



**MINUTES
AMERICAN PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Thursday, June 16, 2016
The Palmer House Hotel
Chicago, IL**

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No representative present

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Jennifer Babcock, Psy.D. (alt.)

Berkshire Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
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Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Peter Kotcher, M.D.
Marlene Kocan, Ph.D. (alt.)

Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center
Richard Lightbody, M.D

Contemporary Freudians in APsaA
Helen Gediman, Ph.D.
Jane Hall, LCSW, FIPA (alt.)

Dallas Psychoanalytic Center
No representative present

Denver Psychoanalytic Society
Geoffrey B. Heron, M.D.
Benjamin P. Green, M.D. (alt.)

Florida Psychoanalytic Society
Julio Calderon, M.D.

Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center
Bonnie J. Buchele, Ph.D.
Mari Hayes, Ph.D. (alt.) (am)

Houston Psychoanalytic Society
William A. Myerson, Ph.D. (alt.)

Long Island Psychoanalytic Society
No representative at this time

Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute and Society
Patricia Plopa, Ph.D.
Margaret Walsh, Ph.D. (alt.)

Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
No representative present

New Center for Psychoanalysis
Elena Bezzubova, M.D., Ph.D. (alt.)

New Jersey Psychoanalytic Society
No representative present

New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center
Lee I. Ascherman, M.D.
Barbara Murray, M.D. (alt.)

New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Maxine Fenton Gann, Ph.D.

Oregon Psychoanalytic Center
No representative present

PINE Psychoanalytic Center
Laurie Raymond, M.D.
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Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center
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Lana Fishkin, M.D. (alt.)

Psychoanalytic Center of the Carolinas
David Moore, Ph.D.

Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Society
Thomas W. Campbell, M.D.

San Diego Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Timothy Rayner, M.D. (alt.)

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

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Sandra Walker, M.D.

Southwest Psychoanalytic Society
Sydney Arkowitz, Ph.D.

Tampa Bay Psychoanalytic Society
No representative present

Virginia Psychoanalytic Society
No representative present

Washington Center for Psychoanalysis
David Cooper, Ph.D.

Western New England Psychoanalytic Society
Rachel Bergeron, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Brett, Ph.D. (alt.)

William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society
Anton Hart, Ph.D. (alt.)

Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society
Virginia Linabury, M.D.
Valerie Laabs-Siemon, M.A. (alt.) (am)

AFFILIATE STUDY GROUPS REPRESENTATIVES

Nashville Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

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

Eastern Long Island Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

Lexington Psychoanalytic Study Group (Kentucky)
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

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES

American Institute for Psychoanalysis
No representative present

Mexican Societies
No representative present

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Rod G. Davidson, PRP

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am. Mark Smaller, Ph.D. welcomed everyone and introduced the officers and the Parliamentarian. He noted that the meeting would be broken up into two parts: the morning would be a working session led by the Task Force on Governance & Structure and the afternoon would be the business portion of the meeting.

2. Councilors meeting with the Task Force on Governance

Dr. Smaller introduced Drs. Gundle and Lightbody, co-chairs of the Task Force on Governance & Structure. They, in turn, introduced the other members of the Task Force: Phoebe Cirio, Herb Gross, Ted Hicks, Kerry Novick, Lee Jaffe, Dionne Powell, and Kerry Sulkowicz.

The Task Force led the Executive Council through a discussion about how it wants to shape and organize itself. The session started with small group discussions with each group focusing on one of five questions:

1. What are your thoughts about the current size and configuration of Council?
2. In your view, what is the best way for Council to achieve local representation?
3. How often do you think a BOD needs to meet to be effective?
4. What is your view of the best configuration of the Executive Committee? For example, should it include both Councilors and Officers?
5. Who do you think should chair the Council? The President as it is now, the President-elect, or someone elected from the Council.

The full group reconvened and discussed two possible governance models.

There was general agreement that an Executive Council retreat be planned for the fall. It was further suggested that each Society and Institute be asked to send one representative to be sent to such a retreat.

3. Secretary's Report – Dr. Fishkin

A. Roll Call

Dr. Fishkin called the roll. 40 members of the Executive Council were present who are entitled to vote, thus establishing a quorum.

