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#### MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, January 19, 2006

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

New York City

Jon Meyer, M.D., President & Chair  
Prudence Gourguechon, M.D., Secretary

#### 1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Meyer welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:10am. He highlighted several of the items on the agenda including positive news about membership statistics and the Task Force on Expanded Membership Criteria Final Report.

#### 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Dr. Gourguechon

##### A. ROLL CALL

Dr. Gourguechon called the roll. The following members of Council were present:

##### OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

Jon K. Meyer, MD, President and Chair

K. Lynne Moritz, MD, President-Elect

Prudence Gourguechon, MD, Secretary

Warren Procci, MD, Treasurer

##### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (NON-VOTING)

Eric J. Nuetzel, MD, Chair, BOPS

Beth J. Seelig, MD, Secretary, BOPS

##### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (VOTING)

Richard Fox, MD, Past President

##### COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE

Nancy Kulish, Ph.D.

Richard Lightbody, M.D.

Paul Mosher, M.D.

Malkah T. Notman, M.D.

Robert Pyles, M.D.

Mary Scharold, M.D.

Beth J. Seelig, M.D.

COUNCILORS (ALTERNATES)

Lila J. Kalinich, M.D.  
(Jonah Schein, M.D.)

Judy B. Kisla, D.O.  
(Andrew Furman, M.D.)

Teresa Cochran, Ph.D.

Gail Reed, Ph.D.  
(Robin Renders, Ph.D.)

Stephanie Smith, M.A., LICSW

Sharon Zalusky, Ph.D.

Steven A. Flagel, M.D.  
  
(Ann Wierwille, M.D.)

David Falk, Ph.D.

Myron Lazar, Ph.D.

Arthur D. Garfein, M.D.

Helen Banta, Ph.D.

Eric Kulick, M.D.

Rion Hart, Ph.D.

Luba Kessler, M.D.

A. Michele Morgan, M.D.

(Steven Clarke, M.D.)  
Peter Grant, Ph.D. (no vote)

SOCIETY

Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine  
(New York)

Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society

Baltimore Washington Center for  
Psychoanalysis

Berkshire Society for Psychoanalysis

Boston Psychoanalytic  
Society and Institute

California Psychoanalytic Society

Chicago Psychoanalytic Society

Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute and  
Society

Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center

Dallas Psychoanalytic Society

Denver Psychoanalytic Society

Florida Psychoanalytic Society

Greater Kansas City Psychoanalytic  
Society

Houston-Galveston Psychoanalytic  
Society

Long Island Psychoanalytic Society

Michigan Psychoanalytic  
Society

Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society

Maimon Leavitt, M.D. (Jeffrey Seitelman, M.D., Ph.D.)	New Center for Psychoanalysis
Henry Kaminer, M.D.	New Jersey Psychoanalytic Society
Lee I. Ascherman, M.D. (Marilyn Skinner, M.D.)	New Orleans Psychoanalytic Society
Leon Kupferstein, M.D.	New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Paul Brinich, Ph.D.	North Carolina Psychoanalytic Society
Ralph Beaumont, M.D.	Oregon Psychoanalytic Society
Chester Berschling, M.D.	Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Barbara Deutsch, M.D.	Psychoanalytic Association of New York
Ralph Fishkin, D.O. (Barbara Young, M.D.)	Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
Graham Spruiell, M.D. (J. Matson Ellis, M.D.)	Psychoanalytic Society of New England, East
(Carol A. Munschauer, Ph.D.)	Psychoanalytic Society of Upstate New York
Sylvia Ginsparg, Ph.D.	St. Louis Psychoanalytic Society
Joanne Callan, Ph.D.	San Diego Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
William C. Glover, Ph.D. (Mary Susan Hansen, M.D.)	San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and Society
Michael Gundle, M.D. (Sandra Walker, M.D.)	Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Sydney Arkowitz, Ph.D.	Southwest Psychoanalytic Society
Norman Camp, M.D. (no vote)	Virginia Psychoanalytic Society

Karyne E. Messina, Ed.D.  
(Richard C. Fritsch, Ph.D.)

Washington Psychoanalytic Society

Joan Wexler, M.S.W.  
(Eric Millman, M.D.)

Western New England Psychoanalytic  
Society

Virginia Linabury, M.D.

Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society

COUNCILORS

Lee Ascherman, M.D.  
(Fred Griffin, M.D.)

STUDY GROUP (NON-VOTING)

Birmingham Psychoanalytic Study  
Group

Fred Griffin, M.D.

Missoula Psychoanalytic Study Group

George Sagi, M.D.

Psychoanalytic Study Group of Lake  
Oscawana

Katherine Fraser, D.M.H.

Sacramento Valley Study Group

COUNCILOR

Nora Hinojosa, M.D.

MEXICAN SOCIETY (NON-VOTING)

Monterrey (Mexico) Psychoanalytic Society,  
for the Mexican Societies

PARLIAMENTARIAN

George W. Roark, MD

B. Approval of Minutes of 94th Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the Executive Council meeting of June 9, 2005, were distributed to all Councilors and to the Association list via email. Dr. Mosher requested that the minutes be corrected to include more specifics omitted from the report of the proceedings in section Q. The Minutes were so corrected and posted as corrected. There being no further corrections, the Minutes were approved.

C. Consent Calendar

Dr. Gourguechon read the items listed on the Consent Calendar for approval in toto with the Secretary's report. Dr. Paul Mosher requested that the Approval of the Syracuse Affiliated Study Group (Item 2) be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion. A motion to approve items 1, 3-6 on the Consent Calendar was passed. The items approved on the Consent Calendar were as follows:

1. Approval of Seating of Affiliated Study Group

Non-Member Representatives as Non-Voting Delegates to Council

3. Approval of Non-Members to receive the Edith Sabshin Teaching Award for teaching non-candidates, recommended by the subcommittee that reviews submissions to the award.
4. Approval of the Change of the Name of Student Associates Committee to the Student and Resident Associates Committee
5. Approval of the Removal of the South Carolina Psychoanalytic Study Group which was requested by that group
6. The Executive Council, as the Board of Directors, affirms the Executive Committee as serving the Association in that capacity for 2006.

#### DISCUSSION RE ITEM 2 OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

Dr. Mosher pointed out that the Syracuse Affiliated Study Group was located geographically in the middle of the territory that the Upstate NY Society encompasses, i.e. all of upstate New York. Does that study group intend to affiliate with the UNY society? Dr. Mosher did not object to the establishment of the study group; however, he did not understand what the relationship of the study group would be to the UNY society. UNY society has been struggling for a long time and it would be a good idea for Syracuse to work with UNY society to try to strengthen psychoanalysis across the state, Dr. Mosher stated. Otherwise, it would have a negative effect on UNY society.

