

NPSI Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

Officers:

President – Barbara Sewell, MaMFC, MDIV,
MRE, MIPA
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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Barbara Sewell.

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

The December 2021 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from December 2021 Board Meeting
- Education Committee Report
- EBOR Budget
- Scientific Meetings Report
- Candidate Group Report
- Liaison Report

The Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

II. President’s Report – Barbara Sewell

- A. NPSI Administrator:** Barbara Sewell reported that Peggy Swenson was offered and accepted the position of NPSI administrator.
- B. Annual Membership:** Barbara Sewell informed Kenneth King of his emeritus membership status via voice message and email. She also invited him to speak at a future scientific meeting but as yet has not received a reply. A certificate recognizing his new status will be sent to him.
- C. Event Payment and Cancellation Policy:** Regarding a pending refund to a student, the Board discussed whether or not these funds could be applied to a future course. The Finance Committee is tasked with determining if this is within the bounds of the new policy.
- D. Membership Committee:** Barbara Sewell reported there are members who are willing to comprise a membership committee if and when an application for membership is received.
- E. Reminder of Proposed Dates for Upcoming Events:**
 - 1. Spring Board Retreat: March 12th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. There will be a board meeting in March in addition to the retreat. The work of the retreat will include the strategic plan, next year’s budget and recruitment for the positions of Board Director, President and Director of Training.
 - 2. Spring Town Hall: April 27th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. North American Representatives on the IPA Board, Randi Wirth and Mark Smaller, have been invited to attend and report on their activities as well as have a discussion with NPSI analysts-in-training and members about tele-analysis and remote learning. Caron Harrang will follow up with Randi Wirth.
- F. Ethics Committee:** Barbara Sewell shared a report from the Ethics Committee. The committee requests payment of \$375 to an attorney the committee consulted in their efforts to formulate a policy for handling ethics complaints. Confidentiality was the subject of the questions posed to the attorney. The Board approved the payment of \$375 and requested that an estimate of additional legal fees be submitted to the Board for approval prior to the costs being incurred. The Board also expressed an interest in hearing from the Ethics Committee about its mission and plans going forward. Finally, the Board agreed the annual budgeting process needs to include budget estimates from committees.

III. Continuing Education– Barbara Sewell

- A. Scientific Meetings:** Barbara Sewell provided an update to the Board about the high number of registrations and income from the scientific meetings held since last fall. Caron Harrang explained their popularity as a combination of the theme of body and psychoanalysis and the option of viewing a recording if one cannot attend the live presentation. The Board discussed how the archive of recordings might be an additional

source of revenue for NPSI. The Board agreed that further discussion could be an agenda item for the March retreat.

- B. EBOR Budget:** Barbara Sewell shared a preliminary budget from the EBOR 2022 Committee. The Board agreed the next step in the approval process would be to invite members from the EBOR Committee to the February Board meeting to answer questions and provide support for the budget as currently outlined. The Board is particularly interested in more detailed descriptions of budget items as well as a marketing plan.

IV. Director of Training Report – David Parnes

Deferred to February 9, 2022 Board Meeting.

V. Finance Report – Eileen Fletcher

- A.** Eileen Fletcher reviewed the current financial status of the organization. There are currently some higher than expected expense items, particularly payroll, in addition to the higher income than anticipated from scientific meetings.
- B.** The Board agreed the EBOR budget should be incorporated into the overall budget. The Finance Committee will determine how to best accomplish, e.g., amending the current budget.

VI. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Report – Alison Kneisl and Barbara Sewell

Deferred to February 9, 2022 Board Meeting. The applicable materials will be emailed again to Board members prior to the February meeting and President Barbara Sewell stated that this will be placed earlier in the agenda for the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- A.** Caron Harrang requested that, in the context of offering something of value to members, the Board consider discussing and potentially sponsoring an organizational response to the “No Surprises Act.” She will send an article about this new federal law to Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.