Action Item:** Soliciting ideas and input from members will be added to the agenda of the Annual Membership meeting and discussed at the Board retreat.

- E. The Board did not reach a consensus regarding the policy of TA’s donating their time for control case suitability interviews with analysts-in-training and the fee (\$125) being allocated to the Institute.

**Action Item:** Discussion is adjourned to the December Board meeting.

#### **IV. Bylaws – Barbara Sewell**

- A. The Board approved the decision that copy edits made to the revised bylaws did not need to be voted on by the membership. The Board approved all copy edits to the document.

#### **V. Continuing Education – Barbara Sewell**

- A. Caron Harrang reported that she and Carolyn will continue to seek a chair, or co-chairs, for the Continuing Education Committee.

#### **VI. Director of Training Report – David Parnes**

- A. NPSI received ACPEinc’s final report. However, David Parnes’ request to the ACPE regarding a substantive change to and approval of remote training guidelines, as a result of the necessary changes in response to the pandemic, has yet to be taken up at an ACPEinc Board meeting.

- B. Dana Blue has replaced Maxine Nelson as Admissions Chair. The Admissions Committee is exploring launching a new event titled, “Clinical Deep Dives” based on discussions within the EC Committee.

- C. The Board discussed utilizing the ACPEinc final report for a broader community-wide discussion in a Town Hall meeting format.

**Action Item:** Barbara Sewell and David Parnes will continue to refine the idea and report to the Board at the December meeting regarding the November 10, 2021 Town Hall.

#### **VII. Secretary’s Report – JoAnn Mills**

- A. JoAnn Mills proposed, and the Board agreed, the bylaws vote be conducted electronically, via the use of a Google Form, after the Annual Membership Meeting on October 29, 2021. There will be an opportunity for members to discuss the bylaws changes at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 29, 2021. All full members will have the opportunity to participate in the electronic vote after the Annual Meeting.
- B. There are two open positions with nominees for the Board of Directors. The vote for the positions will be conducted electronically. As alternative to voting for the nominees on the ballot, Members have the option for write-in nominees. The Board will review and approve the qualifications of any write-in candidates nominated. Members must complete and return their ballots before end-of-day on October 27, the Wednesday before the Annual Meeting, so results can be announced at the Annual Meeting.

### **VIII. Liaison Committee – Caron Harrang**

- A. NAPsaC has a new policy stating that each member organization is assessed a dues amount based on the number of each organization’s members. Caron Harrang anticipates the dues for NPSI will be slightly higher this year than in the past. Eileen Fletcher requested to have the dues amount before the membership renewal letters go out November 1, 2021.  
**Action Item:** Carolyn Steinberg will follow up to get the NPSI dues amount from NAPsaC.
- B. Caron Harrang brought the question forward, “Do we want to participate in the Holmes Commission (APsaA) on racial equality?” The Board decided this decision will be left to individuals since CIPS recently emailed invitations to participate to full members and analysts-in-training.

### **IX. Board Retreat and Annual Membership Meeting**

- A. The Board and Advisory Council Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- B. In lieu of the November Board meeting, NPSI will hold a Town Hall meeting for all categories of membership on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- C. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on October 29, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### **X. New Business – None**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.