

Minutes
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Atlanta, GA

K. Lynne Moritz M.D., President and Chair
Robert M. Galatzer-Levy, M.D., Secretary

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the corrected minutes of the January 17 Council meeting were approved unanimously.

Approved the APsaA position statement on patient control over dissemination of computerized records.

Approved the merger of the Institute/Society Libraries Committee with the History and Archives Committee. The new committee to be called the History, Archives and Library Committee.

Approved the change of the name of the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues to the Committee on LGBT Issues (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender).

The Secretary's report was approved.

Regarding the Psychoanalysts Assistance Committees, approved a change in wording from requiring societies to have such committee to strongly recommending that they do.

Gratefully acknowledged receipt of the final report of the Task Force on Research and Science. The sense of the Council is to support this vision; and asked the President to appoint a committee to carry out the recommendation of the report about creating such an organization devoted to psychoanalytic research.

Passed a motion, "The American Psychoanalytic Association wants to emphasize that nothing published in TAP should be understood as meaning that American Psychoanalytic Association in anyway disapproves of or impugns the integrity of the colleagues who do analysis in China or the analyses they are involved in."

Approved the report of the Treasurer.

Approved the report of the Audit Committee.

Approved the proposed bylaws change of the Association's fiscal year.

Referred Article II of the bylaws to the Membership Requirements and Review Committee for consideration was approved.

The report of the Bylaws Committee was approved.

Approved with the support of Council sending the BOPS proposed amendment to remove Article XII, Section 5 from the bylaws to the membership for a bylaws amendment vote.

Approved a motion in support of the Institute's Choice proposed bylaw amendment.

Approved a motion in support of a proposed bylaw to remove Article XII, Section V of the bylaws.

Approved the report of the TF on spring meetings to the effect that the meetings for 2010 and 2011 be held on an experimental basis in cities where we have the greatest attendance in recent years and then make a decision on whether we would continue the meetings. To be considered a success, the following would need to occur: 1) Minimum overall attendance of 1,000 2) Of the 1,000, at least 500 be APsaA members 3) A financial loss of no more than \$115,000 (adjusted for inflation). Prior to signing a hotel contract for either the 2010 or 2011 meeting, project both the anticipated costs of the meeting (based on the hotel's contractual requirement) as well as anticipated revenue (based on the last meeting in that city). If the projected deficit exceeds \$115,000, then a meeting is not held that year.

The report of the Ethics Committee was approved including a minor change to the Ethics Code regarding the protection of records.

Council approved the seven month extension (until the January 2009 meeting) of the terms of the current PEP directors (Bartlett, Levinson, Mosher) whose terms expire at this meeting

The TF to examine the relationship between APsaA and PEP asked for an extension until January 2009; Council approved.

I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS THE SECRETARY

Dr. Moritz called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Dr. Moritz welcomed the Executive Councilors and invited guests. She noted that, because of a very full agenda, the lunch hour would be shorted and the Association would be providing lunch for the Councilors.

II. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

A. ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll and explained the new format for calling the roll. He asked that each member of the Council announce their names. A quorum was present. The following members of Council were present:

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

K. Lynne Moritz, M.D., President and Chairman
Prudence Gourguechon, M.D., President-elect
Warren Procci, M.D., Treasurer
Robert M. Galatzer-Levy, M.D., Secretary

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Jonathan House, M.D., Past Secretary
Calvern Narcisi, M.D. and Myrna Weiss, M.D.
Co-Chairs and Co-Secretaries, BOPS

COUNCILORS - AT - LARGE

Allan Compton, M.D.
Ralph Fishkin, D.O.
Paul Mosher, M.D.
Robert Pyles, M.D.
Mary Scharold, M.D.
Elise W. Snyder, M.D.
Graham Spruiell, M.D.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILORS

Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine (NY)
Jonah Schein, M.D.

Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society
Judy B. Kislak, D.O.
Andrew Furman, M.D. (alt.)

Austin/San Antonio Psychoanalytic Society
No councilor present

Baltimore Washington Center for Psychoanalysis
Diane Daum, M.D. (alt.)

Berkshire Society for Psychoanalysis
Gail S. Reed, Ph.D.

Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Inc.
Stephanie Smith, M.A., LICSW

California Psychoanalytic Society
No councilor present

Chicago Psychoanalytic Society
Neal Spira, M.D.
Caryle Perlman, M.S. (alt.)

Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute and Society
Peter Kotcher, M.D.
Mia Biran, Ph.D. (alt.)

Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center
David Falk, Ph.D.

Dallas Psychoanalytic Center
No councilor present

Denver Psychoanalytic Society
Randolph Pock, M.D.
Ronnie M. Shaw, MS, RN, CS (alt.)

Florida Psychoanalytic Society
Helen Banta, Ph.D.

