

**CSPP Board Meeting
January 28th, 2017
8:30am-9:52am**

In attendance: Rachel Torello, Dean Leone, Ellen Nasper, Mickey Silverman, Susanne Weil, Jeffrey Asmar, Allison Brownlow, Elaine Hunter, Anne Singer, Ashley Clayton, Nir Yeduhai, Carrie Christensen, Jill Delaney, and Elinor Kotchen.

Absent: Nancy Sachner, Wendy Stewart, and Barbara Marcus

I. Vote to Approve Previous Minutes

Elaine Hunter moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on 12/10/16. Jill Delaney seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Registration Committee

Nir Yeduhai reported that 99 or 100 people have registered for today's conference. He asked for help with the registration table, and a few board members volunteered.

III. Leadership Update

Rachel Torello reminded the board that she will be leaving for Italy in 2 weeks and will return in mid-May. Carrie Christensen will head the 2 board meetings scheduled for this spring, and Dean Leone will assist.

IV. Membership Renewals

Ashley Clayton reported that there are currently 260 active members of CSPP, and 267 total members. As she said, there have been 12 new applications in the past 30 days, half of whom are early career members. Jill Delaney raised the question of how many CSPP members are also members of Division 39. She explained that the APA asks us for this information for tax purposes. Up until now, she has been estimating the number. It was suggested that she send out an inquiry through the listserv to determine a more precise count. The board agreed that Jill should continue estimating the count. Rachel Torello asked that Ashley update the listserv to ensure that it includes all current members and that it no longer includes inactive members. Ashley indicated that she would send out another email reminder to the people who have not yet renewed their membership.

V. Hartford Regional Representative

Jeffrey Asmar announced that he will be resigning from the board at the end of this academic year, as he does not feel that he has time to properly fulfill his duties. He indicated that he has a potential replacement in mind whom he is going to approach about becoming Hartford's new regional representative. The board members wished Jeffrey well and thanked him for his service.

VI. Diversity Committee

Ellen Nasper requested that the name of her committee be changed to “Diversity and Inclusion Committee.” Elinor Kotchen moved to change the name, Jeffrey Asmar seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Clinical Conference Committee

In regards to the issue of whether to move CSPP’s conferences from the NHLC to the Greenberg Center, Ellen Nasper informed the board that with all the sundries involved, the prices of the 2 locales are fairly comparable. Jill Delaney reported that we are currently losing money on most conferences, though CSPP has \$72,000 in the bank. The question was raised of whether to raise the conference fees slightly, due to both breakfast and lunch now being served. The board agreed that CSPP should continue using the NHLC for now but that it make an effort to be more inclusive, especially given the NHLC’s exclusionary history. Ellen spoke about the need to more proactively recruit diversity in our membership, and Carrie Christensen urged that the board brainstorm how to make CSPP more inclusive as an organization. Ashley Clayton pointed out the need to also be mindful of diversity across socioeconomic lines. In discussing how to be more welcoming towards new members, Mickey Silverman suggested inviting new members to a special lunch. It was proposed that there be a “new members table” for members who have joined in the past year to share lunch after one of the conferences. Jeffrey Asmar raised the point that, in order to be more inclusive, CSPP members need to think more clinically about themselves and whether they are considering the other within. It was suggested that there be a board workshop centered on a reading about inclusiveness and otherness. Ellen then spoke about her interest in organizing a conference on attachment that would be a joint collaboration with CSPP, The Yale Child Study Center, and the Attachment Network of CT. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to go forward with planning the conference. Allison Brownlow, Mickey Silverman, and Elaine Hunter volunteered to be part of a committee to organize it.

VIII. Newsletter Committee

Mickey Silverman indicated that she regretted not being able to put out a fall newsletter. She asked that members submit impressions about today’s conference, as well as clinical responses to the election. She raised the question of what is appropriate to include in the newsletter regarding responses to the election and reactions to the presidency, an issue would be addressed later in today’s meeting. Mickey informed the board that the deadline for copy is 2 weeks from today, and all submissions should be fairly short, due to the high volume of content that will be included. She questioned whether submissions should be anonymous if are political in nature, and Ashley Clayton responded that anonymity can lead to more divisiveness.

IX. Event to Honor Dale Ortmeier

The board discussed forming an ad hoc committee to plan how to honor Dale Ortmeier, who recently died. Wendy Stewart has already volunteered, therefore Rachel Torello suggested that Wendy chair the committee with 3 or 4 other members. Allison Brownlow and Mickey Silverman also volunteered to be part of the committee. They can then get other members to join the committee, including non-board members, as they see fit.

X. Political Activity on CSPP's Listserv and Beyond

The Long-Range Planning Committee is meeting next week, and they will discuss how to include social justice in CSPP's future. Susanne Weil reported that some Fairfield County members would like to form a social action group. Carrie Christensen indicated that we need to clarify what CSPP can and can't do as a 501c3. The group agreed that the Long Range Planning Committee would study the stipulations of what the organization is permitted to do. Ashley Clayton spoke about how reactionary and chaotic the recent political messages on the listserv have felt, and she urged that messages on listserv be more thoughtful and clinically relevant. It was agreed that the board needs to establish clear listserv guidelines.

Dean Leone moved to end the meeting, Mickey Silverman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.