



MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Hilton Austin

Austin, TX

Agenda

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No representative present

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JoAnn Ponder, Ph.D.

Baltimore Washington Center for Psychotherapy & Psychoanalysis
Kathleen Miller, Ph.D. (alt.)

Berkshire Psychoanalytic Society for Psychoanalysis
Lyn Yonack, MSW

Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Michael Dvorkin, Ed.D.

Chicago Psychoanalytic Society
Ellen Rosenberg, Ph.D.

Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Peter Kotcher, M.D.

Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center
Richard Lightbody, M.D.

Contemporary Freudians in APsaA
Jane Hall, LCSW, FIPA (alt.)

Dallas Psychoanalytic Center
Marc Little, M.D.

Denver Psychoanalytic Society
Benjamin P. Green, M.D.
Marguerite Stewart, Psy.D. (alt.)

Florida Psychoanalytic Society
Julio Calderon, M.D.

Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center
Bonnie J. Buchele, Ph.D.

Houston Psychoanalytic Society
Sharon Gerber, LCSW
Barbara Mosbacher, Ph.D. (alt.)

Long Island Psychoanalytic Society
No representative at this time

Michigan Psychoanalytic Society
Patricia Plopa, Ph.D.

Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
No representative present

New Center for Psychoanalysis
Jeffrey Prager, Ph.D.

New Jersey Psychoanalytic Society
No representative present

New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center
No representative at this time

New York Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Maxine Fenton Gann, Ph.D.
M. Geraldine Hoban, Ph.D. (alt.)

Oregon Psychoanalytic Center
Constance Jackson, M.D.

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Bliss Rand, M.D.
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Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center
No representative at this time

Psychoanalytic Association of New York
Stephen Malach, M.D.

Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
Edward Hicks, M.D.
Lana Fishkin, M.D. (alt.)

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

Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Society
Phoebe Cirio, MSW

San Diego Psychoanalytic Center
Joanne Callan, Ph.D.
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San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis
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No representative at this time

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No representative at this time

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Ira Moses, Ph.D.

Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Society
Valerie Laabs-Siemon, M.S.

AFFILIATE STUDY GROUPS REPRESENTATIVES

Nashville Psychoanalytic Study Group
Thomas W. Campbell, M.D. (pm only)

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Birmingham Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative at this time

Eastern Long Island Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative at this time

Lexington Psychoanalytic Study Group (Kentucky)
No representative at this time

Santa Fe Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative at this time

Society of Psychoanalysis of Puerto Rico
No representative at this time

Syracuse Psychoanalytic Study Group
No representative at this time

Professional Registered Parliamentarian
Rod G. Davidson, PRP

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am. Dr. Wolfe welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive Committee and the Parliamentarian.

2. Secretary's Report – Dr. Fishkin

A. Roll Call

Dr. Fishkin called the roll. 45 members of the Executive Council were present who were entitled to vote, thus establishing a quorum.

B. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda for the meeting was adopted.

C. Notice of Proxies

The Secretary reported that 439 proxies were received for the Meeting of Members on Friday, June 9, 2017.

D. Approval of minutes of January 19, 2017 Executive Council Meeting

The chair asked for corrections to the minutes of the Executive Council meeting of January 19, 2017 which were posted online on May 5th and are also posted in the back of the meeting room. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

E. Membership Update

Currently the Association has 3,011 members. By category, there are:

1,289 Active Members
1,223 Senior / Life Members
449 Candidate Members
22 Academic Associate Candidates
28 Academic Associates

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

- 109 Active Members became Senior Members
- 17 members have died
- 19 members have resigned
- 7 Academic Associate Candidate Members were dropped because they completed Academic Training at their institute

- 3 Candidate Members were dropped because they were no longer candidates in training at their institute.
- 5 members reinstated their membership
- At the January meeting, we gained 35 new Active Members and 58 new Candidate Members.

