



**MINUTES
AMERICAN PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Thursday, June 4, 2015
The Palace Hotel
San Francisco, CA**

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No representative present

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No representative present

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No representative present

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No representative at this time

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No representative present

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No representative present

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Luba Kessler, M.D.

Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
No representative present

Psychoanalytic Society of Upstate New York
No representative present

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No representative present

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No representative present

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Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society
Virginia Linabury, M.D.

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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 Psychoanalysis of Puerto Rico
No representative present

Syracuse Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative present

Parliamentarian

William E. Starkey, 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.

2. Secretary's Report – Dr. Fishkin

A. Roll Call

Dr. Fishkin called the roll. 39 members of the Executive Council were present who are entitled to vote, thus establishing a quorum.

B. Notice of Proxies

The Secretary reported that 327 proxy ballots were received for the Meeting of Members on Friday, June 6, 2015.

C. Approval of minutes of January 15, 2015 Executive Council Meeting

The chair asked for corrections to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting on January 15, 2015 which were posted online on February 27 and were also posted in the back of the meeting room. The minutes were approved as circulated.

D. Consent Calendar

i. Approval to sunset the Professional Liability Committee.

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

E. Membership Update

Currently the Association has 3,026 members. By category, there are:

- 1,425 Active Members
- 1,107 Senior / Life Members
- 440 Candidate Members
- 24 Academic Associate Candidates
- 30 Academic Associates

Since the January 2015 Meeting, the following changes in membership have occurred:

- 67 Active Members became Senior Members
- 21 members have died (including 1 Honorary Member)
- 25 members have resigned
- 3 Candidate Members were dropped because they completed Academic Training at their institute
- 8 members reinstated their membership

At the January 2015 National Meeting, we gained 114 new Active Members and 51 new Candidate Members.

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

- 33 New Candidate Members
- 3 new Academic Associate Candidates (the category of membership for non-clinical candidates in training at APsaA institutes).
- 8 Candidate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 21 non-member APsaA institute graduates will become Active Members
- 1 IPA member or IPA graduate will become an Active Member
- 2 analyst trained outside of APsaA or the IPA will become an Active Members via the Expanded Pathway

The totals for our Associates categories as of May 22 are:

Educator Associates: 62
Psychotherapist Associates: 263
Research Associates: 36
Student/Resident Associates: 45
Total of 406

F. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee Meetings

During the period between the January 2015 Executive Council and this meeting of the Executive Council, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

APsaA Listservs

In response to a significant number of postings from members regarding the discontinuation of the current listservs, the Executive Committee agreed that no changes will be made until further investigation.

Planning for the June Joint Meeting

The Executive Committee discussed the planning of the Joint Council/BOPS taking place during the Annual Meeting in June 2015. The tentative plan is for BOPS and Council to meet together from 8:00 – 11:00am on Wednesday, June 3 followed by the BOPS meeting in the afternoon. The Executive Council would meet Thursday morning, June 4, followed by a concluding joint meeting of BOPS and Council in the afternoon.

Relationship with IPA

The Executive Committee passed a motion that APsaA will provide the IPA administration with an updated list of email addresses and other contact information of all APsaA members who are also members of the IPA. APsaA will provide this information to the IPA annually at no cost to the IPA. The IPA will include the APsaA National Office in any email distributions.

Timetable for Externalizing Certification

The Executive Committee considered how best to handle questions raised by members regarding the process for applying for certification during the next round. It was decided that Dr. Smaller would post on the Association email list a note indicating that the current procedures would be followed until such time as the new external certification was available.

Approval of Request for Conference Co-sponsoring

The Executive Committee approved a request from Dr. Julie Jaffee Nagel, Co-Chair of the Committee on Psychoanalysis and the Arts, for APsaA to co-sponsor the Wellness Track for Pedagogy, a portion

of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) national conference in April 2016 to be held in San Antonio.

Schools Committee Request

After receiving a request from the co-chairs of the Schools Committee to change the name of its Educational Achievement Award to the Anna Freud Educational Achievement Award, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to change the name of the award to the APsaA Schools Committee Anna Freud Educational Achievement Award.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

After review and discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the Executive Council and BOPS a proposed bylaw amendment that would allow candidates at IPA institutes to join APsaA as Candidate Members. The proposed amendment will be on the agenda of the Executive Council and the BOPS meetings in June, and will be voted upon by the members at the January 2016 meeting.