B. Notice of Proxies

According to Article III, Section 2, of the Association's bylaws, notice is hereby given that we received 319 proxies for the Meeting of Members.

C. Approval of minutes of January 14, 2016 Executive Council Meeting

The chair asked for corrections to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting on January 14, 2016 which were posted online on February 26 and were also posted in the back of the meeting room. The minutes were approved as circulated.

D. Consent Calendar

i. Approval of New Disclosure Form for Candidates for Office

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.

E. Membership Update

Currently the Association has 3,032 members. By category, there are:

- 1,361 Active Members
- 1,166 Senior / Life Members
- 453 Candidate Members
- 22 Academic Associate Candidates
- 30 Academic Associates

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

- 108 Active Members became Senior Members
- 20 members have died
- 20 members have resigned
- 5 members reinstated their membership
- 4 Candidate Members and 1 Academic Associate Candidate were dropped because they are no longer candidates in training
- 2 Candidate Members were dropped because they were no longer candidates in training at their institute.
- At the January meeting, we gained 49 new Active Members and 56 new Candidate Members.

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

- 18 New Candidate Members (this includes 9 candidates from the American Institute for Psychoanalysis (AIP))
- 22 Candidate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 22 non-member APsaA institute graduates will become Active Members (this includes 11 members from AIP)
- 2 analysts trained outside of APsaA or the IPA will become Active Members

The Associates totals as of June 3, 2016 are:

- Educator Associates: 67
- Psychotherapist Associates: 261
- Research Associates: 34
- Student/Resident Associates: 39

Total of 401

F. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee Meetings

During the period between the January 2016 Executive Council meeting and this meeting of the Executive Council, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

American Institute for Psychoanalysis (AIP) Invitation

The Executive Committee discussed the need for a formal letter of invitation to AIP, inviting the institute to become an APsaA Approved Institute.

AAPE Clarification

The Executive Committee discussed the importance of making sure that members have a clear understanding of the proposed functions of the American Association for Psychoanalytic Education (AAPE) as well as the functions of the future APsaA Department of Psychoanalytic

Education (DPE). At several meetings, Dr. Rao addressed some of the questions and concerns raised regarding the development and proposed mission of AAPE.

Listserve To Use Higher Logic Platform

Higher Logic, a leader in online community (listserve) platforms for membership associations presented a demonstration to the Executive Committee and the members of the Executive Council Administrative Liaison Committee, Drew Clemens, David Cooper and Bobby Paul. The Executive Committee considered a proposal and pricing from Higher Logic. The Executive Committee and the Executive Council Administrative Liaison Committee endorsed moving to Higher Logic. Dr. Smaller informed the Executive Council detailing the problems the Association has had with its listserve, the research that was done to correct the problem, the demonstration by Higher Logic, the participation and sign-off by the Executive Council Administrative Liaison Committee and the decision to move forward with Higher Logic. He asked that Council members with any questions get back to him or Mr. Stein. We will have a report from the Council Administrative Liaison Committee a little later in the Council meeting.

Position Statement Regarding the Zika Virus

The Executive Committee approved a position statement regarding the Zika Virus epidemic prepared by members of the Committee on Government Relations & Insurance (CGRI) and the Social Issues Department. It acknowledged that the usual procedure is for the Executive Committee to recommend draft position statements for approval at the next Executive Council meeting. However, in situations where releasing the position statement to the media is of a time-sensitive nature, the Executive Committee has approved position statements without waiting for Executive Council approval. This situation was considered by a majority vote to meet that time-sensitive criterion. The scope of, and approval process for, position statements will be discussed further.

IPA eJournal

Dr. Smaller reported back to the Executive Committee on his meeting with the eJournal Board of Directors in Berlin. APsaA has agreed to participate, and will pay two thirds of the share paid by NAPsaC. It was noted that participation by all partners will be reconsidered yearly. If the eJournal is going well and APsaA can afford to continue, it will do so with the Executive Council's approval. Dr. Smaller announced that Jane Hall will be stepping down as an eJournal editor from North America. The Executive Committee thanked her for her dedicated work in the initial phase of the eJournal and looks forward to her continuing contributions to APsaA.

