



MINUTES
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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Thursday, January 15, 2015
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, NY

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No representative present

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Thomas W. Campbell, Ph.D.

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Birmingham Psychoanalytic Study Group;
Lee Ascherman, M.D.

Eastern Long Island Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

Santa Fe Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

Society of Psychoanalysts of Puerto Rico
No representative present

Syracuse Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

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Miri Abramis, Ph.D.

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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Dr. Smaller

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Dr. Smaller welcomed everyone and introduced the officers.

2. Secretary's Report – Dr. Fishkin

A. Roll Call

Dr. Fishkin called the roll. 46 members of the Executive Council were present who are entitled to vote, thus establishing a quorum.

B. Notice of Proxies

The Secretary reported that 750 proxy ballots were received for the Meeting of Members on Friday, January 16, 2015.

C. Approval of minutes of June 5, 2014 Executive Council Meetings

The chair asked for corrections to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting on June 5, 2014 which were posted online on October 2 and were also posted in the back of the meeting room. The minutes were approved as circulated.

D. Consent Calendar

i. Approval to Affirm the Executive Committee for 2014.

ii. Approval of Draft Endowment Fund Spending Policy

iii. Approval of a Motion to Enhance Communication Between IPA and APsaA Societies and Institutes

It was requested that Item i be extracted from the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Calendar was approved without Item i.

E. Membership Update

Currently the Association has 2,922 members. By category, there are:

- 1,387 Active Members
- 1,063 Senior / Life Members
- 438 Candidate Members
- 3 Academic Associate Candidates
- 31 Academic Associates

Since the January 2014 Meeting, the following changes in membership have occurred:

- 71 Active Members became Senior Members
- 61 members have died (including 2 Honorary Members and 1 Academic Associate)
- 70 members have resigned
- 1 member was suspended
- 16 Candidate Members were Dropped because they are no longer candidates in training and 4 were dropped because they completed Academic Training
- 21 members reinstated their membership
- At the January & June 2013 meetings, we gained 82 new Active Members and 76 new Candidate Members.

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

- 51 New Candidate Members
- 21 New Candidate Academic Associates (this is the new category of membership for non-clinical candidates in training at APsaA institutes).
- 42 Candidate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 3 non-member APsaA institute graduates will become Active Members
- 61 William Alanson White members will become Active members
- 7 IPA members or IPA graduates will become Active Members
- 1 analyst trained outside of APsaA or the IPA will become an Active Member
- 2 new Academic Associate members

The 2014 year-end totals of Associates are:

Educator Associates: 68
Psychotherapist Associates: 273
Research Associates: 41
Student/Resident Associates: 77
Total of 459

F. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee Meetings

During the period between the June 2014 Executive Council and this meeting of the Executive Council, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

Executive Committee Meeting in Chicago

The Executive Committee discussed, reviewed and finalized consideration of topics and administrative details of its October 18-19, 2014 Meeting in Chicago.

Joint Meeting Planning

The Executive Committee reauthorized the Joint Meeting Planning Committee, including Harriet Wolfe, Bill Myerson, and Dean Stein with Facilitator Jeffrey Kerr. It reviewed its recommendations, and then decided on the scheduling, structure, and proposed agenda items for the January 2015 Joint Council/BOPS meetings.

Approval of Draft Endowment Fund Spending Policy

The Executive Committee unanimously approved a draft Policy on Endowment Fund spending presented by Mr. Stein.

Approval of Position Statements

The Executive Committee approved draft position statements on Human Trafficking, Campus Sexual Violence and Mental Health Professionals Working with Service Members and Veterans.