Greater Kansas City – Topeka Psychoanalytic Center
No councilor present

Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic Society
William Myerson, Ph.D.
Rion Hart, Ph.D. (alt.)

Long Island Psychoanalytic Society
Luba Kessler, M.D.

Michigan Psychoanalytic Society
Barry M. Miller, M.D.

Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society
No councilor present

New Center for Psychoanalysis
Melvin Mandel, M.D.

New Jersey Psychoanalytic Society
Arnold Wilson, Ph.D.

New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center
Lee I. Ascherman, M.D.
Edward F. Foulks, M.D., Ph.D. (alt.)

New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
David Sawyer, M.D.

North Carolina Psychoanalytic Society
David Moore, Ph.D.

Oregon Psychoanalytic Center
Jane Walvoord, L.C.S.W.

Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center
Chester Berschling, M.D.

Psychoanalytic Association of NY, Inc.
Stephanie Alpert, Ph.D.

Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
Barbara Young, M.D. (alt.)

Psychoanalytic Society of New England, East
No councilor present

Psychoanalytic Society of Upstate New York
Russell Denea, M.D.

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Society
Linda L. Gibson, M.D.

San Diego Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Joanne Callan, Ph.D.

San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis
William C. Glover, Ph.D.

Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Sandra Walker, M.D.

Southwest Psychoanalytic Society
Sydney Arkowitz, Ph.D.

Tampa Bay Psychoanalytic Society
No councilor present

Virginia Psychoanalytic Society
Elizabeth B. Lowe, Ph.D., LCSW

Washington Center for Psychoanalysis, Inc.
Richard C. Fritsch, Ph.D.

Western New England Psychoanalytic Society
Marshal Mandelkern, M.D.

Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society
No councilor present

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILORS OF AFFILIATE STUDY GROUP

Nashville Psychoanalytic Study Group
No councilor present

Psychoanalytic Society of Lake Oscawana
No councilor present

Sacramento Valley Study Group
No councilor present

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILORS OF AFFILIATED STUDY GROUP

Birmingham Psychoanalytic Study Group
Lee Ascherman, M.D.

Missoula Psychoanalytic Study Group
No councilor present

Santa Fe Psychoanalytic Study Group
No councilor present

Society of Psychoanalysts of Puerto Rico
No councilor present

Syracuse Psychoanalytic Study Group
No councilor present

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

Mexican Societies
Pablo Cuevas, M.D.

William Alanson White Society
Carol Pepper, Ph.D.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Sheila Hafter Gray, M.D.

B. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Secretary asked for additions and corrections to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of January 17, 2008, which were posted and previously distributed to each Councilor. There was a correction in the Membership Requirements and Review Committee report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

C. PROXIES

The Secretary reported that 722 proxy ballots were received in the National Office for Meeting of Members on Friday, June 20, 2008. Members were reminded that they may vote for the proposed bylaw amendments in person at the Meeting of Members on Friday.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Secretary asked for approval of the Consent Calendar which was distributed and included:

- Approval of APsaA position statement on patient control over dissemination of computerized records
- Approval to merge of the Institute/Society Libraries Committee with the History and Archives Committee. The new committee to be called the History, Archives and Library Committee
- Approval to change the name of the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues to the Committee on LGBT Issues (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Consent Calendar was approved in toto.

E. REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary gave a summary of the report on changes in the Association's membership.

Currently the Association has 3,251 members.

By category, there are:

1,652 Active Members
964 Senior / Life Members
604 Affiliate Members
31 Academic Associates

Over the past 5 months since the January 2008 Meeting, the following changes in membership have occurred:

- 60 Active Members became Senior Members
- 18 members have died
- 50 members have resigned
- 1 member was suspended for non-payment of dues
- 6 Affiliate Members were dropped because they are no longer candidates in training.
- 14 members reinstated their membership
- We gained 41 new Actives and 52 new Affiliates at the Winter 2008 meeting.

Effective at this meeting, we will have the following new members:

- 12 New Affiliate Members
- 13 Affiliate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 1 non-member APsaA graduate will become Active Members
- 4 members of the IPA or IPA institute graduates will become Active Members
- 1 New Academic Associates

In the Spring of 2008, 10 new candidates were reported to the National Office and 7 have accepted Affiliate Membership. Fifty percent of our new spring candidates came from APsaA's associates and fellowship programs. The Affiliate Membership Drive will take place October 15 through November 15.

As of June 6, 2008, the Associates totals are:

Educator Associates: 53

Psychotherapist Associates: 263

Research Associates: 44

Student/Resident Associates: 103

Total of 463

The overall 2008 renewal rate is averaging 72% which is close to 2007's of 74% and higher than 2006. We are retaining a core group of Associates.

F. REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Secretary reported that four IPA members or IPA institute graduates were approved as Active Members, one APsaA institute graduate was approved, and one new Academic Associate was approved.

G. SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND STEERING COMMITTEE

The Secretary summarized the actions of the Executive Committee acting for the Board of Directors between meetings. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

- Approved in principle the request from History and Archives committee to merge with the Society & Institute Libraries Committee.
- Approved a \$9,000 payment to PPSV for the preparation of an amicus brief in the appeal of the Eist case to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Approved \$500 to CGRI with \$100 yearly for secretary help to maintain a database of members' zipcodes where they vote to use in targeting advocacy alerts.
- After receiving the required signatures, the Executive Committee instructed the Secretary to proceed with the Institute Choice proposed bylaw amendment.

Upon motion, the Secretary's report was approved.

III. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Myrna Weiss, Co-Chair/Co-Secretary of the BOPS, reported on the meeting of the BOPS. She emphasized:

- **The Committee on Institutes (COI)** approved seven new training and supervising analysts. These were unanimously agreed upon by BOPS. One waiver for a condensed analysis was requested and approved for the Dallas institute.
- The **Committee on New Training Facilities (CNTF)** requested permission for a partial telephone condensed analysis at the Kansas City Institute. This was approved.
- Dr. Karush for the **Committee on Child and Adolescent Analysis (COCAA)** recommended major revisions in the training standards for Child and Adolescent analysis. These incorporated the changes needed for child-focused treatment. The Institutes will be required to provide an outline of their training programs for discussion with COCAA prior to starting Child-focused training. This was unanimously approved by BOPS. Two applications for geographic rule child and adolescent analysts were requested and granted.
- Dr. Rosenblitt reported from **Certification Advisory Research and Development (CARD)** emphasizing the alternative pathway to certification. After a long and complex discussion a motion was made to approve the CARD report recommending a second path to certification and referring it to the appropriate committees for implementation and evaluation. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of proceeding now with this plan.
- Dr. Holinger of **Certification Examination Committee (CEC)** reported that there were 6 new applicants for Certification and 5 were approved. There were 2 returning applicants and both were approved. Two of the total approved, were in Child. Dr. Holinger also presented to the BOPS innovations in the certification process. These included mentorship starting at the beginning of the application process. Dr. Holinger also emphasized the ongoing work with COI to identify issues with psychoanalytic education.
- Dr. Singer of the **Project for Innovation in Psychoanalytic Education (PIPE)** discussed the report and the response of Institutes. They continue to work on the issue of TA/ SA separation, and continue to work on a wavier system. PIPE also supported the alternative pathway to certification that had originated in that committee.
- Because Dr. Winer was unable to attend, Dr. Narcisi, on his behalf, reported on the **Joint Psychoanalysts Assistance Committee (JPAC)** that some states require that at the first signs of impairment, the person must be reported to their licensing board. Because of this legal dilemma, JPAC recommended that Psychoanalyst Assistance Committees be strongly recommended but no longer required where legal issues prohibit it. They also recommended that each institute understand the legal requirements in their state. It was clarified that this has no influence on the requirements for Ethics Committees.
- Dr. Lansky, of the **Committee on Research and Special Training (CORST)**, suggested a minor change in the wording related to CORST waivers. The motion carried.
- The **Task Force Report on Externalization** was presented by Drs. Mosher and Rosenblitt. BOPS expressed its gratitude and admiration for a thorough and clear report and for the workings of the committee in an open and collegial fashion. Despite the diverse political views of the committee members, after prolonged and in depth immersion with these issues, they were able to reach consensus regarding the feasibility and advisability of externalization. There was a long and careful discussion. A strong recommendation was made that the Executive Council continue the exploration of the issues raised in this report. It was also recommended

that the discussion of the report of the Task Force on Externalization continue within the individual institutes.

