**CSPP Board Meeting**

**September 28, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.**

In attendance: Carrie Christiansen, Mary Daly, Andrew DiFiore, Elaine Hunter, Dean Leone, Adna Linden, Barbara Marcus, Brian Ochoa, Ellen Nasper, Mary Pioli, Brianne Pollock, Nancy Sachner, Ann Singer, Wendy Stewart, Susanne Weil

**I. Vote to approve previous minutes.**

There was a vote to approve the minutes from the May 2019 board meeting. There was a motion to approve, it was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. Treasurer’s Report.**

Adna Linden reported on her work to transition into her role as interim treasurer over the summer; she noted that she is working to move CSPP towards a higher level of cyber security, and was able to improve the financial relationship with the Lawn Club. She also provided a finance committee report and a treasurer’s report, which she will provide at every meeting. The finance committee established 7 goals, one of which is to increase transparency on financial matters to the board and CSPP’s membership. The board responded enthusiastically to Adna’s work and to the clarity of her reports.

The board approved 3 items that the finance committee presented, agreeing to create an Amazon account for the use of board members and for the president and 1 finance committee member to approve expenditures. Additionally, the board agreed that the treasurer’s expenses would be approved by the president and one member of the finance committee. There was also a request from Elaine Hunter to purchase a subscription to Adobe which the board also approved.

There current income, expenses, and balances are:

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| Balance July 1 | Income July/August Fiscal Period | Expenses during fiscal period | Balance August 31 |
| $53,459.32 | $1524.88 | $1894.91 | $53,087.28 |

**III Retiring members.**

Wendy Stewart led this discussion and emphasized the importance of the upcoming transitions. She noted that as the historian she’s going to take up the responsibility to organize a dinner of recognition for Barbara Marcus.

**IV List serve changes.**

Nancy Sachner discussed list serve changes; she worked with Elaine Hunter and Wendy Stewart to develop a policy for dealing with offenders. She proposed that offenders be issued a warning after 1st offense, be suspended for 30 days after the 2nd offense, and be permanently barred after the 3rd offense. After discussion and input from Elaine Hunter there was consensus and a motion made that the procedure start with a personal communication to the person to highlight the violation; on the second offense they are to be warned that a third time will end in a suspension, and that a fourth time will lead to a permanent suspension.

Thirteen people were in favor of the motion; two abstained.

**V. Joint Conference**

Barbara Marcus reported that 135 people are registered and that they are close to breakeven financially. She noted that in response to questions about speaker choice, Micki Silverman wrote up a blurb about Kernberg’s and his incorporation of an evidence based approach to psychoanalytic work. Ryan voiced concerns about the cost of registration and the fact that early career members were not offered a discount.

**VI. Nomination Committee**

Ryan presented a draft of the NOMINATION COMMITTEE POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND EXPECTATIONS. The committee plans to meet in late October; they will review potential candidates regularly, and they have deliberately focused on selecting a diverse group of people. Elaine affirmed Ryan’s work. She added that the president is a member of every committee. A question was raised about whether or not the nominating committee should be involved in the governance of the board; Ryan indicated they are not moving in that direction, but noted the committee is in charge of scholarships.

**VII. Retiring members.**

 Carrie Christiansen noted that she was approached by a member to address programming for people considering retirement from clinical practice, and that she had spoken with a few people who are interested. Martin Klein noted he would be happy to be involved with some kind of planning and programming. Carrie asked the group what they think about this idea. People responded enthusiastically; Nancy wants to address semi-retirement; Dean is happy to host this mini-meeting in the New Haven region.

**VIII. Final Announcements.**

Susanne Weil announced that the Fairfield region is reaching out to younger clinicians in agencies; they are going to grand rounds at the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut located in Stamford. The presenters were Susanne Weil, Greta Laine, Carlo Condato, and George Hagman.

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Dean Leone mentioned the Early Career happy hour on October 18th at Nolo at 5 p.m. They’ve put together gift bags for new and early career members.

There was a motion to end the meeting which was approved.