**CSPP Board Retreat**

**October 1st, 2016**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

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

Absent: Ashley Clayton, Nir Yeduhai, and Nakia Hamlett

I. **Clinical Conferences: Time and Location**

The board discussed the speaker’s fee and whether the current fee of $599 is too low. It was noted that a fee over $600 requires a 1099 form. It was proposed that the fee be changed to $1000, with the possibility of raising it for speakers who strongly object. The Clinical Conference Committee will brainstorm guidelines for speakers’ travel, lodging, and other expenses. The board discussed the location for future conferences, as the New Haven Lawn Club now requires that we pay for breakfast and lunch with our current conference schedule. Ellen noted that the Greenburg Center, which is part of the Yale Divinity School, is a good alternative. It is approximately $1000 less per event, though it only has 55 parking spaces, which may not be sufficient. Jill Delaney reported that CSPP is slightly in the red, since we started paying more to NHLC. It was moved to continue this year’s conferences at the NHLC from 10:30-12:30, with breakfast and lunch. The motion was seconded, and it was unanimously approved . The time, place, and details of next year’s clinical conferences still need to be determined.

II. **Registration Committee**

Carrie Christensen noted that as the new Registrar, Nir Yeduhai’s position is very labor intensive. It was suggested that he form a Registration Committee that he would chair. The committee would include 2-3 new and/or early career members who would assist with the CEU application process, conference registration, and evaluations. The name of his position was discussed, as many felt that the title Registrar is not appropriate. It was moved to rename his position “Chair of Registration Committee.” The proposal was seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

III. **Role of Stephanie Kloos**

The board discussed paper mailings versus email correspondence for conferences. Stephanie Kloos creates postcards for conferences for people who have paid for paper mailings. Some board members indicated that they still receive postcards, even though they have not paid for them. Also, it was noted that some mailings get sent back because of outdated addresses. It was suggested that we update the paper mailing list to only include recipients who have paid for them. As Corresponding Secretary, Ashley Clayton will send regular updates to Stephanie with current addresses.

IV. **Guidelines for Scheduling Events /Mini-Meetings**

To avoid scheduling conflicts, it was suggested that, as a general rule, there can only be 1 CSPP meeting per weekend. The President Elect maintains the calendar and acts as a gatekeeper to prevent over-booking. If 2 people would like to hold an event on the same weekend, the President Elect initiates a conversation between them, and the first person who suggested a meeting gets priority.

V. **Regional Representatives**

The board debated whether nonmembers can be part of regional study groups. Ann Singer noted that an advantage of opening study groups to nonmembers is that it could help persuade them to join CSPP. Rachel Torello pointed out that study groups are one of the benefits of membership and should therefore be available only to members. Jeffrey Asmar raised the issue of how to spread the ideas of psychoanalysis, particularly in areas like Hartford where he feels that psychoanalysis is dying out.

VI. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 2016 board meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VII. **Joint Conference Committee**

Barbara Marcus updated the board on the WNEPS and CSPP joint conference. There are 93 registrants so far, and the clinical workshops are filling up. The board discussed the division of labor between the 2 organizations, as CSPP bears most of the burden of registration. It was requested that some WNEPS volunteer at the registration table on the day of the conference.

VIII. **Early Career Committee**

Rachel Torello updated the board that there are currently 10 pairs of mentors and mentees. The committee currently needs a Chair to check up on the dyads, pair new dyads, and plan networking events. Dean Leone agreed to be Chair until next Fall.

IX. **Reduced Conference Rate for Board Members**

Rachel Torello posed the question of whether there should be a reduced fee for board members for the clinical conferences. The majority of the board disagreed with this idea. It was suggested that members of the Registration Committee pay $10/conference. The reduced fee for the Registration Committee was moved, seconded, and unanimously decided.

X. **Role of CSPP in Promoting Inclusiveness**

The board spoke about how the NHLC is perceived, given its exclusionary history. The board considered issues around how we represent ourselves to the community and potential members and how we make people feel welcome. Carrie Christensen suggested that we sponsor someone who might not otherwise afford it to go to one of our conferences for free.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned. Motion was seconded, and it was unanimously adjourned.