FY 2016 Proposed Budget

The Executive Committee discussed and approved the proposed FY 2016 budget with the suggested cuts outlined by the committee.

Request from APsaA's Liaison to the American Psychiatric Association

The Executive Committee reviewed the request of Prudy Gourguechon, APsaA's liaison to the American Psychiatric Association and agreed with her recommendations that she vote:

1. To "abstain" regarding the procedural change to eliminate "voting by strength" at the APA Assembly.
2. To support the proposal to eliminate Part IV of the Maintenance of Certification Exam, which is time consuming, expensive and lacks meaningful evidence to support its use.

PDM2 Support

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to support the production of the second edition of the Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual.

Update on Research Within APsaA

The Executive Committee reviewed a letter drafted by Dr. Wolfe regarding the current status of the Fund for Psychoanalytic Research and the efforts being made to move the Science Department forward. It approved a version of the proposed letter that will be signed by the Executive Committee, to be posted on the Association Listserv. The Executive Committee also approved the research summit to be held on July 26 following the IPA congress in Boston. Dr. Wolfe will moderate the meeting.

Discussion of Recommendation for Change

The Executive Committee, with regards to its recommendations for change, finalized its letter to the Executive Council, the Board on Professional Standards and the membership. Dr. Smaller will write to the Council to discuss options with regard to developing the procedure for the choice of a consultant.

3. Executive Session

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

The results are as follows:

- A. The following individuals were nominated to run for President-elect in January:
Lee Jaffe
Harvey Schwartz
- B. The following individuals were nominated to run for Councilor-at-Large in January:
Julio Calderon
Rick Perlman
Sally Rosenberg
Jeff Seitelman
- C. The following individuals were elected to the Nominations Advisory Committee:
Luba Kessler
Virginia Linabury
- D. The following individuals were elected to the Committee on Council:
Julio Calderon
Ralph Fishkin
Ira Moses
Bobby Paul
- E. The following individuals were elected to the Membership Requirements & Review Committee:
Julio Calderon
Robin Renders
Jeff Seitelman
- F. The following individuals were elected to the Policies & Procedures Committee:
Jules Kerman
Jeff Seitelman
- G. The following individuals were elected to the Audit Committee:
Elise Snyder
Sandy Walker
- H. The following individuals were elected to the Council Nominations Advisory Committee:
Julio Calderon
Kerry Novick
- I. The following individuals were elected to the Compensation Committee:
Syd Arkowitz
Jeff Seitelman

J. The following individuals were elected to the JAPA Editorial Board:

Phillip Blumberg
Christopher Christian
Stan Coen
Tiziano Colibazzi
Karen Gilmore
Steven Goldberg
Richard Kessler
Nathan Kravis
David Lichtenstein
Erika Schmidt
Doris Silverman
Donnel Stern
Jane Tillman

K. The following individuals were approved for Honorary Membership:

Douglas Kirsner.
Ilga Svechs

L. The Executive Council ratified a decision of the Ethics Committee.

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

The meeting began with a report on the work of the Task Force on the Externalization of Certification by Stacey Keller, M.D. The American Board of Psychoanalysis (ABP), the entity that will perform certification examinations, has been created as a 501c3 organization. The task force has focused on insuring a smooth transition to this body in January 2016 and all inquiries about applying for certification should still be addressed to the Board on Professional Standards Certification Examination Committee. The task force is creating a website for the ABP which will include a web page for each certified member who wants to be listed on the site. There will be a nominal charge for this. The task force has also been doing outreach to ACPE and other analytic groups who might be interested in a certification procedure. There was a relatively short discussion of the Executive Committee's proposal as it had just been addressed in the Joint Meeting. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

The two bylaw amendments were discussed. The amendment allowing membership to candidates in IPA approved institutes was recommended unanimously.

An advisory opinion for the bylaw amendment giving the Executive Council final authority on all matters concerning APsaA was approved by a vote of 22-18. The advisory reads, "The Board on Professional Standards is in full support of the Executive Committee proposal. It supports unity and cohesiveness as we move forward toward comprehensive reorganization. In this spirit, the proposed bylaw amendment is ill-timed because the ongoing progress from the Executive Committee's proposal that includes all constituents of APsaA will result in fundamental change to our organization. The bylaw amendment risks disrupting this collaborative spirit; therefore the Board on Professional Standards opposes the bylaw amendment in order to allow the realization of the Executive Committee's proposals.