FY 2017 Proposed Budget

The Executive Committee discussed and approved the proposed FY 2017 budget with the suggested cuts outlined by the committee.

Regional Association: IPA Definition, NAPsaC Update

The Executive Committee reviewed information received from the IPA in a letter from Dr. Stefano Bolognini, IPA President, confirming APsaA's Regional Association status. His letter to the IPA Board of Directors addressed some IPA Board members who considered APsaA's Regional Association status to be problematic because of their concerns about equivalency in other regions of the world. Dr. Smaller reported on opposition within the IPA to the Regional Association status of APsaA. Dr. Smaller summarized his discussion on this and other related matters with Maureen Murphy, President of NAPsaC, and the Executive Committee discussed the best way to maintain a relationship with NAPsaC and maintain APsaA's Regional Association status within the IPA.

IRRC Bylaw Amendment

Dr. Smaller reported that the Bylaws Work Group has approved the draft of a bylaw amendment to establish the IRRC (Institute Requirements and Review Committee). The proposed bylaw language was reviewed by the Bylaws Committee and the Association's legal counsel. It will be submitted for consideration by the Executive Council and the BOPS at this meeting.

Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE)

Dr. Wolfe provided an update on plans for the new Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE). Dr. Erik Gann is the chair of the DPE Task Force and the members include: Drs. Robert Paul, Charles Fisher, Jay Kwawer, Erika Schmidt, Luba Kessler, Phyllis Cath, Peter Loewenberg, Sarah Lusk and Kristen Callahan. The Executive Committee discussed a draft mission statement submitted by the TF for the DPE. Dr. Gann joined the call the following week to present an overview of plans for the new Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE). He received comments and answered questions posed by the Executive Committee. Dr. Gann provided a more detailed summary of proposed DPE plan for the Executive Committee to review at its April 30-May 1 retreat.

Transition from BOPS to DPE

The Executive Committee began discussion of the process involved in transitioning from BOPS to the Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE).

Letter from the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis

Dr. Smaller presented a letter received from Dr. Rex McGehee, Director of the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis, informing APsaA that the Denver Institute voted to join AAPE and requesting that the annual Institute Fee paid to APsaA be waived. Further discussion will follow at the upcoming Executive Committee retreat in April. Dr. Smaller spoke with Dr. McGehee to clarify some details about the request and reported that Dr. McGehee had told him that the letter was a general inquiry about the fee, and that Denver had officially decided to join AAPE, which Dr. Rao confirmed.

COI Site Visits

The Executive Committee reiterated that, until BOPS officially sunsets, it should conduct "business as usual," continuing to schedule and carry out COI site visits.

Report from the Consortium Meeting including ACPE

Drs. Smaller and Wolfe reported on the Consortium meeting they attended the previous weekend. As part of the ACPE report at the Consortium meeting, Dr. Sheila Hafter Gray reported that, while there has been some discussion, there was no formal agreement or relationship at this point between AAPE and ACPE. Dr. Smaller reported to the Executive Committee that, at the Consortium meeting, the group had been reminded that the Consortium has a formal policy that none of the Consortium members can be involved in creating another accrediting body in addition to ACPE. At the Executive Committee's retreat earlier in the month, it had been decided to hire a consultant who could help the Executive Committee better understand whether or not external accreditation is necessary for psychoanalysis. Since AAPE now aspires to be an external standards body, not an accrediting body, and has been discussing an arrangement with ACPE, this consultation now seems unnecessary. Dr. Smaller proposed not hiring such a consultant. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Rao reported that a board of directors had been created for AAPE and that AAPE is no longer interested in receiving funds from APsaA.

Institute for Psychoanalytic Education (IPE) Letter to Members

The Executive Committee discussed a letter sent to the faculty of IPE that had been forwarded to Dr. Smaller. He was concerned because the letter included numerous inaccuracies about the Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE). It was agreed that everyone on the Executive Committee had to be pro-active in ensuring that accurate information about DPE and AAPE is clearly communicated to the membership and the institutes.

4. Executive Session

Nominations and elections for office and the various positions in the Association took place in Executive Session.

