**December 2, 2017**

**8:30am-10:00am**

In attendance: Jill Delaney, Dean Leone, Nancy Sachner, Wendy Stewart, Ellen Nasper, Ryan Ochoa, Allison Brownlow, Elaine Hunter, Anne Singer, Ashley Clayton, Nir Yeduhai, Carrie Christensen, Mickey Silverman, Barbara Marcus, Elinor Kotchen, Rachel Torello, and Susanne Weil.

**I. Vote to Approve Previous Minutes**

Ellen Nasper moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on 9/16/17, Elaine Hunter seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Scholarship Committee**

Carrie Christensen updated the board on the Scholarship Committee. The deadline for applications for CSPP’s scholarship was yesterday, and the committee received 4 applications. The award covers the cost of attendance at all Saturday clinical conferences for the calendar year. The committee is recommending that the scholarship be awarded to all 4 applicants. Carrie indicated that she would notify the applicants by December 15th in a letter in which the Board would be cc’ed. The issue was raised of whether to publicly recognize the awardees or to maintain their privacy. As Carrie indicated, the committee will consider this question. It was suggested that the Committee consider the selection criteria for next year and determine how many scholarships to award in the future. Rachel Torello said she would speak about the scholarship program at today’s conference. Carrie moved to approve the 4 applicants, Ellen Nasper seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Early Career Committee**

Dean Leone provided an update on the Early Career Committee. As he said, the mentorship program has been going well, and they have made 22 successful matches, based on location and interests. Currently, there are more mentors than mentees. The Early Career Meet and Greet event is tomorrow afternoon with 22 attendees. As Dean indicated, Donna Dicello reached out to him and offered to be part of the committee, which he welcomed. Dean spoke about his interest in maintaining a loose structure, rather than having specific guidelines for mentors and mentees to follow. Rachel clarified that the only guideline is that the mentor not provide supervision. Dean is considering offering another networking event for the spring. At today’s clinical conference Rachel will remind members that there are still mentors available to potential mentees. Dean then showed his new sign for CSPP, which will be displayed at the conferences. Because one part of it is pixilated, Ashley Clayton suggested contacting the original artist to get a photo with higher resolution. Elaine Hunter agreed to look into this.

**IV. Website/Paypal Issue:**

Elaine Hunter informed the board that she is refining the online registration process so that if someone begins the registration process but then decides not to complete it, they can opt to cancel it. Up to now, once a registration was begun, it stayed on the website as an outstanding balance for that person, causing confusion about a balance they didn’t really owe.

**V. Attachment Conference**

Ellen Nasper reported on the upcoming Attachment Conference, which is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd at Gateway Community College. The Conference is cosponsored by CSPP, The Yale Child Study Center, and The Attachment Network of Connecticut. It will bring together clinicians, educators, and community clinics. DCF is also providing its name as a sponsor because of its connection to Charlie Slaughter, one of the conference’s organizers who is employed by DCF and is part of The Attachment Network of CT. Arietta Slade and Norka Mailberg are the 2 morning speakers, and the organizers have received 18 submissions for afternoon workshops. CSPP is putting forth $2000, and the United Way is giving $1500, which will be given as honoraria to the speakers ($500 to each of morning speakers, then $500 to Charlie Slaughter who is giving the plenary in the afternoon but is giving his money back.) The registration fee for attendees is $75, to cover such costs as staffing at the venue, lunch, and printing documents. The board discussed how CSPP cannot take in any money from the conference because it is a community event. Ellen then reported that the Attachment Network of Connecticut is currently in the process of becoming a 501(c)3, at which point it can open an independent bank account that can be linked to the registration process. The issue was raised of what to do with any leftover money from the conference. Ellen and Rachel agreed to talk through the issues and arrive at some resolutions.

**VI. Clinical Conference Committee**

Nancy Sachner presented her ideas for upcoming speakers, suggesting that CSPP arrange to have 1 nationally prominent speaker per year. She suggested the following local presenters: Ira Moses, Betsy Brett, Kay Long, Larry Levinson, and Bob White. As for more nationally known speakers, she proposed Otto Kernberg, Salmon Akhtar, Jessica Benjamin, Darlene Ehrenberg, Nancy McWilliams, and Fred Pine. Rachel Torello encouraged the board to think about what it wants to provide to our audience—older, longstanding names, or more up-and-coming speakers geared towards younger audiences. Ellen Nasper then presented her list of candidates for next year’s conferences: Dorothy Evans Holmes, Steven Kuchuck, Karen Lyons-Ruth, John Auerbach, Sherry Turkle, Lynne Layton, and Judith Solomon. She encouraged the board members to consider these selections and indicate their preferences.

**VII. CE Credits for Mini Meetings**

Allison Brownlow voiced her interest in providing CEUs for CSPP’s mini meetings. She has spoken with an NASW regional representative who has ideas for how the mini meetings can meet the criteria required by NASW to apply for CEUs. The board discussed that this is a complicated issue that has been visited in the past, with such cumbersome factors as psychologists requiring separate CEUs. Allison agreed to create a proposal to discuss at the next board meeting.

Rachel Torello moved to end the meeting, Ashley Clayton seconded, and it was unanimously adjourned.