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

- 9 New Candidate Members
- 9 Candidate Members graduated and will become Active Members
- 4 non-member APsaA institute graduates will become Active Members (this includes 11 members from AIP)
- 5 IPA members or IPA graduates will become Active Members
- 3 analysts trained outside of APsaA or the IPA will become Active Members via the Expanded Pathway application
- 2 new Academic Associates

The Associates totals as of June 2017 are:

Educator Associates: 62
 Psychotherapist Associates: 245
 Research Associates: 34
 Student/Resident Associates: 21

Total of 362

F. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee Meetings

During the period between the January 2017 Executive Council meeting and this meeting of the Executive Council, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

1. Proposed Press Statement from APsaA on Immigration and Religious Discrimination
 After review and discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously supported a proposed press statement urging the current Administration to be mindful of the damaging effects of separation and religious discrimination on families of refugees and immigrants who may be blocked from entry and re-entry into the United States.
2. IPA Election
 The Executive Committee agreed upon a format to facilitate interaction between the members and the candidates for election as North American Representatives to the IPA Board of Directors. It was decided to post an announcement encouraging APsaA members to participate and vote in the election. In addition, a new internet/email community of interest, the IPA Community, will be established. Members will be encouraged to use the new community to engage with all of the candidates running for North American Representative to the IPA Board and also other issues that are important to APsaA, now and in the future.

As a result of fewer than anticipated subscriptions to the IPA Community, the Executive Committee discussed a method to include more members, whereby subscribers to the Members Community will be included into the IPA Community. Those who do not wish to participate will be able to unsubscribe by using a simple link to Brian Canty, who will remove them. At its meeting in January 2017, Executive Councilors agreed to function as a bridge between APsaA's local groups and the

IPA. Accordingly, Dr. Wolfe will notify Executive Councilors and Alternates that they also will be subscribed to the IPA Community.

3. Planning for Austin Administrative Meetings

The Executive Committee began planning for the Executive Council and BOPS meetings, and an Open Meeting on Education in Austin for June 2017.

4. Bylaws Committee Request to Consider Candidate Member Election to the Executive Council

The Executive Committee authorized the Bylaws Committee to move forward in drafting proposed bylaw language that would allow for Candidate Members to serve as at-Large representatives to the Executive Council.

5. Electronic Voting

Mr. Stein proposed an alternative option that the Executive Committee approved for reducing the cost of conducting the upcoming bylaw amendment vote while continuing to enable all members to vote. APsaA's electronic voting firm will conduct the web version of the election, and the paper ballots will be handled by the National Office for those members who request them.

6. Advocacy Task Force Update

Dr. Wolfe reported that the Advocacy Task Force is working to define advocacy priorities and a process for approval of published organizational statements to be reviewed by the Executive Council in June. The Executive Committee endorsed APsaA's continued attention to social and mental health policy issues and the work of the Advocacy Task Force in prioritizing its attention.

7. Munich Conference Proposal

The Executive Committee discussed a request for funding of a proposed international conference on Education to be held in Munich. The Executive Committee members felt the topic was interesting and important, but that some aspects of the proposal, including the timing, were not ideal, since so much in APsaA is currently in transition. It was agreed that the new Department of Psychoanalytic Education should be asked to advise on the issue when it is up and operating.

8. Use of APsaA Online Communities

A request by an Executive Councilor for information about the particulars of the choice of the Higher Logic platform for APsaA's list serves and Internet activities was discussed. It was decided that a full and comprehensive review would be preferable to an online discussion. Such a review will be scheduled for the June Executive Council meeting in Austin.

9. Higher Logic-Conference Call Update

Drs. Fishkin and Mosher along with staff members Brian Canty, Wylie Tene and Dean Stein met with Higher Logic by phone to discuss open issues. Many issues have been resolved. Some others will be discussed with the Beta Testing Community. Higher Logic will explore the possibility of developing software changes that could fix the remaining relatively minor issues. A report will be prepared for the upcoming Executive Council meeting in Austin.

