**CSPP Board Meeting**

**May 6th, 2017**

**8:35am-10:00am**

In attendance: Dean Leone, Susanne Weil, Wendy Stewart, Ellen Nasper, Anne Singer, Nir Yeduhai, Carrie Christensen, Mickey Silverman, Jeffrey Asmar, Elinor Kotchen, and Rachel Torello (via phone).

Absent: Allison Brownlow, Elaine Hunter, Ashley Clayton, Jill Delaney, Barbara Marcus, and Nancy Sachner

**I. Vote to Approve Previous Minutes**

Wendy Stewart moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on 3/25/17, Susanne Weil seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Committee to Honor Dale Ortmeyer**

Wendy Stewart reported that Inge Ortmeyer has arranged for a private memorial for Dale on Saturday, May 27th at the Westport Women’s Club. It will include about 40 CSPP members, as well as other friends and colleagues. The Committee has proposed a scholarship in Dale’s honor for advanced education in the field of psychoanalysis. Applicants would submit a short essay explaining their interests in the field. The Committee would need to decide the monetary value of the scholarship, how often it would be awarded, and what type of trainings/conferences would be applicable. Another possibility the Committee has proposed is a one-time lecture or event in Dale’s name with speakers who knew Dale and/or are knowledgeable about his interests. Rachel Torello suggested that there be an annual conference in his honor, which could provide some context for the history of CSPP and psychoanalysis. The board discussed the possibility of doing a scholarship *and* an annual conference. Dean Leone moved to dedicate one conference per year in Dale’s honor, Ellen Nasper seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. Ellen said that she would consider which of next year’s conferences would be most appropriate. The possibility of also awarding a scholarship is still on the table, and Dean and Ellen agreed to work on this.

**III. Registration Committee**

Nir Yeduhai informed the board that there are 45 registrants for today’s conference. He reported that he has recruited 2 Early Career Members to join the Registration Committee- Pamela Seaman and Matt Brennan. The board acknowledged Nir’s good work in heading the committee and his smooth handling of the registration process for the Nancy McWilliams conference. Nir indicated that he would look into setting up credit card payments for future conferences.

**IV. Division 39 Representative**

Ellen Nasper reported on her recent attendance at the Division 39 Conference in NYC. She encouraged others to attend in the future. She spoke about attending a workshop for local chapters, which range in size from 70 -350 people. She learned that Division 39 offers resources for local representatives to use advanced technology, which CSPP may want to utilize. In addition, it offers money for scholarships and early career members. She also learned that CSPP’s conference fees are lower than most other local chapters, which raises the question of whether to increase CSPP’s fees in the future. Ellen updated the board that currently, Division 39 charges $4 for every member of CSPP who is a Division 39 member, but they are going to raise the fee to $5. Rachel Torello indicated that she would follow up with Jill Delaney about Ellen receiving a $500 stipend for attending the conference.

**VI. Reports from Regional Representatives**

Rachel Torello and Jeffrey Asmar informed the board that they are following up with a couple of possible candidates for the role of Hartford Regional Representative, as Jeffrey is resigning. Rachel will appoint an acting representative to serve until the next board election. The board discussed concern that the Hartford region is not adequately represented and is eclipsed by other more active regions. Rachel asserted the need for more mini meetings in Hartford, and Mickey Silverman reminded the board to focus more attention on that region. Anne Singer, the Eastern Connecticut Representative, reported on the peer supervision groups she is involved in. There is a group in New London with 4 members, another group in New Haven with 5 members, and a third group that focuses on EMDR, as well as psychoanalytic concepts, though the participants are not currently in CSPP. Ellen Nasper indicated that at today’s conference she would announce that the New London group has openings. Wendy Stewart reported that 4 new members joined CSPP this past week, and the membership is continually growing. Allison Brownlow was not present to give her report on the New Haven region, though she sent it via email prior to the meeting. As Susanne Weil indicated, the Fairfield region has been quite active. They have hosted 3 meetings of their film club, with about 13-14 attendees at each. There was also a presentation on the Case of Irene by an NIP graduate. In June, a former patient with borderline personality disorder who has written a book is presenting on the type of treatment that worked for her. Susanne also spoke about her interest in forming a social justice group next year.

**VII. Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

Ellen Nasper reported on an interesting discussion the Diversity and Inclusion Committee had about how they personally handle issues of race with patients, referrals, etc. As Ellen said, Maria Oliva has suggested an ongoing supervision group on race. The Committee will sponsor a workshop on Sunday, June 11th about a clinician’s experience working with Syrian refugees. Ellen also reported that the workshop on “White Fragility” may be held again, this time in Fairfield, because of widespread interest in the topic.

**VIII. Newsletter Committee**

Mickey Silvermann spoke of her goal for upcoming issues of the newsletter to be more thematic, along clinical themes. She explained that the most recent issue attempted to stay within the bounds of 501(c)3 guidelines, as far as not endorsing candidates or engaging in direct political advocacy, while also addressing current events.

As this was the last board meeting of the academic year, Rachel Torello requested year-end reports from all board members.

Dean Leone moved to adjourn the meeting, Ellen Nasper seconded, and it was unanimously approved.