

NPSI Annual Board Meeting
October 9, 2019

Officers:

President – Maxine Nelson, LICSW, FIPA

Treasurer – Eileen Fletcher, SPHR/SHRM-SCP

Secretary – Michael Dougherty

Acting Director of Training – Maxine Nelson, LICSW, FIPA

Administrative Staff:

Recording Secretary – Hollee Sweet

Directors:

Caron Harrang, LICSW, FIPA

David Jachim, PhD, FIPA

Carolyn Steinberg, MD, FRCPC, FIPA

Candidate Representatives:

Anna Delacroix, MA, LMHC

Nicole Wiggins, MA

Present: Anna Delacroix, Michael Dougherty, Eileen Fletcher, Caron Harrang, David Jachim, Maxine Nelson, Carolyn Steinberg, Nicole Wiggins

Guests: Maxine Anderson, Margaret Bergmann-Ness, Dana Blue, Julie Hendrickson, Rikki Ricard (NPSI Self-Study Committee)

The meeting was called at 6:30 pm.

I. Review of September Minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved, with corrections by Caron Harrang.

II. Treasurer's Report. Eileen Fletcher reporting:

Eileen Fletcher reported on the budget, and discussed the specific line items with the Board. The Board agreed to engage in further discussion on the budget at the November meeting, when the budget will be approved.

III. Self-Study Committee. Dana Blue reporting:

Dana Blue reported that the survey phase of the Self-Study process is complete; the next phase being the Self-Study Retreat, which was planned for November 16, 2019. However, one of the facilitators has had major health problems and will be unable to attend the retreat on the originally scheduled date. Dana proposed delaying the retreat, noting that the number of attendees signed up for the retreat had been low, and that another date may allow for a better turn-out.

Action: Dana Blue and Maxine Nelson will schedule a phone call with the facilitators (John Lundgren and Len Levis) at the end of October or early November to determine how and when to proceed with the Self-Study Retreat.

IV. Liaison Committee. Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson reporting:
Maxine Nelson reported that Adriana Prengler is stepping down in December as Alternate Director to CIPS, and Carolyn Steinberg will be replacing her. Adriana has agreed to continue until the end of the year to provide overlap with Carolyn.

CIPS is re-activating its teleconference series and inviting recently published authors to offer a course based on their books.

Action: Maxine will invite Judy Eekhoff and Maxine Anderson to consider teaching a course.

Caron Harrang noted that the Liaison Committee will host a brunch on October 26th. Julie Hendrickson and Margaret Bergmann-Ness have been invited to join the committee, which will provide a forum for leadership mentoring.

Caron is continuing as Secretary on the NAPsaC Board. She noted that the Board will meet in November and January, as well as face-to-face in February in New York. Caron also reported on the many changes happening within NAPsaC, including restructuring the Board to achieve a better balance between APsaA, CPS, and CIPS Societies; creating a member roster and considering development of a membership listserv. Caron will report on additional changes as they occur.

V. Education Committee. Caron Harrang reporting:

Caron Harrang reminded the Board that she is the current rotating EC Chair September through December 2019, and Don Ross will take over the position from January through April 2020. She noted the Education Committee will discuss how the rotating Chair process is working after her term.

Caron also reported that the committee is developing additional ways to market the Institute to increase membership and recruit trainees for our psychoanalytic psychotherapy and psychoanalytic training programs. Barb Sewell suggested that faculty can promote our training programs when they present and teach at other local psychoanalytic organizations (Center for Object Relations, Northwest Alliance for Psychoanalytic Studies, and Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute). Caron suggested that NPSI recently published authors look into interviewing with New Books in Psychoanalysis podcast.

Action: Caron will send a message to the Full Member listserv with contact information for the New Books in Psychoanalysis podcast.

Maxine Nelson noted that the candidates have prepared a list of items to update the NPSI office (including new chair cushions, window treatments, lamps, wall hangings, rugs, interior painting, and a water cooler), and are forming a subcommittee to prepare a proposed budget for these items. Caron asked Anna Delacroix and Nicole Wiggins to communicate to the candidate group that the budget will need to be discussed and approved by the Board.

VI. ExCom. Maxine Nelson reporting:

Maxine Nelson reported that Eileen Fletcher is in the process of putting together a Finance Committee.

VII. New Business. Maxine Nelson reporting:

Maxine Nelson reported that in mid-August, she received a message from Ken Zhang (Yichi) at the University of Essex. He was referred to Maxine by Robert Oelsner, whose name he was given by Meg Harris Williams and Bob Hinshelwood in London. Yichi is hoping to set up collaborative learning programs with a few institutes in the United States, and NPSI was recommended, along with PINC. The Board discussed the possibility of this. Carolyn Steinberg raised concerns about the issue of privacy in this environment. Maxine noted her concern about a lack of human resources to fund the project. The Board unanimously agreed with these concerns and decided it is not feasible at this time to pursue this collaboration.

Action: Maxine will communicate the Board's decision to Ken Zhang with our thanks for his outreach to us.

Maxine proposed setting up an ad hoc Distance Learning Committee, which would include Maxine Nelson, Carolyn Steinberg, Teddy Jachim, and Hollee Sweet, along with a candidate member to complete the committee. Maxine noted we would need to upgrade the Zoom account and add a Zoom Room License (\$250/year) and a dedicated computer, camera, speaker, and tables/chairs for each room. Research has begun on Zoom pricing, and the committee will further research hardware and furniture based on NPSI's needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The Board will next meet Wednesday, November 13, 2019 by Zoom (6:30 to 8:00 pm).