Dr. Jon Meyer defined the make-up of an Affiliated Study Group, and outlined the process that the group has taken so far in becoming recognized. Dr. Gourguechon reminded the Councilors that they have been approving the development of the study group for at least three meetings with discussions in consideration of these geographical issues along the way. This is just the final step in the process. The problem with UNY as a society is that it covers a vast region, and some people in the area feel that their needs would be best met by a local society located in particular city. They have every intention of liaison and cooperative efforts with UNY society, but they do want to have an autonomous group focusing on Syracuse.

#### Selection of Tellers

Drs. Joanne Callan, Ralph Fishkin, Barbara Deutsch, Mary Susan Hansen, James Miller, and Stevie Smith were selected to act as tellers during Executive Session of the Council at 1:30 in the afternoon.

#### D. Membership Update

Dr. Gourguechon gave the membership report. Currently the Association has 3,286 members and membership has remained relatively stable since January 2004. By category, there are:

1,719 Active Members  
902 Senior/Life Members  
637 Affiliate Members  
28 Academic Associates

The 5-year trend continues to indicate that our Senior/Life members are increasing while our Affiliate Members (candidates) are decreasing. However, over the past year Affiliate membership has remained steady and we will gain 107 new Affiliates at this meeting – the highest amount since 2000.

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

- 107 New Affiliate Members (largest number since 2000. Twenty-two were former associates, and five former fellows)
- 63 Affiliate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 2 non-member APsaA graduates will become Active Members
- 10 members of the IPA will become Active Members
- 1 New Academic Associate

In the Fall of 2005, 119 new candidates were reported to the National Office and 90 accepted Affiliate Membership or 76%. This is the highest number since December 2000. Our Affiliate Membership Drive was held from October 14 through November 15. We plan to continue a membership campaign each fall. In addition, efforts will be made to continue the involvement of institute faculty and administrators in encouraging new candidates to join the Association.

#### ASSOCIATE CATEGORIES

At the end of 2005, we had an overall increase of 24 Associates from 2004's total.

The 2005 year-end totals of Associates are:

Educator Associates: 56  
Psychotherapist Associates: 347  
Research Associates: 50  
Student/Resident Associates: 190 - the highest number since the inception of the program  
Total of 643 (the number of Associates has doubled since 2000 and this year's number represents a five year high)

#### E. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee and Steering Committee Meetings

Dr. Gourguechon reported that the actions of the Executive Committee since June 2005 through November 25, 2005 were pre-distributed in a written Secretary's

report. Actions that occurred after November 25 were presented in a second Secretary's report and announced verbally. The full report is presented below:

1. New Funding: The Executive Committee gratefully acknowledged a \$70,000 contribution from the PEP project, as well as over \$77,000 from the Cigna portion of the RICO settlement.

2. Continuing Education: The Executive Committee determined that the day to day administration of matters related to granting continuing education credits should be moved to the National Office to better coordinate communication with members and administrators. Mr. Stein and Dr. Gourguechon met with the AMA, which grants Continuing Medical Education credits, and arrived at a successful outcome, assuring our psychiatrist candidates of full CME credit for their training hours.

3. APsaA-CIPS Liaison: Drs. Meyer and Moritz have appointed APsaA members to a liaison committee with CIPS.

4. Oral History Workshop Tapes: The Executive Committee concurred with a recommendation that a collection of audio tapes of the Oral History Workshops sponsored by the Committee on History and Archives should be archived at the Diethelm Library at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York.

5. Access to Members' Section of the Website and Fate of Print Roster: The Executive Committee reconsidered the issue of a print roster, which a number of members have requested, and once again concluded that a large printing of a hard copy roster was not advisable. The reasons include substantial cost (approximately \$30,000 for one edition) and the fact that the roster is out of date as soon as it is printed. An up to date roster is always available on the Members' Section of the Website. However, it was acknowledged that many members find it difficult to access the Members' Section. Accordingly, efforts to make access easier were endorsed. User-friendly instructions will be publicized frequently. Also, a geographical listing of members will be added. Finally, any member who wishes to obtain a print roster can order one from the National Office for \$30.

6. Freud's 150th Birthday Celebration: Plans were approved to mark this major anniversary. One event APsaA is co-sponsoring is a lecture and exhibit with Mark Solms and Oliver Sachs.

7. Task Force on Re-Organization: The Executive Committee approved out-of-cycle funding for a September, 2005, retreat for the Task Force in the amount of \$13,000-\$15,000. \$15,000 had previously been allocated for this Task Force to use a consultant, and these funds were not used. Dr. Robert Pyles was appointed to the Task Force to replace Dr. Paul Mosher, who requested to be excused from service on that body.

8. Award Presentation: The Executive Committee agreed with Dr. Meyer's recommendation that Honorary Membership and Distinguished Service awards presentations be moved to the President's Reception.
9. Follow-up on Membership Dues Issues: The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director, Dean Stein, to continue to be the individual designated to talk to members about dues issues.
10. Eist Case: Dr. Pyles requested that APsaA make a \$5000 contribution to the Harold Eist case legal fund using RICO suit funds that APsaA has received. The expenditure was approved.
11. Publicity of Practice Guidelines: The Executive Committee agreed that practice guidelines should be on the open, public section of our website.
12. California Licensing Law Effort: Drs. Meyers, Moritz and Procci participated in the meetings of a new group interested in forming a political coalition in California. The new group is known as CAPsaC,
13. Hurricane Relief: Drs. Meyer, Moritz and Seelig helped coordinate the Association's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The Executive Committee endorsed a two phase response. First, publicizing a fund for immediate member donation to the Red Cross or other similar organizations. The second phase was developing mechanisms to respond to the individual needs of members. The officers gratefully acknowledged the efforts of IPA leadership in enlisting contributions from psychoanalyst world wide.
14. Publicizing Curricula: The Executive Committee was enthusiastic about the idea of posting course curricula on the website, in the institute section of the members section. Dr. Nuetzel will coordinate the effort.
15. State Legislative Initiatives and the Consortium:  
The Executive Committee was delighted that members of our consortium partner organizations will accept appointments to our Task Force on State Licensing Issues as full members of our Task Force. This marks a new level of collaborative effort within the Consortium.
16. Issuing Statements on behalf of APsaA: The Executive Committee agreed that any committee of APsaA issuing a statement representing the Association will need to clear that statement with the Executive Committee. If major policy issues are involved the Executive Committee will bring the issue before Council and seek advice from BOPS.
17. Bylaw Amendment Opinions with Ballot Mailing: Dr. Judith Schachter requested that the Executive Committee include a "pro" statement written by the proponents of the bylaw amendment regarding certification with the ballot mailing. The Executive



Committee was divided on the issue; however, the majority advocated following precedent and tradition, which allows the inclusion of a summary of the Council discussion regarding the amendment, including both pro and con points. There is no tradition of or precedent for including a “pro” statement in the mailing. It was felt this policy can be referred to Council for its consideration.

18. Treasurer’s Report and 2006 Budget: The Executive Committee recommends that the Council approve the proposed 2006 budget. This proposed budget includes a deficit but it was felt to be modest and manageable.