10. APsaA Committee Requests to Review Membership Listserve Guidelines

The Executive Committee discussed the existing policies regarding posting to the various communities (listserves) after receiving requests from two committee Chairs to increase the number of times in a week their members may post to the Members Community. It upheld the current policy – two posts per week per member. All members, including members representing committees, may post to the Open line Community as often as they like. Members may select a daily or weekly digest for any list. These policies, and the features allowing members to

personalize their options, balance the concerns of those members who wish to post more often, and those members who do not want to receive large volumes of email. Several innovations for improving the members' online experience were proposed and will be discussed at future meetings.

11. Bylaw Committee report and draft amendments

The Executive Committee reviewed a report from the Bylaws Committee, which was in the process of drafting bylaws language for several amendments related to further implementation of the 6 Point Plan. It provided the requested clarification and guidance about some details that were not specified by the Executive Council in January 2017. The Bylaws Committee will draft bylaws language, refer the proposed amendments to the Association's lawyer, and then to the Council for its action, as the Council directed in January.

12. APsaA Commentary on the American Psychiatric Association proposed Guidelines on Pharmacological Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Comment Document, prepared by Dr. Wolfe, with the aid of Dr. Lance Dodes, for the APA Draft Practice Guidelines for the Pharmacological Treatment of Patients with Alcohol Use Disorder. The comment was initiated because the Draft Guidelines did not include any mention of psychodynamic treatments. The Comment document included 9 references and several comments.

13. Proposed Response to the American Psychiatric Association Ethics Committee's Opinion on Its Goldwater Rule

Dr. Wolfe presented to the Executive Committee a draft of a letter she proposed to send to the American Psychiatric Association in response to its Ethics Committee's recent modification and opinion on its Goldwater Rule. After review and discussion, the Executive Committee agreed that it would be best for Dr. Wolfe to express her opinion as a distinguished psychiatrist and member of the American Psychiatric Association.

14. FY 2018 Proposed Budget

The Executive Committee discussed the proposed 2018 budget. A motion was approved to accept the proposed FY 2018 budget with the suggested cuts to the budget.

15. Council Nominations Advisory Committee and Council Committee Vacancies in June

The Executive Committee discussed the current status of the Executive Council Nominations Advisory Committee. That committee is charged with proposing candidates to be elected to the various Council committees at the Council meeting in June. For various reasons, the committee was not able to do its work. The Executive Committee asked Drs. Kotcher, Gundle and Glover to assist the Council Nominations Advisory Committee in finding potential nominations to fill Council committee vacancies. A notice will be posted on the Council List indicating which committees have vacancies and asking for volunteers. It was suggested that the Council, at the June meeting, be asked to consider enlarging the Council Nominations Advisory Committee.

16. Provisional Executive Council Agenda

The Executive Committee reviewed a draft provisional agenda for the Executive Council meeting in June 2017. Dr. Fishkin was asked to again convene the Lead Councilor Work Group to prepare proposals for the Council to consider in Austin regarding a Lead Councilor position and a Governance Committee.

17. Request from Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG)

The Executive Committee discussed a request from the MHLG to sign on to a letter that urges Congress to renew a long term funding extension to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). APsaA's legislative counsel, Peggy Tighe, felt the letter was politically well-balanced, data driven, and respectful of Congress' role in this debate. The Executive Committee unanimously endorsed signing on to the letter.

3. Summary of Meeting of the Board on Professional Standards – Dr. Powell

The June 6, 2017 BOPS meeting began with Dr. Powell giving a brief review of the Six Point Plan put forth by Mark Smaller, which included the externalization of regulatory functions, the creation of the Department of Psychoanalytic Education, and the development of the Executive Council as the Board of Directors of the Association.

Dr. Powell summarized issues that were discussed at the BOPS meeting. She noted that APsaA training standards would continue as they are at present until changed by Executive Council.

Seven members were approved as Training and Supervising Analysts. One Geographic Rule Supervising Analyst in adult psychoanalysis was approved. One application for Supervising Analyst in child/adolescent psychoanalysis was approved. There was one waiver application from BPSI, which was approved.