The Committee on Child and Adolescent Analysis appointed Beverly Stout, M.D. as a Training and Supervising Analyst. Reciprocity between TA/SA's in the Southwest Consortium was established.

The Certification Examination Committee certified three members. Dr. Michael Moore will succeed Dr. Harvey Schwartz as chair of CEC.

The Committee on Institutes recommended Yudit Jung, Ph.D., Wendy Katz, Ph.D., Kelly Reams, LCSW, and Jennifer Stuart, Ph.D. For TA/SA appointment, one waiver for a distance analysis, GRTA/SA appointments for Drs. Sydney Anderson and Benjamin Bennet, two waivers for personal analysts for San Diego and three for San Francisco. All were approved. The site visit to New Orleans/Birmingham was discussed. It is a small institute and as part of the visit Dr. Sam Robertson wrote a most interesting and helpful white paper on sharing resources in a consortium model and how to conduct efficient outreach. This paper will be distributed to Institute Directors and Education Committee Chairs.

The Committee on New Training Facilities is going to change its name to the Committee on Collaborative Institute Development. With the new focus on helping struggling institutes and their long history of using a continuous process for establishing viable institutes, the name change reflects this recent focus.

The Committee on Preparedness and Progress has four applicants in the wings.

The Committee on Research and Special Training recommended a waiver and it was approved.

The Committee on Accreditation of Free-Standing Institutes continues to work with the American Institute for Psychoanalysis of the Karen Horney Psychoanalytic Center. Inquiries have been received from the Newport Psychoanalytic Institute and the International Institute for Psychoanalytic Training.

5. Report on Externalizing Certification – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller reported on a conference call between the ABP attorney and the APsaA attorney. They decided that a bylaw amendment is not necessary with the certification exam being externalized. There may still be a CEC within APsaA but the exam itself will be externalized. CEC will be an internal committee ensuring that individual analyst passed the exam as well as other objective criteria. A Power Point presentation is on the website in the members' section under Association documents. It has information for use by local groups. A full description of the process for the January examination will be on the website in a couple of weeks. Anyone who is thinking about applying should continue to contact Dr. Harvey Schwartz.

6. Executive Committee Recommendations

Dr. Smaller reviewed the discussions and process leading to the recommendations for change offered by the Executive Committee. He noted that this process began with the joint meetings of the Executive Council and BOPS in June 2014, continued in January 2015, and will continue again at this meeting. Among the Councilors and Fellows, there is consensus regarding the recommendations.

The Executive Committee recommendations were as follows:

1. IPA standards following the Eitingon model will be the baseline standard for education in APsaA institutes. The Association will remain a Regional Association of the IPA. Institutes that want to adhere to requirements beyond the IPA baseline standard can do so.
2. The process of externalizing the certification examination, which will be given by the new American Board of Psychoanalysis (ABP), will continue and be completed by January 2016. Since IPA standards do not require certification for Training Analyst appointment, the decision

whether to require it will become a decision of each local institute. After changes in APsaA bylaws regarding any requirement for certification, the APsaA Committee on Certification will sunset. Those institutes wishing to maintain certification for Training Analyst appointment will thereafter use the ABP.

3. A new Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE) will be created to conduct the non-regulatory functions of our existing Board on Professional Standards. It will focus on education and consultation between local institutes through non-regulatory committees similar to those that are now part of our Board on Professional Standards plus any additional committees that will advance the mission of the DPE.
4. An Institute Requirements and Review Committee (IRRC) will be developed to review applications of non-APsaA institutes interested in becoming an APsaA institute. The IRRC will establish and revise as indicated procedures for review of each application focusing on whether the educational program of that institute is “substantially equivalent” to the IPA standards held by APsaA institutes. Similar to the Membership Requirements and Review Committee (MRRC), the IRRC will be a committee of the Executive Council.
5. The APsaA Department of Psychoanalytic Education will function on behalf of all existing APsaA institutes and those institutes that join APsaA in the future through the IRRC. Any APsaA institute that elects to adhere to standards in addition to the APsaA baseline standard and chooses to participate in an external entity following such standards could do so without alteration of its standing within APsaA as an APsaA institute.
6. The Executive Council will begin a process of self-assessment regarding its functioning; e.g., the nature of Councilors’ roles and responsibilities and the Executive Council’s mechanism for overseeing all aspects of the Association’s mission. Utilizing a professional nonprofit consultant of the Council’s choosing who has expertise in best practices of Boards of Directors of nonprofit membership organizations, the process can begin in January 2016. The final process will be developed by Councilors in collaboration with their consultant. We have envisioned a process in which the consultant observes the Executive Council meeting and begins to meet with groups of Councilors to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Executive Council and discuss potential changes in Council that will facilitate its ability to fulfill its responsibilities. The role of the Executive Committee in relation to the Executive Council will be part of this assessment and consultation. The Executive Council will inform the membership about its deliberations and any proposed changes that may require bylaw amendment.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved and seconded that Council request the Executive Committee to create a group of task forces, composed of members of both Council and BOPS, charged with devising a plan to implement and/or flesh out the description of the objectives in the Executive Committee’s recommendation.

