

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, February 5, 2024
New York Hilton Midtown Hotel
New York, New York

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REPRESENTATIVE BOARD DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

American Institute for Psychoanalysis – No representative present

Association for Psychoanalytic Medicine
- Jonathan Weiss, M.D., M.A.

Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society
- Jane Yates, Ph.D.

Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute - No representative in attendance

Chicago Psychoanalytic Society
- R. Dennis Shelby, Ph.D.
-Lucy Freund, Ph.D.(alt.)

Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
- Jeffrey Tuttle, M.D.

Cleveland Psychoanalytic Center
– Laura Steinberg, M.D.

Contemporary Freudians in APsA
- Kerry Kelly Novick

Dallas Psychoanalytic Center - No representative in attendance

Denver Psychoanalytic Society
- Larry Mortazavi, M.D.
- Shoshana Adler, Ph.D. (alt.)

Florida Psychoanalytic Society
- Gennifer Lane Briggs, LCSW, PA

Greater Kansas City-Topeka Psychoanalytic Center
- Deana Schuplin, M.Ed., LMHC

Houston Psychoanalytic Society
- Karen Liput, LCSW
- Felecia Powell-Williams, Ed.D., LPC-S, RPT/S

Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis (Los Angeles) – No representative present

International Psychotherapy Institute
- Caroline M. Sehon, M.D.

Long Island Psychoanalytic Society – No representative present

Michigan Psychoanalytic Society
- Katherine Williams, Ph.D., LCSW. (alt.)

Minnesota Psychoanalytic Society and Institute – No representative present

New Center for Psychoanalysis
- Sandra Landen, Ph.D.

New Orleans-Birmingham Psychoanalytic Center – No representative present

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

Oregon Psychoanalytic Center - No representative present

PINE Psychoanalytic Society - No representative present

Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Society
- Paula J. Moreci, MSW, LCSW

Psychoanalytic Association of New York (PANY)
- Arthur Lew, M.D.

Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
- Ralph E. Fishkin, D.O.

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

Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Society - No representative present

San Diego Psychoanalytic Center
- Laura Weiss, Ph.D.
- Timothy H. Rayner, M.D. (alt.)

San Francisco Center for Psychoanalysis
- Charles P. Fisher, M.D. (alt.)

Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
- Kelly Shanks Lippman, M.Ed., LMHC

Tampa Bay Psychoanalytic Society
- Elise W. Snyder, M.D.

Virginia Psychoanalytic Society – No representative present

Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis
- David E. Cooper, Ph.D.

Western New England Psychoanalytic Society
- Lyn Yonack, M.S.W.

William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Society
- Seth Aronson, Psy.D.

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

AFFILIATE STUDY GROUPS REPRESENTATIVE BOARD DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

Berkshire Psychoanalytic Institute – No representative present

Nashville Psychoanalytic Study Group
- John Waide, Ph.D., LCSW (alt.)

Southwest Psychoanalytic Society – No representative present

AFFILIATED STUDY GROUPS REPRESENTATIVE BOARD DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES

Eastern Long Island Psychoanalytic Study Group – No representative present

Hawaii Psychoanalytic Study Group – No representative present

Lexington Psychoanalytic Study Group – No representative present

Santa Fe Psychoanalytic Study Group – No representative present

Society of Psychoanalysts of Puerto Rico – No representative present

Syracuse Psychoanalytic Study Group – No representative present

Rod Davidson, PPD
Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Tom Newman
APsA Executive Director

Tina Faison
Recorder

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks – Dr. Dan Prezant

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm Eastern Time. Dr. Prezant welcomed everyone, and introduced the members of the Executive Committee: Jeff Taxman (President-elect), Bonnie Buchele (Secretary), Julio Calderon (Treasurer); Executive Committee Directors: Sally Rosenberg (Lead Director), Paula Moreci, Caroline Sehon and Sarah Lusk (not in attendance)], the National Office Staff in attendance: Tom Newman (Executive Director), Tina Faison (Administrative Coordinator to the Executive Office) and Debbie Steinke Wardell (Education & Membership Services Director)]; and the Association's Parliamentarian, Rod Davidson, PPD. He thanked everyone for their dedication and leadership.

