

**CSPP Board Meeting
September 29th, 2018
8:30am-9:50am**

In attendance: Carrie Christensen, Rachel Torello, Donna DiCello, Ann Singer, Ashley Clayton, Susanne Weil, Allison Brownlow, Barbara Marcus, Ryan Ochoa, Nancy Sachner, Mary Pioli, Elaine Hunter, Ellen Nasper, Elinor Kotchen, and Matthew Brennan.

Absent: Dean Leone, Wendy Stewart, Jill Delaney

I. Welcome to New Board Members

Donna DiCello, Mary Pioli, and Matt Brennan all recently joined the Board. Carrie Christensen informed the Board that she had accepted Mickey Silverman's resignation as Newsletter Editor. At the Fall Board Retreat the group will discuss how best to recognize Mickey's service.

II. Vote to Approve Previous Minutes

Ryan Ochoa asked to amend to the minutes of the May Board Meeting to indicate that he was not present. It was clarified that the three new board members would not vote on the minutes since they were not in attendance. Nancy Sachner noted the need for an amendment to indicate that Carrie Christensen is chair of the Nominating Committee, not Nancy Sachner. Ellen Nasper moved to approve the minutes, and Elaine Hunter seconded the motion. Ryan Ochoa, Barbara Marcus, and Elinor Kotchen abstained, and the remaining members approved the minutes.

III. Proposed Policy and Procedure Change

Carrie Christensen noted that those board members of Early Career status would be unable to vote on the following proposal because it would directly impact them. Carrie proposed that Early Career members of the Board pay the Student rate for membership and conference fees for the duration of their Board tenure. This measure would help retain board members and alleviate the financial burden for board members to attend conferences. This change would amount to a savings of \$105 per person per academic year. Ellen Nasper moved to vote on the proposal and Nancy Sachner seconded the motion. Ashley Clayton, Mary Pioli, Ryan Ochoa, and Ann Singer abstained. The remaining members approved the motion.

IV. Membership

Mary Pioli pointed out an inconsistency she has encountered in the criteria for membership to CSPP. One of the CSPP bylaws states that members must be licensed or license-eligible (in a field related to psychology or mental health). However, another bylaw stipulates that members have a professional interest in the work that CSPP does. Mary encountered this issue when trying to determine whether a new prospective member could join CSPP who was not licensed or

license-eligible. A discussion ensued about whether it is necessary for members to be licensed or license-eligible and whether an interest in CSPP's work is sufficient. It was suggested that the bylaw about licensing is based on historical precedent. Ellen Nasper agreed to consult with Division 39 to determine whether the licensing requirement is relevant, and the Long Range Planning Committee will discuss this and determine whether to revise and update the bylaws. Elaine Hunter pointed out that changing the bylaws requires a lawyer to present it to the State for approval. She suggested we discuss the issue further at the Fall retreat. The Board agreed that the new prospective member that Mary mentioned will be accepted.

V. Joint Conference

Barbara Marcus updated the Board about the Joint Conference that will be sponsored next Fall by both CSPP and the Western New England Psychoanalytic Society. The Joint Conference Committee is now comprised of Barbara, Angelica Kaner, and Lynn Yonnick, a new member of WNEPS from Great Barrington. As Barbara said, WNEPS has agreed to take more initiative in helping to plan conference. It will take place on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 from 8:30-3:00. The usual conference rates will apply, and WNEPS has sent in a deposit to NHLC. The topic will be on treating sociopathic elements across the spectrum. In the morning Otto Kernberg and two other presenters will speak, with discussions on clinical issues that come up in therapy. The afternoon will consist of small groups, each with one presenter, to discuss in-depth process material. On Friday evening there will be a dinner at someone's home, the cost of which will need to be determined. Donna DiCello agreed to add the event to the CSPP calendar. Elaine Hunter asked Barbara to give her the information to post on the CSPP website and so that she can send out an Eblast about it. Barbara added that CE issues and registration logistics still need to be sorted out, as well as details of the budget. Rachel Torello suggested that as plans become more concrete, Barbara present the budget numbers to the Board.

VI. Distinguished Service Award

Allison Brownlow thanked the Board for the dinner given in her honor, in recognition of her receiving the Distinguished Service Award. In June, she will be retiring from the Board. She offered to help whoever takes her place as New Haven Regional Representative. The Board discussed the need to think more carefully about succession and to consider who will take Allison's place, which is an elected position.

