**March 10th, 2018**

**8:35am-9:55am**

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

Absent: Susanne Weil

**I. Report on Board Retreat**

Rachel Torello updated the group on the board retreat held in February. She thanked those who were able to attend and spoke about the board’s commitment to continue to work productively together.

**II. Vote to Approve Previous Minutes**

Elaine Hunter moved to approve the minutes from the board meeting on January 20th, Ellen Nasper seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. Hartford Region Update**

Ryan Ochoa updated the group on the recent Hartford regional Meet and Greet. As he said, 7 or 8 people had expressed interest in attending, whereas only 2 people showed up. He spoke about how CSPP members in Hartford feel detached from the rest of organization. They have requested more clinical workshops in Hartford, but Ryan discussed the pros and cons, including possible low turnout. The board made suggestions about how to increase member participation in the Hartford region.

**IV. Recap of Attachment Conference**

Ellen Nasper reported on the success of the Attachment Conference held on March 2nd. There were between 250-260 attendees, with another 40 people on the waitlist, and the audience was very diverse in terms of race, socioeconomics, and practice settings. As Ellen said, the speakers were engaging, and they demonstrated the positive and effective work being done in the community. As for the budget, there was a net surplus, and it was suggested that this be donated to the United Way. As a result of the conference, CSPP now has a broader contact list, which means that it can announce its events to a wider community, as well as use the expanded email list to advertise CSPP’s scholarship.

**V. Update on Membership Renewals**

Ashley Clayton updated the board on membership renewals, which is now closed for the year. There are currently 220 active members. 46 people did not renew from last year, some of whom have moved away. Since the last board meeting, 9 new members have joined. More people from Fairfield have been joining, due in large part to Susanne Weil’s efforts as Regional Rep. The board discussed whether to reach out to lapsed members. The group agreed that Nir Yeduhai would put stars on new members’ nametags at the clinical conferences. Ashley agreed to ask new members to write a short bio about themselves, which she’ll then send out in a monthly email to all the membership to introduce the new members. She will also send an email to the board with a list of all the lapsed members, so the board can reach out to these individuals if they choose. Jill Delaney will take the lapsed members off the listserv, and Ashley will send the directory to print.

**VI. Nominating Committee**

Carrie Christensen proposed striking the first clause of CSPP’s Policies and Procedures that states that the President-Elect must have sat on the board for 1 year prior to being nominated. As she said, the Nominating Committee feels that clause is too restrictive. There should be two or more names for each position listed on the ballot, and the committee wants to encourage healthy competition by extended the position of President-Elect to the membership. The group spoke about how the Long Range Planning Committee needs to brainstorm how to encourage more integration between the board and the membership, in order to take more people onto the board. Rachel Torello said that she would announce at today’s conference that they are seeking nominations for the board and that there would then be a follow-up email to the listserv. The call for nominations would be until March 30th. Barbara Marcus suggested granting a waiver for a qualified individual who has not served on the board to be nominated as President-Elect, at the discretion of the Nominating Committee. It was explained that the Nominating Committee solicits nominations from the whole membership and then makes the ballot. The final ballot is then approved by the board. Carrie then withdrew her original proposal, Ellen Nasper seconded the withdrawal, and all approved it. Barbara proposed that the Nominating Committee may request a waiver of the 1-year-requirement of board membership for the position of President-Elect, upon their discretion to formulate the ballot. Jill Delaney moved to approve the proposal, Wendy Sachner seconded the motion, and there was one abstention. The motion was approved.

**VI. Clinical Conference Committee**

Ellen Nasper reported that Steven Kuchuk has withdrawn his request for an increased speaker’s fee and has agreed to speak at CSPP on September 29th, 2018. The other speakers for the 2018-2019 academic year are as follows: December 1st- Mary Jo Gerson, January 26th- Jessica Benjamin, May 4th- Ghislaine Boulanger, and March 16th, 23rd, or 30th- CSPP member presentation TBA.

**VIII. Joint Conference Committee**

Barbara Marcus spoke about the Joint Conference between CSPP and WNEPS, which is scheduled for November 2nd, 2019, from 9:00 until 1:00 or 2:00. The conference will be on narcissism as commonly presented in clinical work, including sociopathic and malignant presentations. Treating narcissism in couples will also be addressed. There will be a panel that will include Otto Kernberg and 2 other analysts.

**IX. Treasurer’s Update**

Jill Delaney informed the board that CSPP’s account has more than $62,000. She reported that she recently received a suspicious email that appeared to be from Rachel Torello but that turned out to be a hoax seeking wired money. She warned board members to be alert to similar hoaxes.

**X. Fairfield County Event Update**

Rachel Torello presented for Susanne Weil, who was absent. On March 25th Dr. Bandy Lee will presenting in Fairfield as part of the Fairfield County Sociopolitical Group. On April 25th there will be a mini meeting entitled “A Case of Traumatic Attachment of a 10-year-old Child and her Mother,” presented by Grete Laine with visiting analyst Pat Walter as discussant.

**XI. Request for Access to Journal Articles**

Dean Leone raised the possibility of CSPP obtaining access to journal articles for its membership. Ellen Nasper suggested charging members an extra fee and having it be a perk of membership.

**XI. Board Transition**

Nir Yeduhai is resigning from the board because he and his wife are having a baby in April. Matthew Brennan will take his places as Registrar.

 **XII. Invitation from WNEPS**

Barbara Marcus informed the board that WNEPS would be sending out a formal invitation for the board to attend a meeting on May 11th with Dorothy Holmes.

Ryan Ochoa moved to adjourn the meeting, Ashley Clayton seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.