- Dr. Reed gave the report from the **Membership Advisory Committee (MAC)**. She discussed the potential Bylaw amendments regarding membership. A very lengthy discussion ensued. Concerns about this potential amendment revolved around the concept of equivalency of training, which is so difficult to define. The other major concern was the lack of the presence of BOPS, the educational arm of the organization, in any effort to evaluate equivalency in training. The possibility of adding BOPS representation was raised. These issues will be re-presented to BOPS for discussion in January.
- BOPS unanimously approved the **proposed bylaw amendment changing the fiscal year** to start on September 1st and to end on August 31st commencing in 2009.
- Dr. Harriet Wolfe of the **Fellowship Program** presented the 12 winners of the Fellowship. These were unanimously approved.
- BOPS unanimously approved a minor revision by the **Ethics Committee** regarding the protection of records.
- **Skype in China**: Dr. Nuetzel reported that in March of 2007, the Coordinating Committee offered the opinion that nothing in the Standards for Certification or immersion would exclude Skype in China. The current BOPS co-chairs initially agreed with this position. However, more recently, issues around confidentiality were raised, in relationship to China. We were asked by Drs. Moritz and Gourguechon to look into this matter. They made it clear that this program was not under the auspices of APsaA. We sought consultation with 3 technical experts, who could not reassure us of the absolute confidentiality of these analyses in China. In accordance with the opinion of the CC, a motion was made that the Board on Professional Standards not give its approval for Certification and immersion for Skype analysis in China from this day forward. This motion carried overwhelmingly.
- BOPS unanimously approved the requested name change of the **Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues** to the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues.
- The last item on the agenda was a two hour discussion of the **Local Option/ Institute Choice proposed bylaw amendment** that was put before us. Dr. Weiss expressed the concerns of herself, Dr. Narcisi and the Coordinating Committee. She felt it was not a good time to raise this issue. She felt that it was less a question about Certification and more a question about where the power for setting standards resides. In one section the Bylaws allow BOPS to set national standards. Local Option would prohibit BOPS from setting one particular standard. She expressed further concerns that this would turn APsaA into a federation of loosely connected institutes. Concerns were raised that the institutes will fight amongst themselves and end up in philosophical splits over the relevance of certification. The major thrust of the concern was that this bylaw would change the locus of control for national educational standards. There was an interesting and in-depth discussion amongst Institute representatives, some of whom supported the bylaw amendment for its ability to give BOPS the freedom and flexibility to respond to individual circumstances within its constituency. In the midst of this complex discussion, a motion was made to recommend to the Executive Council to amend the bylaws by removing Article XII, Section 5 which reads, "Certification Requirement: All Officers and Fellows of the Board, members of the Committees of the Board, and Training and Supervising analysts shall have been certified in accordance with Article XII, Section 2(d) of these bylaws." The removal of this bylaw would give flexibility to BOPS to respond individually to each of the Institutes and their local circumstances. The majority of speakers felt that this was a very important step, and that it was important for this initiative to originate in BOPS. The motion to propose to the Executive Council an amendment deleting Article XII, Section 5 was passed overwhelmingly. We then returned to the topic of the Local Option/ Institute Choice Bylaw amendment. A proposed statement prepared by the Co-Chairs of BOPS in consultation with members of the

Coordinating Committee was distributed. This statement strongly opposed the Local Option Bylaw amendment. In the discussion, it was suggested that this statement be amended to include certain recommendations that came out of the BOPS meeting. It was moved to accept the statement as a framework to be further elaborated by the BOPS co-chairs. This motion was approved overwhelmingly.

IV. REPORT OF THE JOINT PSYCHOANALYST ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Moritz reported on behalf of Dr. Winer. She noted that local conditions in some states make it ill-advised to have a committee. In some states, there is a requirement that any knowledge of an impairment must be reported to the state board. It was suggested that the wording be changed to “highly recommended” instead of “mandatory” to have such a committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, changing the language from “required” to “highly recommended” was unanimously approved.

V. FINAL REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON RESEARCH AND SCIENCE

Drs. Nuetzel and Mayes reported for the Task Force. Dr. Mayes thanked Lynne Moritz for bringing the Task Force together and gave a brief history. Dr. Moritz created the Task Force in September 2007 with the charge to review the Association’s research activities and specifically to recommend strategies whereby the organization might attract more psychoanalytic investigators to both the annual meetings and to the membership.

In the spirit of that charge, members of the Task Force believed that the most effective way to create a facilitative and welcoming organizational environment for this growing pool of young investigators, as well as key senior mentors, would be to develop a new organization – a Psychodynamic Research Society which would be closely linked with the Association, yet have its own governance and membership. This new entity would be established solely for the purpose of facilitating and nurturing psychoanalytically relevant research and research education to trainees and members of the APsaA.

The advantages of such a structure would be to attract young scholars, make clear the commitment to the world APsaA’s willingness to invest in continuing psychoanalysis, and provide for an influx of new ideas. 45 individuals who were surveyed stressed the importance of an autonomous but linked organization. Possible models include sole membership (the way The American Psychoanalytic Foundation had been originally structured), autonomous but linked as in the birthing of a new nation, and autonomous but not linked.

The Task Force asked that the Council endorse the vision of creating the new entity, and to appoint a committee to think through and implement the creation of the Psychodynamic Research Society (PRS).

To promote psychoanalysis, Dr. Gourguechon requested that the group consider changing the name to include “psychoanalysis.” Dr. Mayes responded that the word “psychoanalysis” doesn’t always carry such a welcoming connotation amongst researchers.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, (1) the Executive Council gratefully acknowledged receipt of this superb report of the Task Force and enthusiastically thanked the committee; (2) It was the sense of the Council to support this vision; and (3) that the Executive Council ask the President to appoint a committee to carry out the recommendation of the report about creating such an organization, and to present a proposal by January 2009. All parts of the motion were approved unanimously.