Dr. Powell concluded with words of gratitude to past BOPS chairs and secretaries.

4. MRRC Report – Dr. Wolfe

Dr. Wolfe reported that the Membership Requirements & Review Committee (the MRRC) met on May 31 and approved 3 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 MRRC also approved:

- 4 applications from graduates of APsaA-approved institutes who had not previously joined APsaA
- 5 applications from IPA members or IPA graduates
- 2 applications for Academic Associate membership

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

**5. Treasurer's Report/Budget Advisory Committee Report
Proposed FY 2018 Budget**

Dr. Myerson extended his appreciation to the many committee chairs who spent time developing their budget requests.

Mr. Stein then presented the proposed FY 2018 budget. He outlined the process by which the budget was prepared.

When the FY 2018 proposed budget was originally put together, there was a budgeted deficit of \$555,196. 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 \$150,000.

Mr. Stein noted that the \$150,000 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 the conservative budgeting of income and also the budgeting of 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 carry out 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 2018 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

6. Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Dr. Clemens

Dr. Clemens presented three proposed bylaw amendments:

A. The addition of two Candidate Councilors-at-large as voting members of the Executive Council.

This proposed bylaw amendment, recommended by the Task Force on Governance, suggested the creation of two Candidate Councilor-at-Large positions on the Executive Council. The nominees would be recommended to the Nominations Advisory Committee by APsaA Candidate members. At least one name will be recommended by "any Candidate Member body or group within the Association recognized by the Executive Council." The reason for this wording is that the Candidates' Council does not exist in APsaA's bylaws; therefore the language has to be generic.

There was discussion concerning whether the Candidates' Council should be specifically recognized. It was suggested that the Executive Council move forward with the proposed Bylaw as it was put forth and operating procedures could be developed as to how to proceed in the future with regard to nominating Candidate Councilors-at-Large.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council voted to approve the proposed bylaw amendment.

B. Placement of Executive Councilors as voting members of the Executive Committee.

The idea of having four Councilors on the Executive Committee came out of the Task Force on Governance. Dr. Clemens noted that there was one alteration from what the Executive Council had requested in January 2017. The original recommendation was to have the Executive Council decide the number of Councilors on the Executive Committee. The Bylaw Committee felt that leaving it open-ended was risky. The Committee decided to write the proposed bylaw as three Councilors-at-large which could be changed in the future.

There was a friendly amendment from the floor to change the number from three to four Councilors on the Executive Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the friendly amendment to have four rather than three Councilors on the Executive Committee was approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council voted to approve the proposed bylaw amendment to have 4 Councilors elected by the Executive Council to be voting members on the Executive Committee.

- C. Clarification of language regarding eligibility in Societies to vote for Executive Councilors. Historically, the Bylaws have been clear that only voting members of APsaA may vote in an Affiliate Society's election of its Executive Councilor. However, the reformatting of the Bylaws in 2011 left some ambiguity about this, with the result that a number of Societies have allowed all members (which often include members who do not belong to APsaA) to vote for the Councilor. The committee has inserted language that corrects this ambiguity.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council voted to approve the proposed bylaw amendment clarifying that all those voting for Councilors from a Society must be members of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

7. Task Force on Advocacy Priorities Report – Ms. Tighe

APsaA's legislative counsel, Peggy Tighe, discussed the political climate in Washington, DC. She noted that there has been a lot of change and many surprises in DC. The legislative agenda is not working out as the Republicans had wanted so there is a lot of tension and frustration. Rules of law are being challenged on a daily basis and democracy is being challenged.

She noted that every organization with a representative in DC has a set of policies and priorities, but APsaA does not, making it difficult to know how to react to issues that come up. The important questions we need to be able to answer about a given issue are whether or not an issue is going to affect APsaA members and their practices. Is this where the Association wants to be on an issue now and in future? A chart to construct decision-making was distributed. She noted that the Executive Committee is still discussing this but relevant step-wise questions include: Who is the audience that CGRI and Ms. Tighe are trying to reach? What is the Association trying to do to impact public policy? Is the policy sound and legal? Are there risks, what are they, what are the dangers? Who are the Association's allies? What would be the repercussions if APsaA takes a stand on an issue? Answers to these questions help to make decisions.

