

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2017

Officers:

President – Caron Harrang, LICSW, FIPA
Secretary/Treasurer – Maxine Nelson,
LICSW, FIPA
Director of Training – Dana Blue,
LICSW, FIPA

Directors:

David Jachim, PhD, FIPA
Candidate Representative – Becky
McGuire, MS, LMHC

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Hollee Sweet

Present: Dana Blue, Caron Harrang, David Jachim, Becky McGuire, Maxine Nelson,
Hollie Sweet

Guest: JoAnn Mills (Advisory Council)

The meeting was called at 7:05 pm.

I. February Minutes.

The February minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

II. Secretary-Treasurer's report. Maxine Nelson reporting:

Maxine Nelson reported that NPSI has \$30,330.68 in checking, \$15,126.55 in savings, \$25,182.40 in our investment account and \$241.47 in Pay Pal waiting to be transferred to savings.

We have \$5,134.73 in our scholarship fund, which will increase once the final numbers are in for the February Scientific Meeting. Contributions this month were \$109.61, which includes donations via AmazonSmile.

Maxine briefly discussed the financial policies document she has prepared with the ad hoc Finance Committee.

Action: The Board will forward comments or suggestions on the financial policies document to Maxine Nelson, and Maxine will finalize the document and submit relevant policies and procedures to Hollee for inclusion in the Board Policies and Procedures Manual.

III. Institute (Education Committee) Report. Dana Blue reporting:

Dana Blue reported on NPSI's Clinical Café on February 25, which hosted seven attendees, including one of the current new candidates. Dana also mentioned that at the January meeting, Candidate President Dave Parnes introduced a paper regarding analytic attitudes in psychoanalytic training, which was discussed by the Education Committee, as well as by the candidates. Dana noted that this shows Dave's leadership and support of candidate colleagues' progression in the training.

The Education Committee is moving to a meeting schedule of every other month, beginning in April. The bimonthly meeting schedule will be evaluated in the fall and continued if it is deemed efficient and effective.

IV. Board Development Report. David Jachim, Caron Harrang, and Maxine Nelson reporting:

David Jachim reported on his and Caron's February 3 meeting with Kay Branz (marketing), who has declined NPSI's invitation to join the Board due to the time commitment involved in joining a working Board.

Caron Harrang reported on her second meeting with John Petrov (marketing and business management), whom she is pleased to announce has agreed to join the Board. John is unable to meet on Wednesdays, and expressed a preference to meet in person rather than by Zoom (videoconference). The Board unanimously agreed to his becoming a Community Member and joining the Board beginning in May.

Action: Caron will convey the Board's approval of his interest in joining the Board and inform him of the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2017. John will join NPSI as a Community Member.

The Board discussed moving to an every other month meeting format on the fourth Monday of the month, and agreed to try it out for several meetings. If continued, the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2017 will be May 22, September 9 (Annual Board and Advisory Council Retreat), and November 27.

Action: David Jachim and Maxine Nelson will meet with Nathan Fahrer (real estate attorney) to explore his expressed interest in joining the Board.

V. Advisory Council Member, JoAnn Mills on fundraising and NPSI's Major Donor Program development:

JoAnn Mills joined the meeting to discuss NPSI's donations and fundraising. JoAnn reviewed NPSI's history since 2014 when fundraising began regarding the amount of donations and number of donors. Directors discussed NPSI's new Major Donor Program and the Board decided to add all donors to the website, not just those in the Major Donor Program who give \$500-\$1,000 annually.

Action: Caron will draft an introduction for the Donor Program page on the website and circulate to the Board for approval. Hollee will contact 2016-2017 donors for permission to be listed on the website as contributors.

VI. Liaison Committee report. Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson reporting:

Caron Harrang reported that CIPS needs a formal written recommendation from NPSI on IPA proposal 4b, regarding IPA proposed modifications to the Eitingon training model (two training cases, at 3-5 times per week) for the CIPS Board of Directors meeting on May 21. The Board determined to gather thoughts from Full Members by conducting a Membership Assembly, followed up by an email survey to compile opinions.

Action: Dana Blue will host the Membership Assembly on Saturday April 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at her Seattle home. Caron will notify full members of the meeting details and agenda via the Full Member listserv.

VII. President's Report. Caron Harrang reporting:

Caron Harrang reported signing the building lease renewal (2017-2022), which Directors have already received a copy of.

Caron discussed NPSI's current Director's and Officer's Insurance, as well as a potential new company that may offer the same coverage at a much lower rate.

Caron requested that the Board Members provide their Board bios and a photo by the end of March.

Action: Caron will work with Hollee to review bios and create a new page on the website (About tab > Board of Directors) to increase visibility of the Board.

Caron asked for feedback on proposed Bylaws changes circulated to Directors prior to this meeting. The Board decided to discuss proposed changes with Full Members at the April Membership Assembly. In particular, changes to the criterion for Emeritus Member status is thought to need fuller discussion before calling for a vote of the Full Members needed to change our Bylaws. Directors approved adding this item to the upcoming Membership Assembly.

Action: Proposed changes to the NPSI Bylaws will be voted on at the April 29 Membership Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at NPSI.