An additional motion made by Dr. Reed that Council thank Stuart Hauser for all his work and send its appreciation and good wishes towards his recovery was also approved.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Council discussed an issue concerning TAP. At the conclusion of the Executive Session the following motion was made:

“The American Psychoanalytic Association wants to emphasize that nothing published in TAP should be understood as meaning that the American Psychoanalytic Association in anyway disapproves of or impugns the integrity of the colleagues who do analysis in China or the analyses they are involved in.”

The motion passed.

VII. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Dr. Procci gave his last report as Treasurer. He noted that the Association’s audited report had been pre-distributed to Council and that, for the first time in many years, the Association had a deficit of \$87,000 in 2007. This was less than the anticipated deficit of \$141,000. As a result of good management and cost containment, expenses came in lower than anticipated. Dr. Procci felt that the Association had probably reached the limit of its ability to utilize that particular skill meaning year-end actual numbers were coming in closer to budgeted numbers.

The 2008 budget projects a \$137,000 deficit. He felt that this should not be the cause of any immediate worry on our part as there is a fair amount of money in reserves that may be utilized. However, going forward –starting with the 2009 budget –we need to be much more careful to recommend and approve a balanced budget.

Dr. Procci provided a brief summary of the Association’s income and expenses over the last six years. Between 2002 and 2007, income for the Association went up by \$737,000 (32%) with membership dues income essentially being flat. During the same time period, expenses went up by \$830,000 (37%). The Association is starting to spend more than is covered by current income.

In 2002, dues income was \$1.35 million and represented 60% of the total income. In 2007, dues income was \$1.36 million and represented 46% of total income. As a good sign, the Association is becoming less dues dependent. However, income has flattened out over the years; subscriptions and annual meetings revenues are flat. He felt we will need to be creative about finding other income sources.

Dr. Procci noted that during the same six year period, we have been able to continue to fund committee activities. In 2002, we spent a total of \$515,000 (22% of operating income) on the activities of the committees and in 2007, \$650, 000 was spent (21% of operating income).

Dr Procci closed by thanking the National Office especially Nerissa Steele-Browne and Dean Stein for their assistance.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Treasurer was approved unanimously.

VIII. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Peter Kotcher, acting chair of the Audit Committee, presented the report. He noted that the committee met by teleconference on March 24th to discuss its role in APsaA. In preparation, the members reviewed descriptions of audit committee functions from Victoria Bjorklund's book, *New York Non-Profit Law and Practice*, and from the *American Society of Association Executives*. The committee decided that it does have an appropriate role in APsaA. The committee developed a mandate and presented it to the Council:

The primary purpose of the Audit Committee ("the committee") shall be to monitor financial activities to prevent the misuse or unlawful use of association funds.

Composition

The committee shall be comprised of three directors, as determined by the Executive Council and shall also include the Treasurer as a non-voting member. These individuals should be free from any relationship that would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment as a member of the Committee. Audit Committee members should possess knowledge and expertise in financial matters and nonprofit accounting, should have an understanding of the Association's finances, and must have the time to devote to effectively serve in this capacity. At least one of the members shall be a financial expert (professional certification, education and/or prior business experience interpreting and analyzing financial statements).

Responsibility

The committee is part of the Executive Council. Its primary function is to assist the Council in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to (1) the audit of the organization's books and records and (2) the system of internal controls that the organization has established. The committee should have a clear understanding with the outside auditors that they must maintain an open and transparent relationship with the committee, and that the ultimate accountability of the outside auditors is to the Executive Council and committee. The committee shall make at least an annual progress report to the Executive Council.

Meetings

The committee is to meet at least once annually with the senior financial staff and/or executive director and the auditor to review the auditor's report.

Attendance

Committee members will strive to be present at all meetings.

Specific duties

In carrying out its oversight responsibilities, the committee will:

- Review with the executive director and outside auditors the organization's accounting and financial reporting controls. Obtain annually in writing from outside auditors a letter regarding the adequacy of such controls.
- Review with the executive director and outside auditors significant accounting and reporting principles, practices, and procedures applied by the organization in preparing its financial statements. Discuss with the outside auditors their judgments about the quality--not just the acceptability--of the organization's accounting principles used in financial reporting.
- Review the scope and general extent of the outside auditors' annual audit. The committee's review should include an explanation from the outside auditors of the factors considered by the accountants in determining the audit scope, including the major risk factors. The outside auditors should confirm to the committee that no limitations have

been placed on the scope or nature of their audit procedures. The committee will review annually with the executive director the fee arrangement with the outside auditors.