Dr. Prezant provided a brief overview of several initiatives currently underway, including proposed changes in the structure of the departments and committees. These changes include:

- the merging of the Communications and Public Advocacy into one new department to be called the Communications and Advocacy Department
- the appointment of Gail Saltz to head the Communications and Advocacy Department;
- the moving of The American Psychoanalytic Foundation out of the Membership Department and into the Communications and Advocacy Department;
- the creation of a new Treatment Guidelines Committee which will also be under the Communications and Advocacy Department;
- the moving of JAPA from the Communications Department into the Science Department;
- the moving of the College of Research Fellows committee into the Science Department; and
- the appointment of Dr. Petra Pilgrim and Dr. Richard Summers to co-head the Psychotherapy Department.

The Board voted to approve the restructuring.

2. Secretary's Report – Dr. Bonnie Buchele

A. Roll Call

Dr. Buchele called the Roll. Staff confirmed the names of the members of the Board present who were entitled to vote, thereby establishing a quorum.

B. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the agenda for the meeting was adopted as amended (revised to include the Ethics Code Revisions and Board Process), following Robert's Rules of Order.

C. Notice of Proxies

According to Article VI, Section 4F, of the Association's bylaws, notice is hereby given that we received 724 proxies for the Meeting of Members on February 9.

D. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2024

The chair asked for corrections to the minutes of the January 14, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors. There being no corrections, the Minutes were approved as written.

E. Membership Update – Dr. Bonnie Buchele

The Association has 3,497 members. By category, there are:

3,182 Clinical Members

142 Academic Members

173 Community Members

- Of the 3,182 Clinical Members: 35% are psychoanalysts, 42% are senior psychoanalyst members, 13% are analysts in training, 9% are Psychotherapists and 1% are psychotherapists in training.
- Of the 142 Academic Members: 54% are academics/scholars, 23% are academics in training, and 23% are researchers.
- Of the 173 Community Members: 71% are students, 28% are Honorary and 1% are Community members.

Since the last meeting, the following changes in membership have occurred:

- 31 Clinical members and 2 Community members have died.
- 71 Psychoanalyst Clinical Members became Senior Psychoanalyst Members
- 54 Clinical members and 3 Academic members have resigned.
- 118 Clinical members and 5 Academic members did not pay the previous year's dues (2022) and were resigned with a balance.
- 10 Clinical members and 2 Academic members reinstated their membership.
- 6 Psychoanalyst-In-Training were Dropped because they are no longer in training.

We had the following new members join over the fall:

- 52 New Psychoanalyst-In-Training Clinical Members
- 22 New Psychotherapist-In-Training Clinical Members
- 7 New Academic-In-Training Members
- 23 New Psychoanalyst Clinical Members
- 41 Psychoanalyst-In-Training Members graduated and automatically became Psychoanalyst Members
- 13 New Psychotherapist Clinical Members
- 1 New Researcher Member
- 59 New Student Community Members
- 1 New Community Member

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

- 2 analyst(s) trained outside of APsA, and the IPA became Psychoanalyst Clinical Members via the Expanded Pathway application.

F. Summary of Actions of Executive Committee Meetings

During the period between the June 2, 2022, Board meeting and this meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee took the following actions:

1. Proposed Initiative to Repair Collegiality

At the recommendation of Bonnie Buchele, Todd Essig and Bill Glover, the Executive Committee considered and approved a proposed initiative to help repair and improve collegiality among the members.

2. Sponsoring PCCA Conference

The Executive Committee agreed to be a sponsoring organization for a conference, "Democracy Under Fire: Citizens Fighting for Values".

3. APsA - IPA Listserv

The Executive Committee approved a request to use the dormant IPA Election Listserv to facilitate links between the IPA and APsA, to promote greater sharing, stimulate discussion and facilitate participation in international psychoanalysis.

4. American Psychiatric Association Action Paper

The Executive Committee authorized Dr. Taxman in his role as the APsA Liaison to the American Psychiatric Association (APA), to approve an action paper that will be voted on at an upcoming APA meeting to restrict the APA's search for Medical Director and CEO to licensed psychiatrists.