VII. Registrar Report

Matt Brennan reported that 68 people signed up for today's conference, as well as a few more people who signed up after registration was closed. There will be 3 new members in attendance, which will be indicated on their name tags. The Board discussed the importance of welcoming new members.

VIII. University Outreach

Matt Brennan spoke about the need to make a more concerted effort to reach out to local graduate programs to introduce them to CSPP. He suggested forming an ad hoc committee for university outreach. Ryan Ochoa, Ellen Nasper, Elaine Hunter, and Donna DiCello all agreed to be part of this effort. The board discussed presenting short psychodynamic talks to graduate classes, then welcoming the students to CSPP. Barbara Marcus proposed forming an ad hoc committee to make liasons with local graduate programs, Ryan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

IX. Other

Rachel Torello passed out personalized name tags to each board member. Ellen Nasper posed the question of how to draw people from CSPP's general membership into committees. This would help reduce the gap between the Board and the general membership. Ashley Clayton suggested using the listserv to enlist members to join committees in specific cases. Carrie Christensen reported that upon resigning as Newsletter Editor, Mickey Silverman expressed her desire to continue on the Board in some capacity. This will be discussed further at the Board Retreat. At today's conference, Carrie indicated that she would introduce each board member. She also reminded everyone that the Board Retreat would be held on October 20th at Whitneyville Commons on Whitney Avenue. She asked that board members email her any agenda items for that day. As the new Scholarship Committee Chair, Rachel Torello said that she will form a committee amongst general members, including a current scholarship recipient. She requested a budget of \$300 to do an end-of-the-year social event for scholarship awardees. Currently, each committee is allotted \$200. Barbara Marcus thanked Donna DiCello for a lovely event at her house last weekend in honor of Early Career Members. The question was raised of whether Jill Delaney will cut individual checks as needed or cut one check at the start of the year to each Regional Representative. Ellen said that she would announce CSPP's upcoming events at the beginning of today's conference.

Ashley Clayton moved to end the meeting, Elinor Kotchen seconded the motion, and meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Addendum

2018-2019 Beginning Year Committee Reports

E-Communications Committee

Committee--Elaine Hunter (chair), Jill Delaney, Kathryn White.

Concern about Listserve oversight and back up.

Early Career Committee

Committee--Dean Leone & Donna DiCello (chairs), No committee members at this time.

Fall Get-together, Holiday party, Spring Gathering. Budget request \$1200

Fairfield County

Committee--Susanne Weill (chair), Grete Laine, RoseMay Chuley, George Hagman

Grete Laine will oversee the child/adolescent programming.

Rose may Chuley will assist with sociopolitical programming.

George Hagman will handle Film Group and planning clinical workshops.

4 film meetings per year

Sociopolitical group to co-sponsor even with New Haven Region

Planning for a Palestinian activist/analyst, LGBT activist/analyst.

Requesting \$500 budget

Conference Committee

Committee--Ellen Nasper (chair), Mary Daly, George Hagman, Elaine Hunter, Ingi Soliman, Kathryn White

Sept 29 Stephen Kuchuk; Love and Desire in Psychoanalytic Work
Dec 1 Mary Jo Gerson; Couples work
Jan 26 Jessica Benjamin
Mar 16 Ingi Soliman; working with immigrants from Syria
May 4 Ghislaine Boulanger; psychoanalytic consultation to community mental health centers

Eastern CT Region

Ann Singer

4 ongoing peer supervision groups

Hartford Region

Ryan Ochoa

There are no planned activities as of yet, but I have reached out to a few members in the area about having an informal gathering where we can plan future events. That all said, I've been playing with the idea that maybe the region could focus on one aspect of clinical work rather than "keeping it wide open". For example, perhaps the region can focus on having case conferences and lectures based on psychological/neuropsychological assessment.

Registration Committee

Committee—Matt Brennan (chair), Pam Seimon, Adna Linden, Christina Voonasis

Big box full of paper from previous conferences. I'd like to start scanning and go digital with as much of this as possible, so we have better-preserved records over time and it is easier to access and transfer.

card reader?

Long Range Committee

1. idea of an outstanding service membership award
2. why people are leaving the board?
3. how to make cspp more diverse?
4. update p&p
5. on-line voting for elections and board decisions
6. review and clarify membership criteria

Scholarship Committee—in formation, new position

New Haven Region—Not submitted

Newsletter Committee—in formation, new position

Membership Committee—in formation, new position