It was noted that Harriet Wolfe appointed the Task Force on Advocacy Priorities and drew on APsaA's Committee on Government Relations & Insurance (CGRI) and the Social Issues Department to help APsaA define priorities.

Dr. Brenda Bauer (head of the Social Issues Department) and Dr. Herb Gross (Chair of CGRI) both noted how their two groups were attempting to work together to make APsaA's advocacy efforts more meaningful and successful.

The Task Force's progress will be reviewed by Executive Council in February 2018.

Texas Senate Bill 4

Dr. Wolfe reported that the Executive Committee had sent a letter to the Governor of Texas in opposition to Texas Senate Bill 4, the anti-Sanctuary Cities law that criminalizes Texas law enforcement personnel and penalizes municipalities that do not cooperate in identifying and surrendering illegal immigrants. Notice was received that this letter was received on May 23, 2017 and was filed as a letter of opposition. The Governor was invited to attend the APsaA scientific meeting but declined.

The Executive Council made the following recommendations:

Encourage members to send letters to the Governor; there are postcards in Headquarters expressing opposition to this bill.

Donate to local charities, e.g., American Gateway and Texas Legal Aid

Opposition has been posted on APsaA's website and distributed via social media.

California Senate Bill 798

Dr. Wolfe reported that California is the only state in the U.S. that now requires a license for non-clinical psychoanalytic researchers. This license had been under the auspices of the medical board but a proposed bill authorizes moving the oversight to the Board of Registration in Psychology. Those affected are academics, who simultaneously studied psychoanalysis for their own purposes of research. Most maintain very small clinical practices. Those individuals affected are concerned that if oversight shifts to the Psychology Board, the rules for licensure will change. Dr. Wolfe wrote a letter to voice her opposition. The American Psychiatric Association has also stated its opposition.

It was moved, seconded, and approved with two abstentions for the Executive Committee to write a letter voicing its objections to California Senate Bill 798.

Goldwater Rule

The Executive Council discussed the Goldwater Rule and the strong feelings that some APsaA members have that the Association should be speaking out about President Trump. It was pointed out that APsaA itself is not governed by the Goldwater Rule, which is part of the ethical code of the American Psychiatric Association and applies to the members of the APA. The challenge is how can the Association arrive at a position on a political or social issue without polling the entire membership each time an issue comes up. There needs to be a procedure for handling requests from members for policy statements.

There was a general sense that it would be better for the Association to limit itself to speaking out on issues and policies and not on individuals. However, it was noted that individual members have the right to comment on both public figures as well as issues. It was suggested that a policy be determined so each APsaA president in the future knows how to proceed in this area.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Council asked the Policies & Procedures Committee to develop procedures for how member input on a given political or social issue should be properly channeled through the Executive Committee and the Executive Council.

8. Candidates' Council Report – Dr. Golden

The Candidates' Council President, Valerie Golden, reported on the activities of the Candidates' Council.

9. Executive Session

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

The results were as follows:

- A. The following individuals were nominated to run for President-elect in February 2018:
Bill C. Glover, Ph.D.
Richard Lightbody, M.D.
- B. The following individuals were nominated to run for Councilor-at-Large in February 2018:
Susan Flinders, Ph.D.
Navah C. Kaplan, Ph.D.
Ira Moses, Ph.D.
Jan C. Van Schaik, M.D.
- C. The following individuals were elected to Nominations Advisory Committee:
Julio G. Calderon, M.D.
Timothy H. Rayner, M.D.
- D. Maxine F. Gann, Ph.D. was re-elected to the Audit Committee.
- E. The following individuals were elected to the Committee on Council:
Michael J. Gundle, M.D.
Judith F. Logue, Ph.D.
- F. The following individuals were elected to the Membership Requirements & Review Committee:
Phoebe A. Cirio, MSW, LCSW
Valerie Laabs-Siemon, M.S.
- G. The following individuals were elected to the Council Nominations Advisory Committee:
Bill C. Glover, Ph.D.
Kerry Kelly Novick
- H. The following individuals were elected to the Policies & Procedures Committee:
Kerry Kelly Novick
Kenneth Winarick, Ph.D.
- I. David E. Cooper, Ph.D. was elected to the Administrative Liaison Committee.
- J. The following individuals were elected to the Institute Requirements & Review Committee (IRRC):
For 4-year terms
David Moore, Ph.D.
Ira Moses, Ph.D.

