

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2018

Officers:

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

Directors:

David Jachim, PhD, FIPA  
Community Member Director – John  
Petrov  
Community Member Director –  
Michael Dougherty  
Candidate Representative – Becky  
McGuire, MS, LMHC

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Hollee Sweet

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Present: Dana Blue, Michael Dougherty, Caron Harrang, David Jachim, Becky McGuire,  
Maxine Nelson, John Petrov

Absent: Hollee Sweet

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The meeting was called at 6:30 pm

I. March minutes.

The March minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Maxine Nelson reported that NPSI has \$20,344 in checking, \$15,132 in savings, and \$27,248 in our investment account, making a total of \$62,724. This compares with total cash as of April 1, 2018 of \$60,298.

Maxine noted that starting in 2019, NPSI will be collecting dues for both full and community members at the beginning of the year, and also that we will be able to accept dues by credit card on the website.

Maxine reported on her meeting with attorney David Schoolcraft about bifurcating the Secretary-Treasurer position.

Action: When completed the revised bylaws will be sent to full members for a vote of approval.

Maxine also reported on her meeting with JoAnn Mills (Advisory Council) regarding fundraising. One of JoAnn's recommendations was conducting an in-person feasibility study of members to determine why individuals do or do not donate or volunteer. JoAnn

also suggested NPSI host a donor party this December and make it an annual event. Michael Dougherty suggested reviewing NPSI's communication strategies to see which are most effective. He will go into detail regarding this process at the June meeting.

III. September 2018 Board/Advisory Council Retreat. Caron Harrang reporting:  
The Board agreed to reschedule the retreat to September 8 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. It was also decided that Brad Cokelet's flight to Seattle for the retreat would be reimbursed in return for him teaching an ethics seminar to candidates and presenting at a scientific meeting on a related theme. Payment for Brad's airfare will come from visiting faculty allocation in the Institute budget.

Action: NPSI ExCom (Caron Harrang, President; Maxine Nelson, President Elect; and Dana Blue, Director of Training) will coordinate with Brad to develop curriculum for these offerings.

IV. Liaison Committee report. Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson reporting:  
Caron Harrang reported that the proposed NAPsaC dues increase will most likely not materialize in 2019 after having heard from member societies about the change. In particular, APsaA, which is the largest member organization, is experiencing budget constraints that prohibit considering a dues increase.

Caron also reminded the Board that Adriana Prengler will be replacing Caron as second Director from NPSI on the CIPS Board of Directors this June.

V. EBOR report. Caron Harrang reporting:  
Caron Harrang gave an update on the upcoming conference, including registration being opened recently, as well as the overwhelming paper proposal response.

Caron invited members of the Board to form a task force for planning a community membership drive during EBOR. Dana Blue suggested this could be coordinated with planning for a similar event at EBOR for prospective candidates.

Action: John Petrov and Dana Blue volunteered to work with Caron to coordinate a lunchtime membership drive and informational gathering for prospective candidates.

Maxine Nelson discussed the upcoming SPSI sponsored Pre-EBOR film event related to the conference theme, "The Body as Psychoanalytic Object: Clinical Applications from Winnicott to Bion and Beyond." The film she has chosen for this event is "Talk to Her" written and directed by Pedro Almodóvar. Possible dates for the event are Saturday, September 15 or 22.

Action: Maxine will follow up with SPSI and inform the Board as to the chosen date.

VI. Education Committee report. Dana Blue reporting:

Dana Blue discussed the upcoming Open House (11:00 am – 1:00 pm) and the graduation of candidate Dave Parnes (2:00 – 4:00 pm), both taking place on Saturday, May 19 at NPSI.

Dana reported that Education Committee meetings are now open to all faculty who have voting rights along with subcommittee Chairs (Admissions, Curriculum, Progression, TAs). This change, fully supported by the TA subcommittee, has brought a new level of engagement in the Institute.

Dana also reported that the NPSI ExCom (Caron Harrang, Maxine Nelson, and Dana Blue) met with psychoanalyst/consultant Brian Robertson, MD, FIPA (CPS) regarding succession to her role as Director of Training. Brian suggested ongoing (e.g. annually) group relations training for all members as a way to address the underlying dynamics that affect succession and participation at all levels of the organization. Group relations training on a biannual basis has been implemented in Brian's local Institute resulting in renewed aliveness for faculty and candidates. Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson proposed we consider psychoanalyst and GREX facilitator John Lundgren, MD, FIPA (PCC) for development of group relations training for NPSI. The Board fully supports exploration of this option, not only to address succession for Director of Training but also to begin to integrate this heretofore missing element in psychoanalytic training. GREX training is grounded historically on Wilfred Bion's work with groups that influenced his metapsychology throughout his career.

Action: Members of the NPSI ExCom will pursue exploration of an initial group relations training for our members with John Lundgren and report back at the next meeting of the Board.

VII. President's report. Caron Harrang reporting:

Caron Harrang reported that David Jachim will be continuing with his column, *Analyze This!*, in the *Selected Facts* newsletter and available on the organization website.

Caron reported that Michael Dougherty accepted nomination to Secretary on the Board. Voting will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting in September 2018.

Caron reported that she and Maxine Nelson held a dinner meeting with Chris Keats, MD, FIPA and invited him to apply to become a Full Member. He accepted and after review of his qualifications was unanimously voted by Full Members to join the NPSI Society.

Caron reported that she and Maxine Nelson have discussed inviting Training and Supervising Psychoanalyst Rose Vasta (CPS) to present at an NPSI Scientific Meeting. This initiative was enthusiastically endorsed by the Board.

Action: Maxine will follow-up with Jeff Eaton (Chair, Continuing Education beginning July 2018) who will invite Rose to present in fiscal 2018-19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

VIII. The Board will next meet Wednesday, June 13, 2018 (via Zoom) at 6:30 pm.