- Inquire as to the independence of the outside auditors and obtain from the outside auditors, at least annually, a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the outside auditors and the organization, including other consulting work being performed by the outside auditors for the organization.
- Discuss with the executive director the quality of the organization's financial and accounting personnel. Also, elicit the comments of the executive director regarding the outside auditors' responsiveness.
- Meet with the executive director and the outside auditors to discuss any "material" or "serious" recommendations that the outside auditors may have. Typically, such recommendations will be presented by the outside auditors in the form of a "letter of comments and recommendations" to the committee.
- With input from the executive director, recommend to the board the selection, retention, or termination of the outside auditors.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Audit Committee was approved unanimously.

IX. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATE OF ASSOCIATION'S FISCAL YEAR

Dean Stein reminded the Council that it was suggested at the January 2008 Executive Council meeting that the date of the Association's fiscal year be changed to give the Executive Council a better opportunity to review and approve the next year's budget before the budgeted year begins. The current fiscal year ends December 31.

The way the Association's current fiscal year is structured, January 1-December 31, the Executive Council doesn't have ample opportunity to review the budget for the Association. By the time the budget is being reviewed, we are already into the new year, and have committed or spent funds for some of the expensive activities of the Association such as the January meeting. With a new year-end date of August 31, review of the budget for the following year (beginning September 1) would take place at the spring meeting of Council.

If the Council approves the proposed bylaw amendment, Council would have to pass a resolution at its January 2009 meeting saying, "In the event that the proposed bylaw amendment concerning the Association's fiscal year is passed at the Meeting of Members on January 16, 2009, the Association's fiscal year will be shortened to end on August 31, 2009."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed bylaw to change the Association's fiscal year was approved with one opposed.

X. REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Dr. Clemens reported that the committee had proceeded with a review of the current bylaws to identify anachronisms, internal inconsistencies and inaccurate or confusing statements that should be corrected and brought up to date. So far, the Committee has carefully reviewed Articles 1 through 5 of the bylaws. The review of Article 5 was conducted subsequent to the pre-distributed written report.

The Committee is adhering to the principle of recommending only the minimum necessary changes that would not alter the present operations of the Association. It expects to report its entire analysis to the Council and BOPS in January 2009. If the Council approves the report in principle with any modifications that come out of its deliberations, the Council will be in the

position to authorize the Committee to proceed with developing the detail language with amendments to correct the identified problems.

Dr. Clemens then asked the Council to approve a motion to refer Article II of the Bylaws (concerning membership) to the Membership Requirements and Review Committee to consider modifications recommended by the Committee on Bylaws and report back to the Committee on Bylaws for consideration of their recommendations as the Bylaws Committee prepares its final report in January 2009.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee to refer Article II of the bylaws to the Membership Requirements and Review Committee for consideration was approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Bylaws Committee was approved.

XI. PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Two proposed bylaws amendments were discussed. One "Institute Choice" states that certification may not be used as a national requirement for the appointment of training analysts but individual institutes may continue to require certification for their appointments. Having received adequate signatures this amendment will be voted on at the meeting of members in January 2009. The wording of this amendment has been approved by legal counsel.

BOPS proposed a bylaw amendment and asked Council to put it forward consisting of removing Article XII, Section 5 in its entirety from the bylaws. This would remove the mandatory link between certification and training analysts appointment, service on BOPS committees, and service as BOPS Fellows. The request is an attempt to give BOPS some flexibility and, in BOPS' opinion, would eliminate the need for the proposed local option/Institute Choice bylaw.

Motion to call the question was approved: 27 for; 15 opposed.

- Does it take 2/3 vote to call the question? Yes
- Motion approved to table the decision until after lunch

The Council resumed its discussion of the BOPS proposed bylaw amendment to remove Article XII, Section 5 from the bylaws, as well as the Institute's Choice proposed bylaw amendment.

Paul Mosher moved that the vote on the BOPS proposal be tabled until the end of the debate, but before the vote on the Institute Choice proposal. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion carried.

After the Secretary, responding to a quorum call established that there was a quorum present (45 voting members present) two motions were passed.

After extensive further discussion, a motion duly made and seconded was approved with the support of Council to send the BOPS proposed amendment to remove Article XII, Section 5 from the bylaws to the Membership for a vote - 26 in favor; 14 opposed; 1 abstention.

Council also approved a motion in support of the Institute's Choice proposed bylaw amendment -

25 in favor; 13 opposed; 3 abstentions.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR COUNCILORS ONLY

The Executive Council met in executive session to discuss various issues.

A. Certification Examination Committee – Paul Holinger

Dr. Holinger provided an update on the recommendations made by APsaA's attorney concerning the Association's certification procedure. A full report will be presented at the January 2009 Executive Council meeting.

B. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Elections and nominations for office and the various positions in the Association took place in Executive Session. With the consent of the Council, National Office staff was asked to count the ballots instead of selecting tellers from among the Councilors. This allowed Councilors to participate in the continuing discussions while the ballots were being counted.