The results were as follows:

- A. The following individuals were nominated to run for Secretary in January 2017:
Ralph E. Fishkin, D.O.
Frederic J. Levine, Ph.D.
- B. The following individuals were nominated to run for Treasurer in January 2017:
Herbert S. Gross, M.D.
William A. Myerson, Ph.D.
- C. The following individuals were nominated to run for Councilor-at-Large in January 2017:
Phoebe Cirio, MSW, LCSW
Jane Hall, LCSW, FIPA
Judith Logue, Ph.D.
Kerry Kelly Novick
- D. The following individuals were elected to Nominations Advisory Committee:
Norman A. Clemens, M.D. – 1-year term
Jay S. Kwawer, Ph.D. – 3-year term
Carmela Perez, Ph.D. – 3-year term
- E. Peter Kotcher, M.D. was re-elected to the Audit Committee.
- F. Joanne E. Callan, Ph.D., ABPP was re-elected to the Compensation Committee.
- G. The following individuals were elected to the Committee on Council:
Norman A. Clemens, M.D.
M. Jane Yates, Ph.D.
Bonnie Buchele, Ph.D.
- H. The following individuals were elected to the Membership Requirements & Review Committee:
David E. Cooper, Ph.D. – 4-year term
Edward Hicks, M.D. – 1-year term
David M. Moore, Ph.D. – 4-year term
- I. Sandra C. Walker, M.D. was elected to the Council Nominations Advisory Committee

J. The following individuals were elected to the Policies & Procedures Committee:
Sandra C. Walker, M.D. – 3-year term
M. Jane Yates, Ph.D. – 3-year term
Kerry Kelly Novick – 1-year term

K. The following individuals were elected to the JAPA Editorial Board:
Phyllis Ackman, Ph.D.,
John Auerbach, Ph.D.
John P. Muller, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Prager, Ph.D.
Avgi Saketopoulou, Ph.D.
Golan Shahar, Ph.D.

L. The following individuals were approved for Honorary Membership:
Joe Palombo, M.A.
Eric Plakun, M.D.
Louis Rose, Ph.D.

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

The Board on Professional Standards issued a positive advisory on the proposed IRRC Bylaw Amendment. The advisory reads as follows:

The Board on Professional Standards supports the proposed IRRC Bylaw Amendment as a step that moves the Six Point Plan forward. The Board on Professional Standards' support is contingent upon Council's approval of a proviso to accompany the Bylaw proposal specifying that the IRRC will begin its work upon the sunseting of the Board on Professional Standards.

The Committee on Institutes recommended Stacy Fry, PsyD and Ronnie Shaw, MS., RN (Denver), Cheryl Eschbach, PhD, MD and Beverly Stoute, MD (Emory), Miriam Medow, MD (Michigan), Cynthia Ellis Gray, MD (Oregon), and Maria Longuemare, MD (San Francisco) for Training and Supervising Analyst appointment; James Herzog, MD for GRTA/SA, Ellen Rees, MD for GRTA/SA, Vera J. Camden, PhD and Jane Kite, PhD for GRSA, Gerald Melchiode, MD for SA (transfer), and Dorothy Holmes, PhD for TA/SA (transfer). Six waivers for personal analyst and one waiver for supervising analyst were approved

The Committee on Child and Adolescent Analysis further recommended Catherine A. Henderson, PhD, ARNP for Geographical Rule and Adolescent Supervising Analyst and Susan Lynn Donner, MD for Child and Adolescent Supervising Analyst. All were unanimously approved.

The Committee on Research and Special Training recommended one waiver for training which was approved.

The Committee on Preparedness and Progress recommended three waivers for training and all were approved.

Drs. Ascherman and Rao described the timetable for sunseting the Board on Professional Standards at the June 2017 APsaA meeting. The Board's committees will complete the majority of their work by December 2016 and will continue to perform only necessary functions between the December and June 2017 meeting.

6. MRRC Report – Dr. Smaller

The Membership Requirements & Review Committee (the MRRC) met on June 2 and the committee approved 2 Expanded Pathway Membership applications received from analysts who did not train at an APsaA institute or an IPA institute but who have met the substantial equivalence requirements.

The following analysts will be welcomed into the Association:

Judith Eckman-Jadow, Ph.D.

Avgi Saketopoulou, Psy.D.