William Alanson White Institute

The Executive Committee requested and received regular updates about the progress of deliberations by the William Alanson White Institute and Society of APsaA's invitation to accept Approved Institute and Affiliated Society status. It learned that the Board of Directors of the William Alanson White Society voted to affirm its conditional acceptance of the invitation to affiliate with APsaA, Its acceptance was contingent upon agreement on mutually acceptable revisions of the APsaA Standards and the APsaA website that would enable integration of WAW's training model. Dr. Ascherman created a task force (including Dr. Kwawer) to work on revising the Standards. He subsequently confirmed that the Task Force agreed upon the necessary changes to the Training Standards. The Executive Committee endorsed plans to move forward expeditiously with all administrative requirements before the January 2015 meeting, so that the WAW could officially join the Executive Council and BOPS meetings as a voting society and institute at the January meetings.

American Institute of Psychoanalysis (AIP)

The Executive Committee requested and received regular updates about the progress of negotiations between CAFI and AIP that would enable the BOPS to extend, and for AIP to accept, an invitation to the AIP to become an Approved Institute. The Executive Committee was informed that progress was being made and that further meetings and reports would take place at the January meetings.

PEP Directors

Of the six members of the PEP Board, three representatives are from APsaA (Drs. Nadine Levinson, Paul Mosher and Alice Brand Bartlett). Their terms expire in April 2015. The Executive Committee unanimously approved Dr. Smaller's recommendation for reappointment of the current APsaA PEP Directors for another 3-year term. The Executive Committee was enthusiastic about PEP's growth, expansion, profitability, establishment of a business plan, and the continued good working relationship with its partners.

Committee on Council Proposal to Create an Executive Council Strategic Budgetary Advisory Committee

The Executive Committee voted to support the proposal from the Committee on Council to develop a Pilot Executive Council Finance Advisory Committee whose goal would be to communicate the wishes of the Executive Council to the Treasurer and Executive Director as well as to provide feedback on how well the annual budget is expressing those wishes. It recognizes the need for an independent source of communication for the Executive Council's priorities and recommends that the Treasurer act as chair of the committee, reporting directly to the Executive Council.

IPA E-Journal

The IPA is planning to publish an electronic journal. The budget for a one year commitment is \$100,000, to be borne as follows: \$25K from the IPA, \$25 K from the EPF (Federation of European Psychoanalytical Societies), \$25K from FEPAL (Latin American Psychoanalytic Federation), and \$25K from NAPsaC (North American Psychoanalytic Confederation), of which one third (\$8,250) will be borne by NAPsaC and two thirds (\$16,750) will be borne by APsaA. Since APsaA's contribution was not budgeted for the current fiscal year, Dr. Smaller discussed with Stephano Bolognini, the IPA President, the possibility of contributing a smaller amount in the first year. Dr. Smaller asked the Executive Committee to consider and approve an out-of-cycle budget request of \$5,000 to be paid to IPA in early 2015. The remaining \$11,750 would be considered as part of the proposed FY 2016 budget, and if approved would be paid on 9/1/15. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the request.

3. MRRC Report – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller reported that the Membership Requirements & Review Committee (the MRRC) met earlier in the week and approved a number of new membership applications:

- 1 Expanded Pathway Membership application received from an analyst who did not train at an APsaA institute or an IPA institute but who has met the substantial equivalence requirements.
- 7 applications from analysts trained at IPA institutes
- 3 applications from graduates of APsaA institutes who never joined APsaA, and
- 2 new Academic Associates

Dr. Smaller also noted that the MRRC also approved 61 new Active Members from the William Alanson White Institute.

Dr. Smaller invited the members of the Executive Council welcome these colleague analysts into the Association.

4. Approval of a New Affiliate Society – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller noted that the association had received a request from the William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society to become a voting Affiliate Society of the Executive Council. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted unanimously to approve the William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society as an Affiliate Society of the Executive Council.

5. Summary of Meeting of the Board on Professional Standards – Dr. Brett

The Board on Professional Standards met on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Drs. Stacey Keller and Richard Weiss presented a Power Point presentation on the work of the Task Force on Externalization of Certification. They reviewed the history of proposals for externalization in APsaA, the requirements for establishing national accrediting bodies, credentialing processes in other psychoanalytic groups, e.g. ACPEinc. and plans for moving toward an externalized certifying body. BOPS voted to accept the recommendations of the Task Force on the Externalization of Certification.