For 3-year terms
David E. Cooper, Ph.D.
Sally Rosenberg, D.O.

For 2-year terms

Michael E. Dvorkin, Ed.D.

Lyn Yonack, M.S.W.

For 1-year terms

Bill C. Glover, Ph.D.

Robert A. Paul, Ph.D.

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

Daria Colombo, M.D.

Henry J. Friedman, M.D.

Axel Hoffer, M.D.

Kay Long, Ph.D.

Kerry Kelly Novick

Eslee Samberg, M.D.

Michael E. Shulman, Ph.D.

Alan Sugarman, Ph.D.

L. Jerrold Post, M.D. was approved for Honorary Membership.

10. Electronic elections

Dr. Wolfe reviewed APsaA's 3-year experience with electronic voting. The Executive Committee recently learned that the cost for voting on the Bylaw amendment by the 240 members who do not have e-mail addresses was approximately \$10,000. In the past, about 15 of these members have voted. As an experiment, it was decided to send a letter to these 240 members without e-mail addresses to inquire if they wanted to vote and 19 indicated that they wanted a ballot. The Executive Council discussed a proposal to formalize the experiment and make it APsaA policy.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, it was unanimously approved for APsaA to reach out using snail mail to all APsaA members for whom we don't have email addresses and let them know that – if they so request – APsaA is happy to send them a paper ballot if they wish to vote and do not wish to vote electronically.

11. Proposals for Executive Council Structure—Ralph Fishkin, D.O.

Dr. Fishkin reported that the Council Committees & Lead Councilor Work Group was asked by Dr. Wolfe to reconvene in order to make specific proposals based on the recommendations for a Lead Councilor and a Governance Committee that the Work Group had reported to the Executive Council in January 2017. Specifically, Dr. Wolfe asked the Work Group to:

1. Define the role and the method of Election of a Lead Councilor
2. Define the function and composition of a proposed Governance Committee

The Work Group proposed the role and method of election of a Lead Councilor. The Lead Councilor's role would be to represent the Executive Council on the Executive Committee as one of the elected representatives from the Council. S/he would work with the President and the Executive Committee to promote a cooperative and productive relationship between the Council and the Executive Committee. The Lead Councilor would: oversee the functioning of the Council and its committees, issue a report to the Council at each meeting on the functioning of the Council and its committees, and make

recommendations, in collaboration with the Governance Committee, to the Council as needed. The Lead Councilor would be elected from suggested willing nominees provided by the Executive Council Nominations Advisory Committee as well as from nominations from the floor by a majority vote for a term of two years with possibility of serving additional two-year terms. This election would take place in the off year between Presidential elections.

The Work Group also proposed that a Governance Committee, also known as a Board Development Committee, be established. Its members would be elected by the Council and chaired by the Lead Councilor. Functions recommended for a Governance Committee include self-evaluation of Council, evaluation of committees and governing processes and recommending appropriate changes, developing strong processes for leadership development and transitions, and overseeing the development of a policy framework. In addition, the following functions already assigned to and performed by the Committee on Council should be taken on by the Governance Committee: developing and conducting orientation programs for new Councilors, developing the Executive Council handbook, developing a new Executive Council member mentoring program, and assessing the educational needs of the full Council and working with Council and staff leadership to develop appropriate training programs. The Working Group recommended that the Committee on Council be expanded and integrated into a new Governance Committee. Whatever name the committee acquires, it does not need to be added to the Bylaws but just to the Association's policies and procedures. It was recommended that the Lead Councilor chair the Committee and sit on the Executive Committee. Term limits are not needed, since there are none for any other Council committee. Staggered terms of three years were recommended. It was also recommended that legal counsel review proposed legal/corporate changes prior to Executive Council action.

