

Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2000

Present: Dolores Morris, Judith Beldner, Ann D'Ercole, Paul Feinberg, Susan Herman, Roberta Priesler, Marsha Silverton, Pat Vitacco

1. The March meeting minutes were accepted.
2. The minutes of the emergency meeting of April 4, 2000 were accepted with the following amendments:
 - Number 4. Second paragraph – “we could offer perks” was removed.
 - Number 4. At the end of the previous sentence, the following sentence was added: “We agreed that we wanted to facilitate greater involvement among board members and greater visibility, including such things as sponsoring Board attendance at Postdoc weekends & perhaps sponsoring an open bar there.”
 - Number 4. The rest of the paragraph should read: “A motion was made that transportation expenses for Board members be reimbursed. It was accepted.
2. Dolores made an announcement about 2 cards being sent out about the Memorial Lecture. One card announcing the lecture is going out to the general public and one is being sent to Psychoanalytic Society members, inviting them to the lecture and the following luncheon at the Heights Alumni Lounge. Sue suggested putting an announcement about the Memorial Lecture and luncheon on the listserv.
3. There was a feeling that the Board should use the listserv to publicize our (PS) events, such as the international conference, memorial lecture, etc. It was suggested that the people in charge of each activity put the appropriate announcements on the listserv.
4. Pat suggested inviting new June graduates to the luncheon following the Memorial Lecture. She made a motion that each June graduate be contacted by a board member and individually invited to the luncheon. The motion was seconded and accepted.
5. Dolores announced that the computerization of the Referral Service was under way. Judith discussed how the process was going with the computer consultant and mentioned that the Referral Service had 75 members so far for 2000. She also announced that the website for the Referral Service was almost completed. The address will be: www.postdocreferralservice@baweb.com It was suggested that brochures for the Referral Service be available at the Memorial Lecture and the website address be added to the brochure and given to Sue Herman. Judith announced that the Referral Service will be having a brunch in the Fall for Referral Service members with a speaker on New Developments in Psychopharmacology.
6. There was a discussion of announcements to be made at the Memorial Lecture. Pat suggested a handout about the activities of the Society, which would be similar to the announcement of the activities that Dolores would be making.

7. New Business:

- a) The letter to the membership about the election results was read and revised (new letter attached).
- b) Consultant- decisions about this were tabled until further in the process.
- c) Task Force- the old membership survey was distributed and there was discussion about using it in some form. We discussed what we need to accomplish before thinking about a consultant. We agreed that the whole board comprises the task force.
- d) There were a lot of suggestions about different ways we could attract new members, such as a lowered fee for the first year grads in the referral service (\$75) for 1-2 years, a graduate event at the Weekend and other possibilities. There was a feeling of excitement and enthusiasm about discussing these possibilities, although the hour was late and they needed to be tabled until a future meeting.
- e) It was agreed that the last meeting of the year be a combination dinner and business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Judith Beldner