Drs. Kwawer, Seelig and Rao revised the Standards for Education and Training in Psychoanalysis as the final step to fully implement the acceptance of the William Alanson White Institute as an approved institute. The revisions, as amended, were approved.

The Committee on Institutes reported on several action items: nine Training and Supervising Analysts, five Geographic Rule Training and Supervising Analysts, one transfer of Training and Supervising Analyst from PINE Psychoanalytic Center to Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, two distance analysis waivers, one candidate waiver for distance analysis, three waivers for the Personal Analyst as Training Analyst, two Supervising Analyst waivers and two Training and Supervising Analyst waivers were approved.

A Nominating Committee to select the next chair of BOPS was approved. It included Colleen Carney, Ph.D. chair; Ellen Helman, MSW, Mike Singer, M.D., Beth Seelig, M.D. and Sydney Anderson, Ph.D.

The Committee on Child and Adolescent Analysis recommended appointment of one child and adolescent Supervising Analyst and two child and adolescent Geographic Rule Supervising Analysts. The appointments were approved.

The Committee on Certification Examination received fourteen applications with two postponed due to family emergencies. Eight adult applications and one child/adolescent application were passed. Three pre-graduation applications were received and one was passed. All the passed applications were approved.

The Committee on Preparedness and Progress proposed one waiver that was approved.

The Committee on Research and Special Training proposed one waiver that was approved.

6. PEP Report – Mr. Stein

Mr. Stein reported that, despite adverse global economic conditions, PEP's financial performance has held steady. He noted that pre-audit sales for 2014 overall were slightly down compared to the previous year. Sales to psychoanalytic groups using PEPWEB rose to over 17,000 subscriptions. There were 4 new university subscriptions and, for the first time, income in this sector has topped \$500,000. Expenditures during 2014 were in line with budget. From 2014, PEP expects to contribute \$160,000 in copyright payments to book authors and journals and will set aside \$120,000 to the new Author Prize Research Fund and for the 2015 Video Prize competition for the production of films about psychoanalysis. During 2014, total downloads for books and journals increased to 1,280,189. In 2014, subscribers logged in for 369,812 sessions.

He noted that PEP adds new content each year in January. Archive v15 will include the Jahrbuch and DIVISION/Review, with the new journal, IJP- Español to be published and hosted on PEP in the spring of 2015. Mr. Stein also noted that PEP had made grants of \$380,000 each from the 2014 accounting year to APsaA and to the British Psychoanalytic Society to continue their important work in research, outreach and education. The Executive Councilors collectively offered their thanks.

APsaA's PEP directors' terms will end in April 2015 and Mr. Stein reported that the Executive Committee had endorsed re-electing Nadine Levinson, Paul Mosher, and Alice Brand Bartlett for another 3-year term. A motion to re-elect the three APsaA PEP directors was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. Affirmation of the Executive Committee for 2015

Item i from the Consent Calendar was brought up for discussion. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to affirm the Executive Committee for 2015.

8. Petition Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Dr. Smaller reported that a proposed petition bylaw Amendment had been submitted by 50 members. The bylaw amendment wording was as follows:

Resolved: No committee of the corporation pursuant to or cited in Article VII shall have the authority to bind the Executive Council in any respect whatsoever, including, without limitation, with respect to contracts, monetary matters, or any policies and procedures pertaining to any of the functions or purposes of the Association, such as, for example, policies and procedures pertaining to administration, public information, advocacy, professional education, and certification.