The results are as follows:

Nominated for the office of Secretary:

Robert M. Galatzer-Levy
Graham Spruiell

Nominated for the office of Councilor-at-Large:

Lee I. Ascherman
Norman A. Clemens
David I. Falk
Herbert S. Gross
Rion Hart

Elected to the Exploratory Subcommittee of the Nominating Committee:

Allan Compton
Stephanie Smith

Elected to the Committee on Council:

Jonah W. Schein
Arnold Wilson

Elected to the Membership Requirements and Review Committee:

William Glover
Paul Mosher

Elected to the Audit Committee:

Mary L. Scharold

Elected to the new Policy and Procedures Committee:
Thomas Bartlett
Joanne Callan
Russell Denea
Luba Kessler
David Moore
David Sawyer
Sandra Walker

The Executive Council approved the slate of nominees to the JAPA editorial board prepared by the editor:

Eve Caligor
Bertram J. Cohler
Morris N. Eagle
Erik Gann
Volney Gay
Wendy Katz

XIII. REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF JAPA

Dr. Levy reported that the number of submissions with regard to manuscript letters are declining due to several factors. The main one being the decrease in the number of formal psychoanalytic papers which are presented at APsA meetings. Also, the impact of internet blogs are replacing formal scholarly papers. Fewer APsA members are full-time members of academic departments at universities.

He noted that JAPA is receiving more international papers in the field. The JAPA review of books continues to grow under the leadership of Paul Schwaber and Rosemary Balsam.

This JAPA Prize for 2007 will be given to Irwin Rosen for his essay on "Revenge: The Hate that Dare Not Speak Its Name, A Psychoanalytic Perspective."

Dr. Levy noted that JAPA's new publishers, Sage, have been a pleasure to work with and are already beginning to broaden the reach of the journal. JAPA is now online through 1993.

XIV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW

Dr. Galatzer-Levy reported that the MRRC needed additional input from Council regarding its wishes for the development of a bylaw to expand membership. Because the committee felt that the strong opposition to various elements of its most recent proposal, which emanated from at least two groups within the association made passage of that bylaw unlikely. Because the press of time made it apparent that the Council would not have adequate time to discuss these matters Dr. Galatzer-Levy proposed that the MRRC receive Council input through a process on the Council list, which he volunteered to lead.

XV. REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE SPRING MEETINGS

Dr. Procci reported on the recommendations of the Task Force. The Task Force met several times by conference call during which they reviewed data on attendance and revenue for the last several years. The Task Force is acutely aware of the importance of the meeting to many in the Association.

Before presenting the recommendations of the Task Force, Dr. Procci noted that his own personal recommendation would be different from the Task Force recommendation if the attendance data for the current meeting (in Atlanta) was known while the Task Force met.

The recommendation of the Task Force is as follows:

- Hold spring meetings for 2010 and 2011 on an experimental basis.
- Hold the meetings in cities where we have had the greatest attendance in recent years.
- Based on the experience during those two years, we would then make a decision of whether we would continue the meetings.
- In order for the experiment to be considered a success, the following would need to occur:
 - Minimum overall attendance of 1,000
 - Of the 1,000, at least 500 APsaA members
 - A financial loss of no more than \$115,000 (adjusted for inflation)
- The Executive Committee suggested the inclusion of an additional requirement. Prior to signing a hotel contract for either the 2010 or 2011 meeting, project both the anticipated costs of the meeting (based on the hotel's contractual requirement) as well as anticipated revenue (based on the last meeting in that city). If the projected deficit exceeds \$115,000, then a meeting is not held that year.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Task Force's recommendations were unanimously approved.

XVI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Dr. Hart reported that, in the course of the standard review of the Ethics Code by the Committee on Ethics undertaken every year, it became apparent that one section of the Code was outdated. It no longer complies with many state laws and regulations regarding the retention of records. The committee voted unanimously to recommend a change in the Code, Section IV Confidentiality, #4 which states that psychoanalysts should take particular care that patient records and other documents are handled so as to protect patient confidentiality. The Code further states "A psychoanalysts may director an executor to destroy such records and documents after his or her death." The later portion of this statement is problematic with different state laws that regulate how long records must be kept. The Committee recommended the removal of the last sentence so that it reads, "...The psychoanalyst should take particular care that patient records and other documents are handled so as to protect patient confidentiality."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Ethics Committee was unanimously approved.

XVII. PROPOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Mr. Stein reported that, by the end of 2008, all non-profits will be required to have in place a formal conflict of interest policy. A proposed Conflict of Interest Policy was distributed to Council in advance of the meeting for their review.

Mr. Stein noted that it was important to note that conflicts of interests are not necessarily bad. One could have a "good" conflict where a relative of a board member offers a significant discount on his or her services. The important point is that you need to disclose the arrangements. Conflict of interest policies are not necessarily trying to prevent anything.