The Work Group further recommended converting the Finance Committee to a Council committee and the formation of a Communications Committee to review and suggest modifications of the various means of communication between APsaA and its members.

These recommendations will be brought back for discussion and a possible vote in February 2018.

During discussion of these recommendations, it was pointed out the proposed Lead Councilor term is for two years and Governance Committee members' terms are for three years which presents a discrepancy. It was suggested that the Work Group think this through.

12. Membership Task Force: Value, Engagement & Community

Dr. Wolfe reviewed the history of creating the Membership Value, Engagement, and Community Task Force. Despite many efforts in membership recruitment over the past several years, the Association has not met with appreciable success. In addition, there has been a decline in dues revenue, which is not sustainable over the long term. She felt it was critical to develop a comprehensive approach to membership recruitment, retention, and satisfaction in order to make sure we were: providing the right benefits to satisfy the needs of our members for today and tomorrow; ensuring that our members know about the opportunities that exist within the Association; and creating a community where more members feel a similar allegiance and connection to what its leaders feel. An important goal would be to create the type of culture and experience where more members inherently recommend membership and participation to their colleagues. Dr. Wolfe appointed a Task Force with diverse perspectives to laser-focus on three areas: value, engagement, and community.

The Task Force members were selected on the basis of several factors including age, training background, and diversity. Working with the Task Force was Lowell Aplebaum, a consultant to

membership associations. The progress report of the Task Force was sent to the Council in advance of the meeting. Dr. Wolfe thanked the members of the Task Force for their intense work as well as Dr, Myerson (as chair of the Membership Committee) and Dean Stein. She hoped that the Council would endorse the work of the Task Force and support the next steps in the process.

Dr. Wolfe asked the Executive Council to approve two next-step components of the Task Force's work.

The first component was to authorize the Executive Committee to begin a review of APsaA's mission and vision. Our current one is fairly tactical. Neither our current mission statement, nor the one from APsaA's original incorporation documents, states where we are today and where we want to go tomorrow. The Executive Council endorsed such a review by the Executive Committee, with the goal of bringing its work back to Council for review and discussion in February 2018.

The second component was to ask the Executive Council to approve the proposed Community Vision Statement and endorse the appointment of a new task force to develop recommendations for implementation of that vision. Dr. Wolfe talked about the definition of community on which the Task Force focused. The Task Force felt that the Association needed to be talking about the community we create any time our members and stakeholders interact with each other. Whether that's virtually or in person or with outside allied partners or with our institutes – these are all our communities.

The proposed Community Vision statement is about the communities we want to create in this broad context. Dr. Wolfe believes that the proposed statement encapsulates the broad view of who we think we need to be for our profession and for our organization.

The Executive Council discussed the progress report and praised it as excellent. Councilors felt it was a crucial subject for APsaA and for the future, especially for recruiting early career professionals. They felt that the ideas about engagement, community, and a more inclusive organization should be embodied on multiple levels. This is a means of rebranding the Association for the future, and creating a different kind of feeling in the membership. The changes will take time and require thoughtfulness. The Executive Council enthusiastically endorsed the appointment of a new task force to develop recommendations about how to implement the Community Vision statement. Dr. Wolfe expressed her thanks

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed APsaA Community Vision statement was unanimously approved.