Council policy is that all actions items to be voted on should be received by members of the Executive Council at least six weeks in advance of a Council meeting. The proposed bylaw was received after the provisional Council agenda and the Council informational packet had been distributed. Dr. Smaller indicated that the Council could discuss the proposed bylaw but there would not be a vote. He encouraged Councilors to discuss the proposed bylaw with their local societies. The proposed bylaw would be voted on by the Council and BOPS in June 2015 and brought to the membership for a vote in January 2016.

9. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Myerson

Dr. Myerson indicated that Mr. Stein would review the details for the FY 2014 financials but he noted that there were three important areas to highlight: (1) there are over 1,000 members who pay no membership dues; (2) contributions from non-dues paying members were \$12,000 more in FY 2014 than in the previous year; and (3) the BOPS budget is about 6% of the Association's overall budget and much of that is staff time. He thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Stein, and the APsaA financial staff.

Dean Stein reviewed the Association's fiscal year 2014 which ended August 31, 2013. The operating budgeted deficit for FY 2014 was \$149,052. The Association ended its fiscal year 2014 with an operating surplus of \$26,255. Mr. Stein noted that, while the Association usually had a budgeted deficit, by the end of the fiscal year, that deficit was often eliminated or there might even be a surplus. Mr. Stein answered questions about details of the financial report and was thanked for his report.

John Schott, a member of APsaA's Investment Committee and a partner at Steinberg Global Asset Management, provided the Executive Council with an overview of APsaA's invested assets.

10. Audit Committee Report – Dr. Kotcher

Dr. Kotcher reported that Lutz & Carr, the Association's auditing firm, had completed their audit of the Association's FY 2014 books. The firm has issued an unqualified opinion on our financial statements. This type of opinion is issued by an auditor when the financial statements presented are free from material misstatements and are represented fairly in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Lutz & Carr also reported to the Audit Committee that they encountered no difficulties with the audit. The only recommendation that Lutz & Carr had in this audit was to put in place an investment policy concerning the Ticho Endowment Fund which the Council approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the auditors to prepare the final 2014 audit.

11. Proposed Position Statements – Dr. Bauer

Dr. Smaller noted that Brenda Bauer was now heading the Social Issues Department. The previous head, Harold Kudler, needed to step down as a result of a high level appointment within the Veterans Administration.

Action Item:

Approval of proposed position statements:

A. Position Statement on Campus Sexual Violence

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the position statement on Campus Sexual Violence was unanimously approved.

B. Position statement on Mental Health Professionals Working with Service Members & Veterans

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the position statement on Mental Health Professionals Working with Service Members & Veterans was unanimously approved.

C. Position statement on Human Trafficking

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the position statement on Human Trafficking was unanimously approved.

12. CGRI Report – Dr. Gross

Report on Health Care Issues – Mr. Jim Pyles

Dr. Smaller introduced Dr. Gross as the new chair of the Committee on Government Relations and Insurance. Dr. Gross gave a brief overview of the work he was hoping to accomplish with CGRI and then introduced Mr. Pyles, APsaA's legislative counsel.

Mr. Pyles noted that the country was in a time of unprecedented change in our health care delivery system. There may be dispute about how that change should occur, but there is bipartisan agreement that change must happen. He further noted that we have a health care delivery system we cannot afford. The cost of health care continues to grow faster than GDP and we have an aging population and a declining birth rate which means that more people are taking money out of the health care system than are putting money in to it – an untenable situation which will ultimately mean that all health professionals will be under pressure to show how what they do reduces overall health care costs.

Mr. Pyles reported that the country was in the second year of implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)—the most sweeping legislation since the Constitution. As part of the ACA, insurers must provide coverage for mental health services and that coverage must have the same value as coverage of physical medicine. As a result, there are more people who can afford to access mental health services but insurance plans will insist on having more to say about how those services are provided, and they will resort to denying claims for lack of medical necessity in an attempt to limit their payments.