Rather, they try to disclose any dealings that might be viewed as not at arms-length. A conflict of interest policy provides the mechanisms for board analysis and disclosure. He recommended that, not only should the Executive Council have a conflict of interest policy, but that the Council should adopt a policy whereby board members are required to read the policy annually and be required to sign a disclosure form attesting to the fact that they do or do not have any conflicts of interest.

The Association's legal counsel, Simpson and Thacher, drafted a policy for us and they suggested that the policy first be reviewed by the Executive Committee and then the Executive Council. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the policy earlier.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the policy was approved with one opposed.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND INSURANCE

The report of this committee was reviewed by the Council

XVI. REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON EXTERNALIZATION

Drs. Rosenblitt and Mosher presented the final report of the Task Force. They noted how cooperatively the Task Force had worked together and that the process was transparent and amicable.

They felt that the Task Force carried out its assignment. However, whether or not to externalize the functions of BOPS was still under discussion; members of the Task Force believed that externalization was a feasible idea, but may not be desirable to proceed.

The chairs thanked the Task Force members for their hard work. Dr. Moritz presented certificates to Drs. Mosher and Rosenblitt for their hard work and the Council gave them a round of applause.

As a result of time constraints, it was decided that the Task Force would return for a fuller discussion of the final report at the January 2009 Executive Council meeting.

XIX. REMARKS BY PABLO CUEVAS CORONA, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MEXICAN SOCIETIES

Dr. Pablo Cuevas Corona gave a brief history of the Mexican Societies. He noted that scientific sessions take place four times a year examining themes from classical analysis and child/adolescent analysis to the new ideas and input from Europe mainly England and France. Film sessions are accepted as well as conferences on themes like divorce and children. They are organizing a meeting on post traumatic stress disorder and what happens with terror in practices.

He noted that the International Psychoanalytical Association's Congress will be held in Mexico in July 2011 and he looked forward to the opportunity to host colleagues from the U.S. and Canada.

XX. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL

Dr. Fishkin deferred reporting to Council and will post his report on the council email list for review and discussion. He asked that the Councilors respond on the listserv.

XXI. PEP REPORT

As a PEP Trustee, Dr. Schein gave the PEP report. He indicated that he is one of the two PEP Trustees with Dr. Firestein being the other. Their responsibilities include reviewing the PEP business reports prior to distribution to Council.

He explained that PEP is a joint venture with British Psychoanalytic Society, that there are six directors: three American, three British, and that Nadine Levinson and David Tuckett are the managing directors with Paul Mosher and Alice Brand Bartlett (as well as Nadine Levinson) being the directors from the US. They bring expertise to this vital creative and highly profitable business. Dr. Schein noted:

- the latest version of the PEP Archive (A1 V7) was released in April 2008.
- there are 26 journals on PEP and 84 books including the Standard Edition.
- PEP CD is now largely PEP Web; it generates 90% of the income with 8,000 group subscribers in over 50 groups.
- PEP is in 70 universities and they expect that to double in five years and triple in ten years.
- www.PEP.org is one of the top 65,000 websites worldwide and there are 11,000 searches a day.
- PEP has experienced a 99% renewal rate.

By way of history, Dr. Schein noted that in 1996, APsaA invested \$300,000 to start this venture which was repaid with interest by 1999. As of March 2008, \$575,000 has been donated to APsaA along with payment of \$100,000 in royalties to JAPA.

Income in 2007 compared to 2006 was flat, but expenses were down which allowed for contributions of \$120,000 to APsaA. The expectation for 2008 is a \$120,000 to -\$150,000 contribution.

Dr. Moritz thanked Dr. Schein for his report. She reported that Drs. Schein and Firestein have served two terms as PEP Trustees and their terms expire at this meeting. She noted that Newell Fischer and Leon Hoffman were appointed the new trustees for a two-year term ending June 2010. She also noted that the three APsaA Directors' terms also ended at this meeting. To allow for proper transition, she asked the Council to extend the Directors' terms to January 2009.

Council approved the seven month extension (until the January 2009 meeting) of the terms of the current PEP directors (Bartlett, Levinson, Mosher) whose terms expire at this meeting

The TF to examine the relationship between APsaA and PEP asked for an extension until January 2009; Council approved.

XXII. SUNSETTING OF TASK FORCE

Dr. Moritz present Dr. Gourguechon with a certificate for her work as Chair of the Task Force on Psychoanalysis and Undergraduate Education, and noted that Dr. Gourguechon had been phenomenal in the development of a new education division, and the Task Force was one of the pieces that started it all. The Task Force was discharged at this meeting.

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with applause for Dr. Moritz who announced that this was her last meeting as President. She thanked the Council for their patience, attention, and good will.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Galatzer-Levy, M.D.
Secretary