13. Higher Logic Report – Dr. Fishkin

Dr. Fishkin reviewed APsaA's history with Higher Logic. We contracted with the company to make the APsaA's online communications more user friendly and solve some of the problems we had been experiencing with the listserves. Previously APsaA was spending \$5,100/year and many hours of staff time due to members reporting listserve email as spam. Higher Logic is less costly due to the reduction in staff time spent on electronic problems. Dr. Fishkin noted that there had been some initial problems with Higher Logic but the vast majority of members today seem to be handling the new technology without problems. Most of the complaints had to do with members who were added to the online communities without their consent. He stressed that, since the Higher Logic launch, there have been no problems with spam. Some members have had some difficulty navigating the new system but, for the most part, the staff feels that things are going well. Dr. Mosher was reported to believe that the Higher Logic platform has security problems and APsaA could be a target for hackers. However, changing companies again

would require upheaval for members and require tremendous amount of staff time to get members on board.

After discussion, the Executive Council approved the following recommendations concerning APsaA Connects, our online community platform:

Survey the subscribers to the Beta Community about the existence of problems and their preferences about unresolved design issues that we now know from Higher Logic are feasible.

Appoint a Communications Technology Committee (a Committee of the Corporation) to review the functioning of the online communities, to work with the staff to address technical issues as they arise, and to make recommendations to the Executive Council about the overall satisfaction of the members with respect to the desirability and cost effectiveness of renewing the contract with Higher Logic, as compared to other solutions. It should monitor other products but, given the difficulties connected with transition, we should only change if the Higher Logic system cannot be customized to the satisfaction of the majority of members, and only if a significantly better product is available.

The Executive Committee will periodically consider repopulating the various online communities.

Continue to schedule tutorials from staff at each national meeting, assisting members with their problems and facilitate the posting of pictures in the photoboxes present in every email.

14. IPA and NAPsaC Updates – Drs. Wolfe and Jaffe

Dr. Wolfe announced the results from the recent IPA election. The following individuals were elected as North American board members: Bill Glover, Peter Loewenberg, H. Gunther Perdigao, and Alan Sugarman from APsaA, Martin Gauthier from the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, Jane Hall from the Contemporary Freudian Society, and Beth Kalish from the Los Angeles Institute & Society for Psychoanalytic Studies (LAISPS).

Dr. Wolfe noted that there is a proposal being considered by the IPA to modify the Eitingon model from 4-5 times per week for control and personal analyses to 3-5 times per week. This proposal came forward from component societies outside North America that are seeing patients three times a week. It is a controversial issue and one of the reasons the proposal was put forward was to begin conversation and research on the topic.

Dr. Jaffe reviewed NAPsaC, its history, and APsaA's involvement. NAPsaC is the North American Psychoanalytic Confederation, and its members are the APsaA societies, CIPS societies, Canadian societies, and a few Asian societies and study groups (until IPA creates a fourth area which they are working to establish). The purpose of NAPsaC is to advance psychoanalysis locally, nationally, and internationally.

15. Special Recognition – Dr. Wolfe

Dr. Wolfe gave special recognition to Norman (Drew) Clemens and Jonathan House as they were ending their terms as Councilor-at-Large. She also recognized Dwarky Rao and Dionne Powell, Chair and Secretary of the Board on Professional Standards, whose terms would be ending as BOPS sunsets.

16. Approval of 2017-2018 Fellows

The following individuals were proposed for the 2017-2018 Fellowship class:

Katie Aafjes-van Doorn, D.Clin.Psy.
Aparna Atluru, M.D.
Harold Braswell, Ph.D.
Jorien Breur Campbell, M.D.
Bernadine Han, M.D., M.S.
Marta Herschkopf, M.D.
Patrick Hunnicutt, L.C.S.W.
Sheril Kalaritha, M.D.
Kristopher Kast, M.D.
Peter Loper, M.D.
Tua-Elisabeth Mulligan, M.D.
Nicole Nehrig, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Rawson, M.D., M.H.S.
Hammam Yahya, M.D.
Albert Zhou, M.D.

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

17. New Business

- a. The Councilors expressed their gratitude to the Executive Committee and to all those Councilors who did fine work during the past year.
- b. The question of how institutes will have a voice in APsaA now that BOPS is sunsetted was raised. It was decided that the Executive Committee would take up the issue and bring it back for discussion in February.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.