19. Fundraising: Dean Stein was asked to develop a preliminary development plan designed in stages regarding what fundraising goals can realistically be accomplished in 2006 and 2007.

20. SOFAR Project: The Steering Committee endorsed APsaA’s helping the SOFAR project export its excellent Boston-based pilot project (designed to offer mental health services to families of servicemen serving in the Reserves or National Guard in Iraq and Afghanistan) to other parts of the U.S. It was felt that a presentation to the Council of Society Presidents and a letter from Dr. Meyer would be good mechanisms to disseminate information about the program.

21. Business Interruption Insurance: In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and its disastrous consequences for the practices of members that were affected, the Executive Committee asked Dean Stein to look into the possibility of the Association offering the members Business Interruption Insurance. Unfortunately, an affordable product does not appear to be available.

22. Editorial Decisions regarding TAP Articles: The Executive Committee decided it was important to implement a new TAP policy which would communicate to every author that articles are subject to editorial review by the editorial board and may also be subject to delay. The Editor was asked to develop such a policy statement and arrange to send such a notice to every author who is asked to write something for the newsletter.

23. Meetings of APsaA: The Executive Committee discussed various problems related to our having two scientific meetings per year, but felt a decision on this matter should be postponed until after the reorganization process.

24. APsaA Position on Opposing Torture: In response to members’ initiative, the Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the McCain bill opposing torture. It was determined that the most effective way to have an impact was for our federal lobbyist Jim Pyles to craft a letter in such a way as to have a maximum impact on Capital Hill and advise us as to its distribution.

25. CGRI Request for \$10,000: The Executive Committee approved a request from the Committee on Government Relations and Insurance for \$10,000 (to be obtained from the escrow funds obtained from RICO settlements) for lobbying efforts beyond the scope of the retainer paid our lobbyist.

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Joanne Callan enquired how and if the RICO funds are earmarked in any way, Dr. Meyer stated that the funds are donated -- contribution made by APsaA members for advocacy purposes—and then placed in an escrow fund attached to CGRI. Use of these funds are dependent upon approval by the Executive Committee representing the BOD. They are budgeted funds and come out of APsaA funds which are tracked.

26. Approval of change in employee benefits

The Executive Committee unanimously approved changes in the retirement plan offered to new employees which will modernize our benefits package and make APsaA employment more attractive to young workers.

27. Request from Administrators for bylaw mailings

A number of institute/society administrators have requested copies of bylaw mailings. The Executive Committee felt this would not be a problem as long as the ballot was marked VOID before mailing out.

28. Waiving of fees for colleagues affected by Hurricane Katrina

The Executive Committee approved a recommendation that the following dues and fees be waived for this calendar year for colleagues affected by Hurricane Katrina: society fees to APsaA, members dues, meeting attendance fees.

30. Additional payment to Jim Pyles

A request for an additional \$5,000 payment to Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville for additional work by Jim Pyles on the Citizens for Health case was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee, the funds to be drawn from the RICO settlement funds.

31. Grant Proposal to Physicians' Foundation for Excellence in Practice

The Executive Committee decided to endorse, on behalf of APsaA, a program focused on analysts helping physicians deal with their personal experiences and relationships with patients as a grant proposal to the PFEP foundation, which is the recipient of funds from some of the RICO settlements. Prudy Gourguechon will approach Fred Griffin, who has initiated several projects in this area, to see if he would be interested in spearheading such an effort.

32. Agenda Complaint

The Executive Committee reviewed a complaint about the provisional agenda for the Council Meeting. The complaint was that there was too great a preponderance of ceremonial speeches and insufficient time for discussion. The review revealed

that several errors had been made and that an adjusted agenda, with contents as intended, did provide a great deal of time for discussion of important issues.

### 33. Timing of APsaA Meeting

The Executive Committee reaffirmed that it is not possible to schedule the APsaA spring meeting in conjunction with the American Psychiatric Association Meeting. (A member has requested by proxy that this be raised again at the meeting of members under New Business. Such a matter cannot be raised in this fashion, therefore it was discussed by the Executive Committee). Our bylaws state that the APsaA meeting should be scheduled in conjunction with the APA meeting when feasible. There are several reasons this may no longer be desirable (including the fact that APsaA is much more now a multi-disciplinary group) but, in any case, it is not possible because the forward expansion of APA meeting times to accommodate pharmaceutical company sponsored forums has made meeting space unavailable to us in the APA conference cities.

#### DISCUSSION:

Dr. Mosher stated that this situation has been going on now for a number of years. It does relate to a provision in our bylaws which is now inaccurate. Wouldn't it be reasonable at this point to propose a simple amendment to our bylaws to delete that phrase from the bylaws and put this to rest?

Dr. Gourguechon responded that in her my opinion it would not be wise or necessary. The cost of even a simple amendment is as high as \$10K. It is not necessary to have an amendment since the bylaws state "when feasible or possible". We are still in compliance with our bylaws when we do not schedule our meeting in conjunction with the APA because it is not feasible or possible with current conditions.

### 34. Development Plan

The Executive Committee approved an initial phase of a development plan for the organization, following Dean Stein's recommendations.

### 35. New Candidate Membership Drive

The Executive Committee agreed that it would be valuable to repeat the new candidate membership drive next October with some modifications.

### 36. Race Issues within Psychoanalysis

Following a rewarding discussion with Michelle Morgan, the chair of the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity, the Executive Committee asked Dr. Morgan and CORED to return to us with an action plan directed at addressing issues of race and minority participation in psychoanalysis, both from the trainee and patient point of view. The Executive Committee also agreed to Dr. Morgan's request that questions about race be included in the next Practice Survey.

### 37. Society of Psychoanalysts of Puerto Rico

The Society of Psychoanalysts of Puerto Rico has not paid its affiliation fees since 1995. Attempts to get in touch with the study group have been unsuccessful. Dr. Lila Kalinich volunteered to visit the society while in Puerto Rico, and report back to the Council regarding the Study Group's status and wishes and ability to pay their affiliation fees.

A motion to approve the report of the Secretary was seconded and passed.

### 3. Election Results

The results of the Fall Elections were as follows:

For the Office of President-elect: Prudence Gourguechon, M.D. (elected);

For the Office of Councilor-at-Large: Elise W. Snyder, M.D. (elected), Robert L. Tyson, M.D. (elected).

