

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2019

Officers:

President – Maxine Nelson, LICSW, FIPA  
Past President– Caron Harrang, LICSW,  
FIPA  
Secretary – Michael Dougherty  
Acting Treasurer– Caron Harrang, LICSW,  
FIPA  
Acting Director of Training – Maxine  
Nelson, LICSW, FIPA

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David Jachim, PhD, FIPA  
Carolyn Steinberg, MD, FRCPC, FIPA  
Community Member Director – John  
Petrov  
Candidate Representative – Anna  
Delacroix, MA, LMHC  
Candidate Representative – Becky  
McGuire, MS, LMHC

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Hollee Sweet

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Present: Caron Harrang, David Jachim, Becky McGuire, Maxine Nelson, John Petrov, Carolyn Steinberg

Absent: Anna Delacroix, Michael Dougherty, Hollee Sweet

Guests: Piyale Cömert, Ken Cunningham, Bob Fahrer

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The meeting was called at 10:30 am.

I. Review of February Minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Report by “Opening the Dialogue: An Imperative for Resolving Conflict in a Tribal World”

Organizing Committee. Guests, Piyale Cömert, Ken Cunningham, Bob Fahrer reporting.

The Committee discussed their report, the origin of which began with Ken Cunningham and Bob Fahrer. The focus of the project is to bring applied psychoanalytic ideas into the wider corporate, civic, and academic arenas for the purpose of assisting efforts to reduce conflict. The conference will also include a component for the Seattle psychoanalytic and psychotherapeutic community. The anticipated timeframe for the conference is between March 1 and May 15, 2020.

NPSI would co-sponsor the conference, and would have a full member on the Committee, as well as have a voice in the agenda for the Saturday portion of the conference. The Board unanimously voted to co-sponsor the conference.

III. Secretary's Report. Maxine Nelson reporting for Michael Dougherty.

Maxine Nelson reported on the collection of full membership dues for 2019, noting there was an increase in dues to \$675 if paid after the deadline stipulated in the dues letter. Dues paid on time remain \$650 for 2019.

IV. Acting Treasurer's Report. Carron Harrang reporting.

Caron Harrang reported on the consultation between herself, Maxine Nelson, and Hollee Sweet with Jennifer Haddon, Jones & Associates, LLC CPAs.

Caron proposed the Board increase full member dues as part of budgeting for Fiscal Year 2020.

Caron noted that the Board had passed a \$150 dues increase in 2013 that was never enacted.

Rather than enacting a large increase to the members, Caron suggested scheduling small increases over a period of years. Caron collected information from other societies on their dues, and discussed the significant difference in what members in other societies are paying compared to NPSI. The Board voted unanimously to increase dues by \$50 in 2020.

Caron additionally proposed increasing candidate tuition. She noted that the tuition has never been raised, and the candidates now receive the additional benefit of attending scientific meetings at no cost. Caron reviewed the current tuition with the Board, and the Board discussed increases to tuition. The Board unanimously voted to increase tuition in the fall from \$30 to \$35 per class, and to review the tuition amount annually for possible future increases.

Caron reported on the Qualified Charitable Distribution Program, which is now available on the NPSI website under the Join and Donate tab, along with a promotional video prepared by Doug Ulrich. Caron showed the video to the Board, and discussed a Constant Contact flyer to be sent to the community.

V. Liaison Committee report. Maxine Nelson reporting.

Maxine Nelson reported on the CIPS/NAPsaC Clinical Conference in New York, May 3-4. The candidate rate is \$125, and full member rate \$225. Maxine mentioned there is a homestay option available.

VI. Education Committee report. Maxine Nelson reporting.

Maxine Nelson reported on the status of rotating the Chair of EC, noting three of the four rotations have been signed up for, beginning with Barb Sewell in May 2019. One opening still needs to be filled for the period of January – April 2020.

Maxine further reported on the Self-Study, informing the Board that the survey phase has ended, and that the response rate was high. A retreat is being put together for the fall to discuss the report after full members and candidates have had a chance to review it.

VII. ExCom report. Caron Harrang reporting.

Caron Harrang reported on her March 2 lunch meeting with Maxine Nelson and a member from Western Branch/CPS, who expressed interest in applying for full membership.

## VIII. New Business

Caron Harrang discussed a proposal for NPSI to preview the Collected Works of DW Winnicott with candidates, full members and community members before deciding whether to purchase it as a benefit to our members. The trial will be free and the cost to purchase the works would be \$4,038. This would be a one-time charge in perpetuity.

Maxine Nelson reported on her recent tele-meeting with Group Relations consultant John Lundgren (PCC) about the Self-Study, including proposed expenses for the fall retreat, after the Self-Study Committee distributes their report to full members and candidates. The Board unanimously voted to finance the retreat, capping the cost at \$2,000.

Maxine discussed setting up a Nominating Committee, per our bylaws, to identify and recruit new Full Member Directors as well as a President-Elect.

Action: David Jachim, Carolyn Steinberg, and Becky McGuire will follow up with potential Committee members and report back to Maxine.

Maxine reported on discussions she had with potential new members to join the Board.

Maxine reported that our pro bono legal counsel, David Schoolcraft, will no longer be able to provide counsel to NPSI as his workload has increased. The Board discussed other potential counsel.

Action: Maxine Nelson will follow-up with another attorney and report back to the Board at the May meeting.

Maxine reported that NPSI's ACPE renewal expires on June 6, 2020 and we will need to set up a committee to update our original application by submitting a Self-Study by the end of September 2019.

Action: Maxine Nelson will ask Maxine Anderson to chair a Self-Study Committee to renew the ACPE accreditation.

Maxine proposed a possible bifurcation of the role of candidate representative to the Board so that each representative has a specific role.

Action: Becky McGuire will discuss candidate representative roles with Anna Delacroix and follow up with the Board at the next meeting.

Maxine proposed a "Conversation with Founders" video interview with Maxine Anderson and Marianne Robinson. Rikki Ricard has agreed to conduct the interview.

Action: Board Members will email questions to Maxine Nelson for the interview of Maxine Anderson and Marianne Robinson.

Maxine reported that a special Scientific Meeting will be scheduled in April to honor Marianne Robinson's contributions as a founding member of NPSI as she prepares to retire from her practice in Seattle, WA.

Maxine Nelson proposed a reading from Maxine Anderson's new book, "From Tribal Division to Welcoming Inclusion: Psychoanalytic Perspectives" (Routledge, 2019).

Action: Maxine Nelson will follow up with Jeff Eaton regarding organizing the event.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom (6:30 – 8:00).