It was moved and seconded to add a sentence – as a friendly amendment – to the motion on the floor. It would read: Council approves the Executive Committee’s set of recommendations for moving the Association forward.

There was more discussion of the amendment and the original motion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the amendment that Council approves the Executive Committee’s recommendations was unanimously approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved with one opposed: The Executive Council approved the Executive Committee's set of recommendations for moving the Association forward and requested that the Executive Committee set up a group of Task Forces, composed of members of both Council and BOPS, each of which would be charged with devising a plan to implement and/or flesh out the description of the objectives in the Executive Committee's suggestions. The Task Forces will report to the Executive Committee, the Council, and the BOPS periodically, and provide timely proposals for Council's consideration in time for the January meetings. The Executive Committee will be charged with communicating about this endeavor to the membership as it proceeds.

7. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

A. Open Membership to Candidates in IPA Approved Institutes – Dr. Clemens

Upon motion duly made and seconded, this bylaw amendment was unanimously approved.

B. Member Petition Amendment – Dr. Kessler

Article VII. Section 5. No committee of the corporation established pursuant to or cited in Article VII shall have the authority to bind the Executive Council in any respect whatsoever, including, without limit to, 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 of psychoanalysts.

Dr. Kessler proposed that Council pass a motion to communicate recommendation to the membership in regard to the member proposed bylaw amendment.

Discussion of this proposed bylaw amendment followed. The proposed bylaw amendment was put forth by 60 members so it must go to the membership for a vote. The Executive Council is being asked to make a recommendation either for or against, and that statement will be presented with the ballot.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to include the following recommendation to the membership concerning the member petition bylaw amendment:

APsaA's Executive Committee has recommended to the Council and the BOPS a group of interrelated proposals that restructure responsibilities within the organization. When fully implemented, the result will be that the Executive Council will have the authority and responsibility in all areas of the organization's functioning. This will take time; the Executive Council is working on details of implementation. There is now a bylaw amendment proposed to the membership to the effect that the Executive Council as Board of Directors of APsaA be recognized and empowered as the executive body in all aspects. APsaA's Executive Council supports the passage of the proposed bylaw amendment with the understanding that, if 2/3 of the membership ratifies this change, implementation will take place over time as part of the transition process to the new organizational structure, including educational policies.

The recommendation was approved by a vote of 25 for, 5 opposed and 5 abstentions.

8. MRRC Report – Dr. Smaller

The Membership Requirements & Review Committee (the MRRC) met on May 20 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:

Gohar Homayounpour, Psy.D.

Lynda Scalf-Mclver, Ph.D.

The MRRC also approved:

- 1 application from an analyst trained at an IPA institute
- 21 applications from graduates of APsaA-approved institutes who never joined APsaA (this includes 20 applications from the William Alanson White Institute)

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

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

Dr. Smaller noted that a psychoanalytic society which has 10 or more APsaA members can apply to become an Affiliate Society. The Contemporary Freudians in APsaA, an informal group of members from the Contemporary Freudian Society, has 15 APsaA members and is applying for Affiliate Society status which would provide them with a vote on the Executive Council.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Contemporary Freudian Society was approved as an Affiliate Society of APsaA.

10. Treasurer's Report/Budget Advisory Committee Report Proposed 2016 Budget

Dr. Myerson extended his appreciation to the many committee chairs who spent time developing their budget requests. He also noted that the Budget Advisory Committee is a new aspect of the budgeting process and, as a result, the budgeting process will begin earlier than in the past. The Budget Advisory Committee will be trying to determine and reflect the Executive Council's priorities as well as tying the budget to the Association's strategic plan.