The MRRC also approved 22 applications from graduates of APsaA-approved institutes who had never joined APsaA (this includes 11 applications from the American Institute for Psychoanalysis)

Claire Basescu, Ph.D.

Nicole Dintenfass, Ph.D.

Giselle Galdi, Ph.D.

Joann Gerardi, Ph.D.

Robin Steier Goldberg, Ph.D.

Nancy Goldman, LCSW

Elizabeth Hegeman, Ph.D.

Douglas H. Ingram, M.D.

Zev William Edward Labins, M.D.

Tal Lee, Psy.D.

Arthur A. Lynch, Ph.D.

Anne F. Malavé, Ph.D.

Julie Jarett Marcuse, Ph.D.

Michele A. Muñoz, Ph.D.

Mario Rendon, M.D.

Jeffrey Rubin, M.D.

Alan Schwartz, M.D.

Eric Singer, Ph.D.

Sarah Sternklar, Ph.D.

Ken Winarick, Ph.D.

Yukarie Yanagino, Ph.D., LCSW-R

Mi Yu, M.D., Ph.D.

The names of all the new APsaA members were posted in the back of the room.

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

Dr. Smaller noted that the Association had received a request from the American Institute for Psychoanalysis (AIP) to become an Affiliate Society of APsaA with a vote on the Executive Council. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted unanimously to approve AIP as an Affiliate Society of APsaA.

8. Update on Department of Psychoanalytic Education – Dr. Gann

Dr. Gann put forth three questions that the Task Force on the Department of Psychoanalytic Education grappled with. In this age of proliferation of psychoanalytic theories, are we doing a good job of preparing clinicians? Does psychoanalytic thinking as taught in our Institutes reflect advances in theory and practice in the 21st century? Most psychoanalysts spend time after graduation in areas

other than private practice. So are we conceptualizing education as relevant to these other areas? The Task Force tried to develop a structure to preserve the best of the committee work of BOPS and at the same time move the organization adequately into the 21st century with relevancy and engagement in the future. The three basic components of the new Department of Psychoanalytic Education will be the Educational and Training Forum, the Sections, and the Steering Committee. The Task Force is also working on the idea of an additional structure, the Psychoanalytic Scholarship Forum, which would be an open arena for the discussion of topics outside the usual purview of traditional topics in psychoanalytic training.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council endorsed and authorized the creation of a Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE) based on the model proposed by the Task Force on the DPE.

9. Report from BOPS Task Force on Externalization of Regulatory Functions – Dr. Rao

Dr. Rao reported that five institutes have decided to join the American Association for Psychoanalytic Education (AAPE). He noted that AAPE will be a standard setting body, not an accrediting body. AAPE plans to raise funds through grants, individual donations, and dues from member Institutes. AAPE has a Board of Directors and has formed several committees but its 501(c)(3) IRS application is in progress and the organization cannot collect funds until it receives the IRS letter of determination. June 2017 will probably be the earlier that AAPE will be fully functional – after BOPS has been sunsetted. The fees to join AAPE have not yet been determined.

10. Treasurer's Report/Budget Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Myerson & Mr. Stein

Dr. Myerson extended his appreciation to the many committee chairs who spent time developing their budget requests. He also noted that this was the first year that the Council Budget Advisory Committee had been involved in the budget preparation discussions and he felt that the committee's participation had been useful.

Mr. Stein then presented the proposed FY 2017 budget. He outlined the process by which the budget was prepared.

When the FY 2017 proposed budget was originally put together, there was a budgeted deficit of \$406,459. This was primarily due to the fact that income was not increasing in any significant way but committees were coming up with more activities for the Association to pursue and costs, in general, increase. Almost every year, programmatic ideas and enthusiasm exceed our income. The challenge is always to try to reign in the expense side of the budget to narrow the gap between what we wish we could do and what we realistically can do.

By the time the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee completed their reviews, the budgeted deficit was reduced to \$169,629.

Mr. Stein noted that the \$169,629 number may seem like a large number but the Association's experience has shown that a budgeted deficit in that range almost always is eliminated by the time the fiscal year ends as a result of conservatively budgeting income and also budgeting expenses to allow for surprises. Also, many committees submit budget requests and their plans change during the course of the year so they are unable to do all of the work they proposed to do.