Dr. Meyer thanked the candidates (Gourguechon, Procci, Snyder, Tyson, Fishkin and Walker) for running a clean campaign, and congratulated all who ran and who were elected to office. The change in offices takes place at the end of the Meeting in June. Councilors will be asked during Executive Session to elect a successor to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Gourguechon as Secretary

### 4. Summary of Meeting of the Board on Professional Standards – Dr. Seelig

A. COI: Dr. Myrna Weiss reported that the NYU, St. Louis, and Baltimore-Washington site visit reports are complete. The UNC-Duke and Chicago Site Visits took place this fall. The Baltimore-Washington and UNC-Duke (now renamed the Institute of the Carolinas) site visits were the first ones to have a representative of CORE. There will be a site visit to the Dallas institute this spring. A written acceptance by the Philadelphia EC for the mini visit in the fall of 2006 has been received. The site visit scheduled for 2007 for New Orleans may still take place as scheduled and be designed to be helpful to NOPC. The COI has been discussing issues regarding distance learning. There was a continuation of discussion of the TA system in the Workshop for Institute Directors and EC Chairs. 12 applications for TA/SA were presented to the BOPS and approved. The BOPS approved a request by the directors of the three APsaA Institutes in New York Columbia, NYU, and New York to be able to have the ability to appoint GR/TA/SA's among themselves without a national application. They will inform COI/BOPS of their decisions at each of the national meetings. The BOPS approved making 2 small changes in the wording of the standards document to enable APsaA certified graduates from IPA Institutes to be eligible to be processed through an APsaA Institute to become TA/SA's in adult and child analysis. It has now been clarified that psychiatrist candidates are eligible to receive hour for hour CME credit for their classes if the institutes follow the detailed procedures that the ACME requires. The National Office will be providing institutes with detailed information on necessary procedures and record keeping. CME will henceforth be handled through the Central Office.

B. PIPE - Dr. Singer informed the BOPS that PIPE was continuing its study of the TA system.

C. CNTF—Dr. Bernstein reported that 4 GRSA's were approved and one application for TA/SA was approved.

D. COCAA: Dr. Phyllis Tyson reported that there were 4 appointments as CASA and 1 as GRCASA approved. Dr. Tyson requested and the BOPS approved unanimously a change in the standards documents to change the wording on page 22 to require an aggregate minimum number of supervisory hours of 150 hours for graduation in child analysis. Dr. Tyson informed the BOPS that there are discussions about a possible new collaborative child analytic program between New Orleans, Birmingham, and Emory Atlanta. Dr. Tyson told the BOPS that there is now a new COCAA guidebook that will be sent to the institutes.

E. Certification Examination Committee – Dr. Kirsten Dahl reported that there were 25 applicants – the largest number of applicants for certification since 2001. 14 applicants were certified. Of the 18 first time applicants, 50% were certified and of the 7 continuing applicants, 71% were certified.

F. Certification Advisory Research and Development Committee – Dr. Cal Narcisi reported that the committee reviewed information sent to new applicants and new examiners. The committee will be implementing Phase III of the reliability study – applying the instrument to clinical case write-ups. Dr. Narcisi thanked Dr. Hauser and CORE for the assistance with this study. He said that CARD wants to determine why only 50% of APsaA graduates apply for certification and to improve this percentage. CARD is now devoting a lot of attention to how to study and improve the interview portion of the examination.

G. CORE: Drs. Emde and Hauser reiterated CORE's goal which is to enhance research and scholarship. The CORE chairs have had very positive experiences being part of site visit teams. They are doing advisory work with respect to certification – the phase 3 study-- as well as the 2 child analysis research projects. Dr. Hauser stressed the importance of a pervasive influence of research and scholarship as a part of the reorganization and he commented that he and Dr. Emde would never have predicted that the push for the research and scholarship would have come from the BOPS side but it has. They hope that the reorganization will consolidate the science activities in the organization into 1 division.

H. The TF on Reorganization: the report was presented by Stephanie Smith and Bob Galatzer-Levy. Dr. Galatzer-Levy stressed that if we do not as an organization decide how to proceed we will spend the next 10 years struggling with each other and not accomplish the work we need to do in the world. There was extensive and lively discussion. There was support in the BOPS for including a statement about the importance of research and scholarship as well as distress that there was not a division on research and scholarship in the TF report. There was sentiment expressed

in the BOPS for complete externalization of the BOPS functions. There was support for a strong relatively small BOD that will strengthen the organization and make it more responsive to membership. The hope was expressed that we as an organization can get past these preoccupying debates that sap our energies so that we can move forward together and focus on the real challenges psychoanalysis has to face in the external world. The BOPS took no formal action on the report.

I. The APsaA Statement Against Torture was presented by Dr. Meyer. There was discussion and there was a strong sentiment in the BOPS to make it part of the Association's ethics code that it is unethical for psychoanalysts to participate in torture.

J. Dr. Nuetzel announced the composition of the nominating committee with the charge to identify at least two individual to run for the next BOPS chair: Beth Seelig, Bonnie Buchele, Ron Benson, J. David Miller, and Tom Campbell. Later in the meeting, Dr. Nuetzel indicated that he has selected Dr. Seelig to chair the nominating committee.

K. CAFI: Dr. Benson reported on the progress of the interactions with the William Alanson White Institute, the American Institute for Psychoanalysis (the Horney), and the Carter-Jenkins Institute in Tampa. Dr. Jay Kwawer attended the BOPS meeting as liaison representative from the WAW and there was a meeting with CAFI and representatives of the White Institute at this meeting. Dr. Benson was pleased to report that there was a consensus at that meeting that the WAW and APsaA are ready to participate in a collaborative relationship. Dr. Benson went on to report regarding the Carter-Jenkins Institute that this institute which has faculty and candidates in a variety of geographic areas and which functions by distance learning is actually a fairly young institute. The ongoing work with Carter-Jenkins will henceforth take place within CNTF instead of CAFI.

L. BOPS Finance Committee: Dr. Benson stated that in 2006, the total requests were in excess of available income. It was necessary to decrease the committee budgets. In 2005, BOPS had an unusually low level of expenses mostly because of postponed site visits. It was possible to reduce expenses and continue all essential activities of the BOPS. Dr. Benson stressed that the BOPS committee expenses are only a small part of the Association's budget. Dr. Nuetzel commented that it is impressive we do so much with so little.

M. Dr. Wolfe made the report of the TF on Expanded Membership Criteria. After discussion, the BOPS voted to accept the report.

#### 4. Report of the Treasurer – Dr. Procci

Dr. Procci gave an update of the finances for 2005. The final figures are not yet available, but will be coming in the next several months after the audit report. We anticipated a deficit of \$105,000 based on certain unusual expenses or projects. However, 2005 will likely end with an operating budget surplus of approximately

\$150,000. This was a result of broad-based savings which suggest that we've become more efficient and careful under Dean Stein's administration. Income was a little higher than anticipated, and expenses overall lower than anticipated.

For 2006, we are anticipating an operating deficit of approximately \$139,000. Dr. Procci felt that, with the kind of management of expenses that has been apparent during the last few years, 2006 would most likely end with a deficit considerably lower than \$139,000 or a balanced ledger. He noted that the Association has reserve funds that can be drawn upon in the event of a small deficit. Dr. Procci also noted that the written Treasurer's report breaks out expenses by committee and by functions of the organization. One line item built in to the 2006 budget is a \$25,000 contingency for unexpected expenses. An additional \$26,000 has been allocated to the Program Committee.

Since 1999, operating income has been slowly rising each year and, as a result, the Association has been able to operate with a slightly larger budget each year.