In spite of the sweeping changes to healthcare, some essential elements of effective health care do not change; the entire health care delivery system remains dependent upon a single transaction—the willingness of a patient to voluntarily disclose personal information to a practitioner. The public expects that certain rights essential for effective treatment will be protected, such as the right to privacy, and those rights are reflected in standards of professional ethics. The medical profession is in the midst of implementing nationwide electronic health information systems that make patients'

health information accessible from anywhere in the world. But, so far, that system cannot be made secure.

Among the matters that Mr. Pyles worked on during the previous year were suicide prevention, same sex marriage, suicide in the military, torture, mass shootings, right of consent for uses and disclosures of identifiable health information, and health information privacy breaches and threats.

After responding to questions, Mr. Pyles was thanked for his attention to the Association's advocacy priorities.

13. Report from Task Force on Externalization of Certification – Dr. Keller

Dr. Keller reported on the work of the BOPS Task Force on Externalization over the past two years – developing an independent certifying body that would be autonomous and outside of APsaA. The Task Force has developed an infrastructure for the new American Board of Psychoanalysis (ABP) with a board of directors that will make governance decisions. It will offer certification to individuals but will not accredit any groups. The certification examinations will be performed by the Examination Committee.

Dr. Keller noted that all certified analysts will be grandfathered. A three stage funding plan has been developed. In Stage 1, it is planned that funds will come from individuals and foundations. In Stage 2, contributions will be processed through an escrow account and when target levels are reached, funds will be given to the organization. And in Stage 3, funds will come from certification fees and ongoing donations and grants as well as fees for certified analysts who want to be listed on the ABP website.

14. Report from Executive Council Task Force on Externalization of Certification – Dr. Paul

The Executive Council Task Force on Externalization of Certification was appointed last June by Dr. Smaller. During the Task Force's first meeting, Drs. Keller and Weiss, co-chairs of the BOPS Task Force on Externalization of Certification, joined the meeting. It is the Task Force's understanding that ABP will not ask APsaA for any funding beyond the \$13,000 the BOPS Task Force spent in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and the \$10,200 budgeted for the current fiscal year. The present fee of \$500 to take the certification exam will likely remain the same. In addition, there will be an annual fee for maintaining oneself on the registry on the ABP's website, approximately \$100 per year. The Council Task Force has requested the ABP business plan which is approximately 80 pages. It is also the Task Force's understanding that APsaA's Certification examination procedure will continue in its current form while the ABP gets ready to administer the examination which will ultimately be available for any psychoanalyst interested in being certified.

The Council Task Force has discussed whether the externalization of certification requires a change in APsaA bylaws and APsaA's legal counsel has indicated that a bylaw change would be necessary. Drs. Keller and Weiss received a different legal opinion from their own attorney, i.e. the establishment of ABP will not require an APsaA bylaw change. The Council Task Force is hoping this contradiction will be clarified soon.

The concern was raised that, once an analyst passes the external certification examination, if s/he can come back to APsaA as certified, the Association will be endorsing something that the Association has had no involvement with. There was a request to know more about the composition

of the ABP Board. It was pointed out that the American Psychiatric Association has an influence on ABPN by having the ability to nominate someone to be on that board. The question was also raised about the contributions that are going to ABP; it was felt that, in order for the Council to better understand where the money is coming from, it would be helpful to see a list of donors and foundations that have donated to ABP.

The Council Task Force will ask Drs. Keller and Weiss these questions and will distribute the answers on the Council email list before the June meeting.

15. Executive Session

The following individuals were approved for Honorary Membership: Daniel Benveniste, Ph.D., Lawrence E. Hedges, Ph.D., Psy.D., and Alicia Lieberman, Ph.D.

16. Report from the Candidates' Council – Dr. Kaplan and Ms. Cirio

Dr. Kaplan, the immediate past president of the Candidates' Council introduced Phoebe Cirio, the new president. Dr. Kaplan noted that a record number of candidates attended the Candidates' Council meeting that morning. The meeting included clinical and educational sessions. Dr. Kaplan also reported on recent activities of the Candidates' Council. She was enthusiastically thanked by the Executive Council for her work as president.