Mr. Stein led the Council through a number of specific areas in the proposed budget that he thought they would want to know about and then answered specific questions about the proposed budget.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the FY 2017 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

11. Proposed Bylaw Amendment – Dr. Clemans

Dr. Clemens noted that the purpose of the proposed bylaw amendment was to establish a new Committee of the Executive Council, the Institute Requirements and Review Committee (IRRC), which will be responsible for matters related to the approval of institutes in a manner somewhat analogous to that of the Membership Requirements and Review Committee (MRRC) which oversees matters of membership eligibility for individual applicants.

Dr. Clemens noted that BOPS had voted to give a positive advisory with contingency the previous day.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council approved sending the proposed IRRC bylaw amendment for a vote of the membership as a positive step that moves the Six Point Plan forward with the proviso that the IRRC will begin its work upon the sunseting of the BOPS or no later than the June 2017 Meeting of Members. The Executive Council further directs the Bylaws Committee to draft Bylaws to be presented to the Executive Council in January of 2017 and to be voted upon by the membership in June of 2017 to sunset BOPS and to make the appropriate adjustments to remove its functions in consultation with the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Executive Council.

12. Report from the Policies & Procedures Committee – Dr. Yates

Dr. Yates reported that In August 2015, Dr. Smaller asked the Policies and Procedures Committee to take on two tasks: 1) Develop a draft policy or procedure for regularly reviewing whether all Affiliate Societies meet the requirements of being an APsaA Affiliate Society; and 2) Develop a draft definition of a Society since one does not exist in the APsaA bylaws or in a policy manual. The Committee addressed the second request first (developing a draft definition of a Society and procedures for affiliating with APsaA) and that definition was approved by the Executive Council in January 2016. Dr. Yates then presented a proposed policy and procedure to ensure that current Affiliate Societies were meeting APsaA requirements in order to maintain Affiliate Society status..

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council approved the proposed Policy and Procedure regarding Maintaining Affiliate Society Status within APsaA.

13. Resolution to Incorporate eJournal – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller reviewed the history of the IPA creating an online international journal -- an e-Journal that reflects all of the regions of the IPA and represents all kinds of views – clinical, applied, theoretical with brief articles.

He noted that the annual budget for the eJournal is expected to be about \$100,000 -- \$25,000 to come from the IPA, \$25,000 from the European Psychoanalytic Federation, \$25,000 from FEPAL (Latin American Psychoanalytic Federation), and \$25K from NAPsaC (the North American Psychoanalytic Confederation), of which two thirds of the \$25,000 (\$16,750) will be paid by APsaA. Each of these organizations will have a seat on the board of directors of this new venture. The IPA decided that, for business and political reasons, it made sense to incorporate the new e-Journal in Uruguay with each organization an equal partner.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council approved a resolution to incorporate the eJournal in Uruguay.

14. Higher Logic Update – Dr. Cooper

Dr David Cooper reported for the Council Administrative Liaison Committee. He noted that the committee had been invited to participate with the Executive Committee in a demonstration of a possible new listserv company in March and wanted to update the Council on subsequent developments..

APsaA has had email lists for 20 years. When those lists were instituted, they were at the cutting edge of the technology that was then available. And they have served us well. Increasingly, however, the Association has had more and more problems with the email lists. The problems include spam causing blacklisting by internet service providers, lack of archives, problems with formatting, and the inability to include attachments. During the last few months of 2015, some of the Association's email lists were virtually shut down because of spam problems and the frustration level on the part of the members increased dramatically. It was determined that the Association's listserv technology was outdated and no longer functioning well. After the January 2016 APsaA meeting, the Executive Committee asked the staff to investigate any and all possibilities for solving the email list problems. One of the companies contacted was Higher Logic, a technology company whose mission is "to bring like-minded people together in secure communities designed to provide relevant and purposeful interactions, ignite knowledge sharing, drive content creation and improve performance." The company is almost exclusively focused on the membership association community and they have built more than 250,000 online communities.

The staff spent a fair amount of time with Higher Logic trying to make sure they understood the problems APsaA was experiencing and the members' strong desire for an easy to use listserv platform. On March 24, the Executive Committee along with Administrative Liaison Committee participated in a Higher Logic demonstration. Over 1 million postings go through Higher Logic's servers each day which virtually guarantees that someone marking an email as spam will not result in any blacklisting.