Dr. Procci reported that the Association's invested assets have been increasing at a steady rate. He noted that a new addition to the invested assets in 2005 was \$579,000 from the American Psychoanalytic Foundation which merged into the Association. Dr. Procci reported on the actual and budgeted cost of the Task Force on Reorganization. He thought it was premature to provide estimates of the cost to implement the Task Force's recommendations. Actual expenditures include \$31,000 for 2004, \$41,000 for 2005. Additionally, \$34,000 is budgeted for 2006 with no anticipated expenses after June 2006.

Dr. Procci also reported what the Association has spent in recent years on proposed bylaws. Including legal fees, the four proposed bylaws during the time period 2001 through 2004 have cost the Association \$19,000; \$11,000, \$12,700, and \$7,200.

After some discussion, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the 2006 budget was unanimously approved.

5. Final Report of the Task Force on Expanded Membership Criteria – Dr. Harriet Wolfe  
Dr. Harriet Wolfe presented the final report and recommendations of the Task Force on Expanded Membership Criteria (TFEMC). She expressed hope that the TFEMC report will enable the Council's Membership Requirements & Review Committee to proceed to the development of a bylaw proposal. The TFEMC was charged with considering how APsaA could expand and enhance membership criteria for individuals who did not train at an APsaA or IPA institute.

There were several issues the group unanimously agreed upon:

- 1) An equivalency model combined with sponsorship letters offers the Association the best immediate method for accepting new members who have trained outside APsaA- or IPA-accredited institutes
- 2) Criteria should be based on an applicant's psychoanalytic training rather than on an assessment of current clinical competence

- 3) Training criteria for membership should include a personal analysis, course work covering psychoanalytic theory and technique, experience conducting analysis under supervision and evidence of personal integrity and ethical practice
- 4) Letters of support both from supervisors and sponsors who are active members from APsaA would be part of an application. Specific guidelines will be written for sponsorship letters from APsaA members.
- 5) An appeal procedure will be available

Beyond these points of agreement, the TFEMC diverged and ultimately produced two proposals. Proposal A asks for documentation of training in all its aspects but leaves the numbers open. Proposal B seeks to spell out numerical thresholds of immersion that APsaA is familiar with and thereby becomes a method of safeguarding what we know to be excellent.

Dr. Wolfe said it became clear that equivalency was being defined in two ways. One definition is “similar though not the same” and the other is “same as”. Determining how much specificity should go into a bylaw proposal and how much should remain in a procedural document will be up to the MRRC. One possibility is a general approach in the bylaws and specific numerical levels in the procedures, which must be objective and available for scrutiny by applicants as well as current members.

The report was received with applause. Dr. Meyer reminded the Council that the report was the final report of the TFEMC, and that the Task Force would be discharged with thanks after the meeting. A motion to accept the TFEMC report was approved unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION:

Dr. Mosher commended Dr. Wolfe as chair, and noted that the report contained the views of both groups without any attempt to suppress the views of the minority. With regards to membership, as a professional organization, a psychoanalyst was qualified to join this organization based on being trained in psychoanalysis. The problem with Proposal B is that it expresses numeric criteria so that the number of people that might be potentially eligible to apply would be so small that it would be hardly worth the cost of enacting a bylaw to make them eligible.

Dr. Nuetzel also thanked Dr. Wolfe and the TFEMC for its report. He noted that there was not any kind of unanimity expressed about either Proposal A or B at the BOPS meeting yesterday. There were a wide range of views. BOPS did not take a specific position, but rather endorsed the report to let things get worked out by the MRRC.

6. Report of the Membership Requirements and Review Committee – Dr. Gourguechon  
Dr. Gourguechon reported as Secretary of the MRRC. The committee is waiting for the results of the proposed bylaw amendment to determine whether those who graduate from, but may not be current members of an IPA society, may become members of APsaA.



The committee approved 13 new members: one Academic Associate, two APsaA graduates who were not Affiliate members, and ten IPA society members. APsaA's Education and Membership Services Director, Debbie Steinke, reported to the committee about two contacts she had with analysts who were interested in joining APsaA in some capacity, but were not APsaA or IPA trained. She was concerned because all she could offer them was Psychotherapist Associate. The committee discussed the TFEMC report. No conclusion regarding the report was reached, but moved towards the MRRC working on a bylaw proposal.

7. Report of Task Force on Reorganization – Dr. Galatzer-Levy and Stevie Smith  
Stephanie Smith began the presentation by stating that the report was a draft, and that the TFoR would like to use the meeting to gather as much feedback as possible. An open meeting would be held from 2-4pm on Friday, January 20th. She underlined that fact that the TFoR sought something that was good and flexible enough to facilitate change over the years. The governance of APsaA must be appropriate to carry out its policies and some policies are so central that they are built into the governance. Generally, separating the two creates greater clarity about both, and allows for flexible structures that can continue function well even when the policies change. Dr. Galatzer-Levy explained the diagrams distributed to Council which outlined the TFoR recommendations. He reminded the group that most of them endorsed Niko Canner's ideas when he said that APsaA must become effective in the world if it is to survive and do its work. He noted that the TFoR is very aware of the diverse views within the organization, but must find a way to cooperate with one another; otherwise, time will be spent fighting with one another. The TFoR's report is not about policy, but about a method for doing things in the world. He acknowledged that some of the recommendations would be very difficult for the Executive Council -- currently the Board of Directors of APsaA, and asked that they change in favor of another Board of Directors. He urged the Council to think of what would be best for psychoanalysis while considering the recommendations, the membership of this membership organization rather than focusing on the question of whether any particular group maintains power.

Dr. Galatzer-Levy noted that the TFoR was given an assignment by the Executive Committee, endorsed by the Executive Council and an overwhelming majority of the membership to come up with a single proposal regarding governance. The report that was distributed to Council was the next step in that process. After integrating comments received from the Council meeting, the report will then go to the attorney who will put it in the form of bylaws language. The proposed bylaws would then be presented to APsaA in June for a vote in September.

Dr. Galatzer Levy then explained the details of the report, including the creation of a successor to BOPS in the form of a subsidiary, and replacement of the Council as the Board of Directors with a small BOD with its membership selected in various ways.

Regarding the Council of Institutes, every member of APsaA would be eligible to serve in every position in the Council of Institutes. This would help to ensure that there is vigorous involvement by APsaA members in the new structure.

To facilitate membership at a quicker pace than current practices, the TFoR proposed that membership criteria be on the basis of a simple majority vote of the BOD and APsaA members. Therefore, changing membership criteria does not become a several year long bylaw amendment process.

The BOD would select division chairs from among themselves.