2. MRRC Report – Dr. Bonnie Buchele

The Membership Requirements & Review Committee (the MRRC) met on January 21, 2024, and approved two (2) Expanded Pathway Membership applications received from analysts who trained outside an APsA institute or an IPA institute, but who have met the substantial equivalence training requirements.

Since the Expanded Pathway membership route was established, we have welcomed 101 new analyst members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved and welcomed the following new analyst members to APsA:

- Dan Knauss, Psy.D., ABPP
- Alexander Stein, Ph.D.

3. IRRC Report – Dr. Dan Prezant

Dr. Prezant reported on the activities of the Institutes Requirement & Review Committee (IRRC). The Committee is actively reviewing the comments from the membership about the proposed revision to the Standards for Psychoanalytic Education. The proposed revisions were sent to the membership for comments. The Committee will review the comments and integrate changes as needed before final review and approval by the Board.

4. IPA Report – Dr. Harriet Wolfe

Dr. Wolfe, President of the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA) reported. The IPA and APsA continue to work towards efforts to strengthen their relationship. Dr. Wolfe summarized the IPA's shared history with APsA. She emphasized their shared analytic values and hopes of finding ways to improve their working relationship.

5. Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) Report – Tom Newman

Mr. Newman presented the report from PEP. He reminded the Board that PEP is a membership corporation with two members – one from APsA and one from the British Psychoanalytic Society. Donations to APsA from PEP constitute a significant part of APsA's overall operating budget, up to 7% of overall revenue, helping to fund several important psychoanalytic initiatives.

6. Listservs – Dr. Dan Prezant

The Board considered possible solutions to respond to listserv issues of concern.

Other matters that pertain to the functionality of the listservs are being addressed by the APsA Staff.

7. Holmes Commission – Dr. Dan Prezant

Dr. Prezant reported that the Holmes Commission, chaired by Dr. Dorothy Holmes, would not present a report to the Board but invited members of the Board to join the Commission at its Forum on Friday, February 9, from 4:30 - 6:30 pm during the APsA 2024 National Meeting as they discuss reactions, reflections, and actions in relation to the Holmes Commission Final Report.

The Final Report of the Holmes Commission, chaired by Dr. Dorothy E. Holmes and co-chaired by Drs. Anton Hart, Dionne Powell and Beverly J. Stoute, was released on Juneteenth (June 19) 2023.

8. Candidates' Council Report – Dr. Konstantinos Taliouridis

The Candidates' Council President-elect, Dr. Konstantinos Taliouridis, reported on the activities of the Candidates' Council and its commitment to focus efforts on engaging candidates by creating new roles for them and forming new committees for their participation.

9. Ethics Committee Report – Dr. Jesse Viner

Dr. Viner presented the report of the Ethics Committee. The Board finalized its review of the proposed revisions to the Ethics Code.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors approved the revisions to the Ethics Code.

10. Board of Directors Process – Dr. Dan Prezant

Members of the Board met in small groups to discuss the Board experience, its functioning, how it's getting along, its accomplishments, shortcomings, etc. for the purpose of making a self-assessment.

The Board reconvened and discussed topics considered in the small groups. They were the following:

- Can we challenge and support the President simultaneously?
- Effectiveness of the Board with regard to size; large or small. What is an optimal size?

- Communication challenges among the Executive Committee, the Board and APsA Societies.
- What is the current status of APsA's utilization of the Holmes Commission Report? At what stage of functioning is the Task Force?
- Candidate input
- Integration of new Board members

11. New Business – Dr. Dan Prezant

A. Request to Issue a Statement

Dr. Prezant informed the Board that the Executive Committee discussed an email signed by a group of APsA members received earlier today requesting that a statement be issued calling attention to the deleterious effects on mental and medical health of those specifically impacted by the recent Israeli actions in Gaza. He reminded the Board that two statements had previously been issued stating APsA opposition to the destruction and violence of the war. Policies and procedures are being developed for creating press releases and position statements going forward.

B. Farewell to APsA Staff Member Chris Broughton

The Board of Directors thanked and applauded Chris Broughton as he leaves his employment with APsA after 20 years of service as a valued member of the APsA Staff.

12. Adjournment

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie J. Buchele, Ph.D.
Secretary