17. Report from JAPA Publisher – SAGE Publications

Daniel Sawney, a Journal Editor at Sage Publications, presented the *JAPA* report. He reminded the Council that SAGE began publishing *JAPA* with the 2008 volume. Mr. Sawney reported on *JAPA*'s circulation, online downloads and usage activity, the journal's financial performance, and plans for the coming year.

Circulation

Between 2012 and 2013, *JAPA* circulation grew by 13% to just over 10,500 subscribers. Statistics for 2014 show that circulation has held steady in relation to the previous year, and once final 2014 numbers are in, *JAPA* can expect a slight increase in circulation. There continues to be an increase in the number of consortia subscribers who receive *JAPA* as part of a wider online collection of journals, with a nearly 25% increase in this circulation category in 2013, and further growth in 2014. APsaA member subscriptions to the journal have held relatively constant over the previous three years, though there is a slight downward trend in individual subscribers, who receive the journal outside of either APsaA membership or an institutional subscription. This is a general trend seen across most other journals. However, it is worth noting that *JAPA* still maintains a very high number of these subscriptions, compared to what is typically seen for other journals.

Prior to contracting with SAGE, *JAPA*'s total circulation was just over 4,800 copies, including, approximately 3,200 member, 1,110 individual and, 430 institutional subscriptions. Eight years later, *JAPA*'s circulation is just over 10,400. The journal is available in 8,000 institutions and to 2,400 individuals, including members. *JAPA* is available to millions of end users and discoverable by just a few keystrokes in over 120 countries in the world.

Online Downloads and Usage Activity

In 2013, the last full year for which data is available, *JAPA* articles were downloaded over 111,000 times and the journal was accessed, or viewed online, almost a half-million times.

Financial Performance

The result of *JAPA*'s strong circulation and online usage is another year of financial growth. While the sales figures Mr. Sawney shared with the Council were not final (they only included revenues through October and did not include sales of the last issue of the year), he expected that *JAPA* will have generated more sales in 2014 than in 2013, likely exceeding \$400,000.

2015 Plans

Mr. Sawney noted that SAGE will be working with APsaA to promote the journal's new online continuing education credit program. This initiative will make *JAPA* even more valuable to clinicians. Sage will also be working toward a redesign of the Sage Journals website platform, which will enhance the layout and usability of the existing *JAPA* website.

Mr. Sawney also noted that Sage will continue to use social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and article podcasts, to promote *JAPA* and its articles in 2015. *JAPA* reaches over 5,000 individuals via Twitter and Facebook and these channels are growing roughly 30% a quarter.

Dr. Smaller thanked Mr. Sawney on behalf of APsaA for the work Sage has done bringing *JAPA* to a significantly wider audience. He also thanked Dr. Litowitz for her tireless efforts as Editor of *JAPA*.

18. Report from the Committee on Council – Dr. Linabury

Dr. Linabury reported that new Councilors have been welcomed and were personally called by herself and Dr. Fishkin to invite them to an orientation meeting where they were given a copy of the Council Handbook.

She described a proposal submitted by the Committee on Council to create a pilot Executive Council Strategic Budgetary Advisory Committee with the Treasurer acting as chair. It was decided that the President would appoint the initial committee and if, after 2-3 years, it was decided the committee was serving a valuable function, the Council could elect its members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the creating of a new Executive Council Budgetary Advisory Committee with the Treasurer as the chair was approved.

19. Task Force on Diversity Report – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller announced that the Task Force on Diversity was meeting that evening to review a proposal from a consulting firm which would collect data from institutes and societies and report back in June. There is also a plan to create an online survey for members to complete.

20. New Business

There was no new business.

21. Adjournment

Dr. Smaller announced that the meeting was concluded and the group would take a one-hour break before reconvening for the Joint Meeting with BOPS.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Fishkin

Secretary