#### DISCUSSION:

Numerous Councilors spoke in favor and not in favor of the report. A request for more representation of research and scholarship was made. It was noted that an Alternative Plan with 30 signatures has been distributed. Concern was expressed that running the new structures could be very costly. The complexity of the proposal and the degree of opposition led a number of councilors to feel that sending it to the lawyers to be written in bylaw language was premature and may be extremely expensive. Dr. Meyer reminded the Council that it had authorized this process and it is a regular part of any procedure which affects the bylaws. It states in APsaA bylaws that before a final bylaw proposal is presented to Council it has to be examined by a lawyer and put in appropriate language. Opposition was expressed to the loss of the Council structure, representing societies, as the Board of Directors.

Dr. Gundle moved that, in view of the substantial concerns expressed by this Board of Directors regarding this plan, this plan be returned to the committee for further work and re-presentation to this board in June.

The question was called, seconded and passed. The motion passed (33 in favor; 11 opposed). The TFoR report was returned to committee and will be re-presented to the Council in June.

#### 8. PEP CD-ROM Report – Dr. Levinson

Dr. Levinson reported that PEP (Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing) now contains 18 psychoanalytic journals. PEP was incorporated in 1996 with loans of \$300,000 provided by APsaA and the British Psychoanalytic Society. By 2000, the loan was paid off and PEP started providing grants to APsaA and the British Psychoanalytic Society in 2001. Dr. Levinson reported that there has been \$4.6 million in PEP archive sales since 1996. After projecting \$660,000 in sales for 2005, PEP exceeded expectations with \$785,000 in sales. She noted that some expenses increased because of development; PEP is constantly digitizing new content. In 2005, PEP signed an agreement with the Institute of Psychoanalysis in London, Random House, and the Sigmund Freud Copyright and Harris Trust to take include the Standard Edition in the next version of PEP. In 2006, three new journals will be added. This new version of PEP will be sold at the commemorative Freud meetings throughout the year.

Dr. Levinson also reported that income from the PEP Web project which is sold to universities has doubled since last year. At least 20 universities are signed on and have renewed; 7 new universities were recently added. She noted that PEP Web receives 3 to 4 thousand hits each week. Currently in development is PEP Current Content Project which will link the PEP Archive with current journal material. It will allow anyone in the world to search the literature, access it and then decide whether or not they would want to purchase the document.

Dr. Levinson announced that PEP would likely award a grant of \$70,000 to 75,000 to APsaA this year .

#### 9. Remarks by IPA President – Dr. Cláudio Laks Eizirik

Dr. Cláudio Laks Eizirik addressed the Council with brief remarks. Also present from the IPA were its Secretary General Monica Siedmann de Armesto, Treasurer Nadine Levinson, and Director General Piers Pendred. One of the first proposals of the IPA new administration was to reinstate holding its winter board meeting in conjunction with APsaA Winter meetings, with the first meeting being held during this current meeting. Dr. Eizirik discussed the goals and strategy of the IPA administration which was agreed upon by its board. These include: encouraging the development and improvement of good psychoanalytic Practice, and strengthening the relationship of the IPA with its members, candidates, constituent organizations and regional bodies. Some developments Dr. Eizirik noted include the partnership between the IPA and FEPAL to establish a Latin American institute modeled after the successful East European institute. New groups may be developed in India, China and Taiwan. He announced the development of a new IPA program under the aegis of the new Committee on Analytic Practice and Scientific Activities which will have funds available to grant to societies for programs related to clinical practice. The IPA will continue to fund the DPPT program, which has provided support for APsaA's website and 10,000K Minds projects. Overall, the IPA has invested \$500,000 in DPPT projects designed to increase the number of analytic patients and candidates.

The next IPA election for President-Elect will take place between March and June, 2007. In this cycle, the president and secretary-general will be from North American. There will also be an election for Treasurer and 21 board representatives.

The IPA is reviewing its financial strategy, and is giving consideration to raising dues, which haven't been increased in 15 years.

#### 10. Elections in Executive Council

Dr. Jonathan House was elected Secretary-elect designate to complete the unexpired one-year term of Dr. Gourguechon (June 2006-June 2007). Dr. Gourguechon won the election for President-elect in the Fall. Dr. House will take office at the close of the Business Meeting in June 2006.

## 11. Executive Session

A matter was discussed and successfully resolved.

## 12. Report of Task Force on State Licensing Issues - Dr. Moritz

The Task Force was appointed a year ago and consists of seven members plus two consultants. There are two main concerns for APsaA: the practical issue regarding educating local institutes and societies, and a philosophical issue regarding the best way to think, talk and direct future efforts on the issue. Should APsaA tend towards a licensing law for psychoanalysis as a separate profession or rather support psychoanalysis as a subspecialty of the mental health professions? If APsaA endorses a separate profession and not a subspecialty approach, other national professional organizations may have little interest in or support for it. The Task Force has sent five letters to the leadership of the institutes and societies concerning the following issues:

- Explaining what happened in New York State
- Background information on NAAP
- A checklist evaluation to determine whether or not there is a risk of having a licensing incursion in a given state.
- Philosophy, rationale and strategies for making relationships with legislators, and forming relationships with other allied groups.
- Resources available through the APsaA

The Task Force is waiting for responses from societies and institutes. Collecting information from any of the States or how local components assessed their states' vulnerability have yet to happen. The Task Force hopes to hire a part-time person in the National Office to undertake these kinds of contacts on a continuing basis.

An alliance of the three APsaA institutes plus other institutes continues to work on fighting the New York State licensing law. One lawsuit is underway and one is on appeal. There is a second confederation in California. APsaA was included as one of the forming members. California has both a licensing law under the medical board for research analysts as well as a subspecialty license. Both of these licensing laws have withstood the tests of serious legal challenges. APsaA's position in California is that any new licensure law proposal might upset what looks like a pretty good law.

Dr. Moritz announced that a Workshop on Advocacy would be held during the Winter 2006 meeting. Assemblyman James Brennan, former chair of the Mental Health Commission for New York will attend the meeting. He will discuss what legislators are looking for from professionals and constituents. Dr. Moritz also noted that a manual on advocacy is in the works.

## 13. Pharmaceutical Funding Discussion – Dean Stein

Dr. Meyer opened the floor for discussion of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute's position paper on pharmaceutical funds which was pre-distributed. There was little

discussion. Dr. Meyer reviewed the issue, which began when the Program Committee voiced its concern with increasing difficulty hosting prominent outside speakers and achieving state of the art meetings with appropriate AV equipment. Fortunately, an additional \$26,000 could be added to the Program Committee budget, but this still leaves a \$26,000 shortfall. Mr. Stein has been in contact with one pharmaceutical company on an exploratory basis. It was acknowledged that member opinion on this issue remains quite divided.