There was a brief discussion of the budget proposal for the funding of six proposed initiatives from the Executive Committee totaling \$58,200. Dr. Myerson noted that all of these initiatives are one-time expenditures and not programmatic changes but do involve hiring a number of consultants. The decision to hire consultants was largely based on the remarkably positive impact of consultants used in the recent past. Funds are allocated but if it turns out that a committee or the Executive Committee does not need them, then the money will not be spent. Dr. Myerson reminded the Council that only one committee used a consultant this past year, Jeffrey Kerr, and he proved to be very useful.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, budget proposals for the six proposed initiatives from the Executive Committee were unanimously approved.

Dean Stein then presented the proposed FY 2016 budget. He outlined the process by which the budget was put together.

When the FY 2016 proposed budget was originally put together, there was a budgeted deficit of \$389,858. 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 \$155,346.

Mr. Stein noted that the \$155,346 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 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 2016 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

11. Report from the Diversity Task Force – Dr. Smaller

Dr. Smaller reported that over 400 APsaA members have completed an online survey exploring diversity. He noted that the results will be posted when they are tabulated. The next step is to survey local groups in terms of demographics so that efforts can be made to ensure our institutes reflect the communities in which they are situated.

12. Committee on Council – Dr. Linabury

Dr. Linabury proposed the following motion: Whereas the Councilors are Directors and represent individual societies or, in the case of Councilors-at-Large the membership as a whole, be it resolved that each Councilor will take it upon him or herself to educate and inform themselves.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, there was unanimous approval for each Councilor to educate and inform him/herself.

Dr. Linabury also proposed the following motion: Whereas Councilors are Directors responsible for the smooth functioning of Executive Council, therefore be it resolved that an Executive Council Administrative Liaison Committee will be created to meet with the Executive Director quarterly to work towards smooth collaboration between the Council and Administration. The six members will be elected at the June Meeting of Council. It will elect its own Chair. It will be reassessed in 2-3 years by Executive Council to determine its effectiveness.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to create an Executive Council Administrative Liaison Committee to work with the Executive Director.

Due to time constraints, nominations for membership on this committee will be handled after the Council meeting – either via the Council listserv or at the next Council meeting.

13. CGRI Report – Dr. Gross

Report on Health Care Issues – Ms. Peggy Tighe

Dr. Gross reported that CGRI has two functions: to respond to members who have problems with insurance companies and to advocate through Jim Pyles and Peggy Tighe's work on the Hill and with the Mental Health Liaison Group. Both Dr. Gross and Ms. Tighe noted that APsaA may be a small organization but it is having a significant impact on health care.

14. Candidates' Council Report – Ms. Cirio

Due to time constraints Ms. Cirio gave an abbreviated report and noted that there is a full report in the Councilors' packets. The Candidates' Council newsletter and Paper Prize are going well. In January 2015, the Candidates' Council presented its first Master Teacher award to Robert Michels, M.D. Programming at the meetings now includes a candidate forum and discussion group.

15. Approval of 2015-2016 Fellows

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

Asli Baykal, Ph.D., LCSW
Carolyn A. Broudy, M.D., M.S.
Katie Lewis, Ph.D., M.A.
Lee Lovejoy, M.D., Ph.D.
Christine Maksimowicz, Ph.D., M.A., M.M.
Karen Mu, M.D., Ph.D.
Petra Pilgrim, M.D.
Sana Sheikh, Ph.D., M.A.
Nathaniel Sowa, M.D., Ph.D.
Amy Vyas, M.D.
Rachel Weitzenkorn, B.A.
Laura Werner-Larsen, Ph.D., M.S.W.
Rachel Winer, M.D.
Yi Yang, Ph.D.
David Yuppa, M.D.

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

16. Staff Recognition

Dr. Smaller recognized two APsaA staff members who either achieved or would be achieving milestones in their service to the Association. Dr. Smaller noted that we have a small, relatively lean staff that is quite committed.

Brian Canty, Computer Information Systems Manager, is celebrating his 20th anniversary with APsaA this month.

Debbie Steinke Wardell, Education and Member Services Manager, will be celebrating her 20th anniversary with APsaA in September 2015.

Dr. Smaller noted that the membership does not often have the opportunity to recognize and thank the staff. The Council offered a round of applause and a standing ovation for these staff members who help make the Association function so well.

17. New Business

There was no new business.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.