The Higher Logic platform has a robust functionality which APsaA can explore in the future. But the bulk of the demo was spent focusing on listservs. Higher Logic's listservs function similarly to APsaA's current listservs. Members would be able to do everything they currently do and, in addition, they would also be able to include any kind of formatting and attachments. A complete archive of each online community's postings would be maintained on the APsaA website as well. Initiating a posting can be done from an email or from APsaA's website. And finally, members would be able to manage their own subscriptions. They can subscribe and unsubscribe from the APsaA website and they can choose to get the postings in real time or as a daily digest.

Both the Administrative Liaison Committee and the Executive Committee were quite impressed with Higher Logic and all agreed that APsaA should move to Higher Logic. On March 25, a day after the committees met with Higher Logic, Dr. Smaller posted a notice on the Council list indicating that, after doing a fair amount of research, the Executive Committee settled on working with Higher Logic. The annual cost will be roughly the same that we have been paying for our outdated technology. Dr. Smaller asked the members of Council to submit any questions about Higher Logic to the staff.

The National Office signed a contract with Higher Logic and since then has been working with the company on all the configurations necessary for our members to achieve what is expected from the system. A pre-launch Beta testing is slated to begin in July with the transition to the Higher Logic Platform for the entire membership to begin in August.

15. Approval of 2016-2017 Fellows

The following individuals were proposed for the 2015-2016 Fellowship class:

Aparna Atluru, M.D.
Azeesat Babajide, MD, MBA
Harold Braswell, PhD
Keri Brenner, MD, MPA
Miguel Caballero-Vázquez, PhD Candidate
Kali Cyrus, MD
Ksera Dyette, PsyD
Christopher Flinton, MD
Jennifer Harris, MD
Catharine Kaufmann, PhD
Daniel Kimmel, MD, PhD
Emily Markley, PsyD
Mayumi Pierce, MD
Chrysa Prestia, MSW, DMA
Rachel Ross, MD, PhD

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommended Fellows were approved unanimously

16. Candidates' Council Report – Ms. Cirio

Ms. Cirio referred to the Candidates' Council report that was distributed to the Councilors. She thanked Council for funding Candidates Council activities, such as the Master Teacher Award. She encouraged the Council to continue to keep a focus on candidates.

17. President's Concluding Remarks – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller reminded the Executive Council that the Association had come a long way to resolving longstanding disputes and actually beyond what he could have imagined. The Association is an "essential other" which has made Dr. Smaller proud to be President. What has been accomplished over the last two years with help from Jeffrey Kerr and Beth Fletcher will have reverberations that will go on beyond what anyone could have imagined. He noted that he is leaving the position of president feeling good about what the Association has accomplished. In the very near future, others will feel the impact not only nationally, but locally as well. Dr. Smaller urged the Councilors to let Societies and Institutes know what has gone on during the past two years. The Association exists on behalf of the membership and what the members do every day in their practices and in teaching. The Councilors were urged to respond and to listen to each other on behalf of the Association and on behalf of the field of psychoanalysis. He received a standing ovation from the Council.

18. New Business

Dr. Lightbody, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Governance & Structure, proposed a motion that the Executive Council should submit a proposed bylaw amendment to the membership to add the following categories to the Executive Committee: 1) Four voting Councilors elected by the Executive Council; 2) A public member elected by the Executive Council; and 3) A candidate representative

put forth by the President of the Candidates' Council and approved by the Executive Council. These members would have the same rights as Executive Councilors.

Questions and discussion on the motion ensued. It was questioned whether it made sense to include a public member on the Executive Committee when the idea was to keep the Executive Committee lean so it could efficiently get work done. It was also pointed out that the Executive Committee is a committee of the Council so the candidate member would need to be elected by the Executive Council, rather than by the President of the Candidates' Council. Questions about whether to include term limits were raised.

It was determined that a more thorough discussion is needed.

It was moved and approved withdraw the original motion.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved the writing of a proposed bylaw amendment regarding adding Councilors and a candidate to the Executive Committee was referred to the Task Force on Governance & Structure.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.