#### 14. Committee on Peer Review – Dr. Cummings

Dr. Cummings presented, for approval, the draft Practice Guideline on Psychoanalytic Clinical Assessment which has been in development for eight years. He thanked all who have contributed throughout the process. These contributions have helped to make the guidelines clear, comprehensive, and representative of APsaA. The guideline describes the nature and process of psychoanalytic clinical assessment. It clarifies differences in recommendations for psychoanalysts compared with recommendations made by the American Psychiatric Association's guidelines for psychiatric evaluation of adults, particularly involving physical examination of patients, obtaining of records, etc. As requested by the Steering Committee, the Practice Division, and others, the guidelines summarize and clarify matters of charting derived from the Charting Psychoanalysis and other guidelines that were previously approved by Council. The draft guideline was reviewed by APsaA's legal team lead by JoAnn Macbeth who found the draft "...remarkably clear and extremely well written," and said that she has "...no serious legal concerns about it." She further stated that in malpractice cases, areas in this guideline provide "...a very important piece of evidence as to the standard of care in the profession of psychoanalysis that might be very useful to your [APsaA] members defense." This is also true when members' practice is questioned by licensing boards and third-party payers.

A motion to adopt the guidelines and authorize the Committee on Peer Review to publish it was put forth. After discussion, the Executive Council moved to accept recommendation of the Committee on Peer Review and approve publication of the Guideline.

#### 15. Advocacy Effort

##### A. RICO Settlement Update– Dr. Pyles

Under the Racketeer Influence Corrupt Organizations Act a number of large managed care companies were charged with racketeering and fraud. The suit was originally initiated by some of the same attorneys that sued big tobacco. Suit was brought on behalf of the class of all U.S. physicians, approximately 900,000. APsaA signed on as a signatory to the settlements. This has been the largest class action suit in the history of the country.

The suit had two goals: 1) to establish a court mandated oversight system which would enforce the terms of the settlement of the suit whereby the managed care

companies agreed to reduce or stop the egregious business practices which made it difficult for doctors to get paid for the services they performed, and 2) distribution of cash settlements. Some of the settlement money went towards establishing a grant fund for projects to enhance the practice of medicine, and some was distributed to each individual claimant. Individuals were allowed to donate their share of the settlements to APsaA or other signatories. As a result of one of the settlements (CIGNA), \$77,000 was collected from ApsaA members' donations.

#### B. Ethics Based Medicine Act and the Health Information Network – Mr. James Pyles (PPSV)

This year APsaA further solidified its position as the expert on medical privacy in Washington, DC. We are routinely called by members of Congress and their staff for an opinion on what should be done re: privacy. Mr. Pyles stated he is very proud to represent APsaA.

Mr. Pyles and Dr. Gourguechon outlined the organization's position on ethics based medical privacy in testimony before the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics at its meeting in Chicago in March 2005. With the previous endorsement of Council, the Ethics Based Medical Privacy Act was developed; there are a number of congressmen who are prepared to introduce it when Congress comes back into session. Laws supporting Health Information Technology have started gathering momentum in the Senate and the House. Mr. Pyles stated that if medical privacy is eliminated in this country, it will happen in a two-step process: 1) the establishment of a national electronic health system in which all patient information is transmitted, and 2) the establishment of a "pay for performance" system for payment of physicians. The later system would put financial interests in conflict with patients' interests.

#### C. Citizens for Health Case

Mr. Pyles represented APsaA before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals on March 9, 2005 when they argued the Citizen for Health case in which APsaA is a plaintiff; we won on many of the issues in the case, but the court refused to address the constitutional claims raised and the appeal was denied. We filed a request for rehearing before the Third Circuit to have them reconsider their decision and address the constitutional issues in question. On January 6th, the Philadelphia Inquirer issued an editorial urging the court to grant our motion stating that the government should be held responsible for eliminating the patient's right to medical privacy.

#### D. McCain Bill on Torture

APsaA is on record in support of the bill offered by Senator John McCain rejecting the use of torture or cruel and unusual punishment.

#### E. Need for Member Advocacy

Mr. Pyles concluded his remarks by urging APsaA members to contact their representatives and Senators individually and let them know how important the right

to privacy is for effective psychotherapy. The question to ask members of Congress is "will patients have a choice or be compelled to disclose information without their notice or consent and against their will?" Electronic health records may have some advantages for the health care system, but they must be grounded in established principles of medical ethics, constitutional law and the legal status of medical privilege.

Mr. Pyles remarks were met with applause by the Council.

## 16. Division Reports

### A. Governance – Dr. Fox

#### Psychotherapy Initiatives – Dr. Fox

Dr. Fox reported that the psychotherapy initiative is gaining momentum. It allows for the gathering of people from other organizations based around common practice: psychoanalytic psychotherapy. The kinds of connections being made are more functional than organizational. As a result, collaborative relationships have been formed with groups who, at one time, were at odds with APsaA.

In an outreach effort, an e-newsletter has been developed that will be “published” twice a year in anticipation of APsaA scientific meetings. Summaries of some of the sessions held may be added to inform those who could not attend of the kinds of things that were discussed during the meetings.

The committee is reaching out to universities -- departments of psychiatry, social work, psychology – attempting to interest educators in developing psychoanalytic psychotherapy. In-reach has been difficult to accomplish: many of APsaA institutes and societies run psychotherapy training programs, but contacting these programs and the students who attend have been extraordinarily difficult.

The committee has chosen to wait until reorganization is better defined before they raise the question of how psychotherapists find a place beyond where they are now in the APsaA membership.

Dr. Fox urged the Councilors to inform the committee of the status of psychotherapy programs at their societies, whether or not they have a program, and who the contact person is for the program.

### B. Corporate and Organizational Liaisons – Dr. Sulkowicz

Dr. Kerry Sulkowicz reported that the division has one committee – the Corporate and Organizational Consultants Committee chaired by Ken Settel and co-chaired by Ken Eisold. The aim of the division is as follows: to encourage and supports the efforts of members to forge new and mutually beneficial alliances between APsaA and non-mental health groups, i.e. businesses, insurance companies, etc. Such efforts grow better out of individually initiated relationships. Dr. Sulkowicz stated

that if psychoanalysis is to survive and thrive in the real world, such relationships are extremely valuable. Dean Stein and Dr. Sulkowicz met with Mark Horn at Pfizer who oversees message development around evidence-based medicine for doctors. Dr. Horn then develops methods to deliver those messages to policy makers. The outcome of the meeting was simply to establish a relationship. Additionally, Mr. Stein and Dr. Sulkowicz were invited to sit at the table when other representatives from professional groups met. The division can function as a clearing house offering support and help in connecting APsaA members with appropriate resources inside and outside APsaA.

#### 17. Presentation of Awards – Dr. Meyer

Dr. Meyer presented Dr. David Steinman with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution as Chair of the Subcommittee on Student Associates from 2002-2005. Dr. Steinman made brief remarks, and reported that, as of the Winter 2006 meeting, there are 190 Student Associates. The committee has continued to expand its programs for students. He thanked his co-chair, Brenda Bauer and the members of the committee for their contributions.

Drs. Ana Janicki (Chair, Committee on Continuing Education) and Ruth Yanagi (Chair, Committee on Community Clinics) were not present at this meeting to receive their certificates of appreciation.

#### 18. Report from New Orleans Psychoanalytic Center – Dr. Ascherman

Dr. Lee Ascherman read a letter from Randy Harper, President of New Orleans Psychoanalytic Center thanking APsaA, its members and constituent societies and institutes for their efforts and generous support at a time of critical need during Hurricane Katrina. The financial support, welcoming displaced colleagues by other local groups, goodwill and emotional support has been and will continue to be a significant help during recovery and in the efforts to rebuild. He shared how important and personally meaningful such efforts were to members of the NOPC. Beyond the financial support it was moving that they were remembered.

Dr. Meyer thanked Dr. Ascherman for all his work in these efforts as a focal point for receiving and disseminating information and assisting in recovery of the NOPC and New Orleans colleagues.

#### 19. Report of the Committee on Council – Dr. Gundle

Dr. Gundle began his report with a tribute to the work so many did after Hurricane Katrina.

##### A. A and B Group Assignments for Societies.

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors (Executive Council), Dr. Gundle noted, is compliance: with the law and with APsaA bylaws. APsaA bylaws



call for a rotation of directors. Societies are grouped in A and B Groups. Representatives for the A Groups are elected in the odd years, B groups in the even years. The COC has assigned Societies that begin with A through O to the A Group, and P through Z to the B Group (about 25 societies in each group). It will take some time to fall into compliance since societies hold elections at various times; however, it is hoped that full compliance will be achieved by the 2008 annual meeting. It would be best if elections are held in the spring of the even or odd year. Then, the elected Councilors will assume their position at the end of the annual meeting, and attend the winter meeting as their first meeting. This will allow for the COC to provide orderly orientation sessions.

#### B. Audit Committee.

A year ago, Executive Councilors decided to create an audit committee of the Board of Directors. Dean Stein has been helpful in defining what an audit committee does, developing a mandate for the committee, and in locating volunteer CPAs as consultants. The Exploratory Subcommittee of the Nominating Committee will now be asked to present a slate of six nominees (three to be elected) for election at the June 2006 meeting.

#### DISCUSSION:

1. The mandate for the Audit Committee was clarified: it is to review the report of the auditors and explain the details within the report to the Board of Directors as needed. Dr. Procci noted that the committee's job is also to make sure that the monies budgeted are used appropriately.
2. Dr. Meyer asked about the Council's interest in appointing non-APsaA members to the committee. Dr. Mosher responded that as the Audit Committee is intended to be a committee of this BOD, by definition that means it can only have directors on the committee. At this time, he added, State law does not mandate that not-for-profits have an audit committee. But this has been a major point of initiative by Attorney General Spitzer, who has introduced legislation to require not-for-profits in this State to have an audit committee of the BOD.

C. Vacancy on Committee on Council. Drs. Paul Brinich and Lee Ascherman were nominated to fill the remaining six-month term of Dr. Arthur Farley who resigned as a member of the committee. Dr. Lee Ascherman was elected to complete Dr. Farley's the term.

D. New Chair of Committee on Council. Dr. Gundle also announced that the committee had elected Dr. Ralph Fishkin as chair-elect of the committee. His term will began at the end of the annual meeting in June.

20. Inclusion of Material from Sponsors of Bylaw Amendments with the Official Mailing  
- Dr. Meyer

APsaA bylaws have a statement regarding what gets included in official mailings. The relevant portion of the bylaws was distributed for an informed discussion. The issue speaks to petition generated bylaw amendments proposed by members or by an officer.

## DISCUSSION

Dr. Kaminer argued that the bylaws do not prohibit inclusion of a statement by proponents of a bylaw. Therefore no bylaw amendment would be necessary to change our practice. He believes that if something goes out to the members there should be a statement from the proposers. Dr. Fishkin agreed no bylaws change should be necessary. Dr. Procci stated that our bylaws give the privilege of introducing bylaw amendments and along with that should grant to individuals who propose a bylaw the opportunity to express themselves in a mailing to the membership. Dr. Gourguechon suggested that Council should come up with specific guidelines that allow proponents of a bylaw to accompany the amendment with a statement in their own words. Dr. Gundle said it's simply common courtesy to give people who go to the trouble of submitting a bylaw the opportunity to explain their proposal. Other statements supported the notion of a "pro" statement being included in the interests of fair play and an informed membership.

Dr. Nuetzel objected to the tone of the discussions which suggested, he felt, that BOPS, a body empowered by our bylaws and part of our governance structure, is being characterized as a political party. BOPS has responsibilities to this Association that it does its best to fulfill. To be characterized as some kind of political movement is inaccurate and offensive.

Dr. Mike Leavitt (California) made the following motion:

Let it be moved that the Executive Council go on record that any bylaw amendment not offered by the Executive Council as referred to in Article XIV, Section 2 may be accompanied by a 500-word or less explanatory statement by the proponents or proponent of the amendment at his, her or their discretion.

The motion was seconded, and passed by a vote of 22 for, 10 opposed, 4 abstentions.

### 21. Remarks by Co-President of the Council of Presidents – Dr. Jonathan Kolb

Dr. Jonathan Kolb gave brief remarks. The Council of Presidents of Societies operates as a discussion group addressing a variety of topics some of which are chosen in advance by a steering committee, and some of which arise during the meeting. The topics are related to problems faced in local societies and centers, i.e. outreach, revitalizing psychoanalysis, etc. At a recent meeting, the group raised the question of how to provide a voice for society members who don't have a strong voice, and how to deal with the opening up of membership in societies to non-analysts. Dr. Harriet Wolfe attended to present and discuss the TFEMC report. The society presidents operate as a peer group and lend fellow presidents support and encouragement. They also discuss better practices.

22. Discussion of Torture—Association policy – Dr. Meyer

The Executive Council enthusiastically acknowledged the efforts Dr. Meyer made to issue a statement this spring on Association policy regarding Torture. Dr. Meyer suggested that, as a next step, the Ethics Committee should be asked to develop a proposal about member participation directly or indirectly on torture. The Council unanimously approved this suggestion and Dr. Meyer will ask the Ethics Committee to develop such a proposal and bring it before the Council.

24. Affiliate Council Report – Dr. Calderon

Dr. Julio Calderon gave a brief report of the Affiliate Council highlighting their current activities. The Leadership academy programs he has initiated are going well. He feels that candidate members need more educating on the issues related to reorganization.

25. Open Discussion and New Business

Dr. Lightbody reopened the issue of the Task Force on Reorganization. He wished to propose a motion to have the Council reconsider its decision of this morning and empower the task force to fulfill its mission to come up with a comprehensive set of bylaws for consideration in June as planned and authorized by over 80% of the membership. The Parliamentarian advised the Chair that only a proponent of a motion can ask to reverse it, so Dr. Lightbody's motion was out of order. No proponent of the morning's motion stepped forward to change it. Dr. Meyer stated the earlier decision of the Council re: the TFoR report will simply use the next five or six months which were already authorized and included in their budget to review the report and present another plan in June. Dr. Lightbody accepted Dr. Meyer's rationale. No further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary