

**Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting
December 14, 1999**

Present: Judith Beldner, B.J. Cling, Paul Feinberg, Bruce Grellong, Lynn Leibowitz, Dolores Morris, Seymour Moscovitz, Roberta Preisler, Helen Silverman.
Absent: Ann D'Ercole, Susan Herman, Marsha Silverton, Barbara Suter and Pat Vitacco.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the November 9, 1999 meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. **Announcements:** The First Erwin Singer Memorial Award Conference will take place Saturday, January 22, 2000. Dues notification for the Psychoanalytic Society and the Referral Service has gone out. Lew Aron's letter regarding donations has also gone out, mentioning the contribution of the Psychoanalytic Society.
3. **Biennial Conference:** The Biennial Conference, with Dennis Barouch as Chair, has been scheduled for April 29th, to be held in the Main Bldg at NYU. Several board members expressed concern over the timing of the event at this point, and thought there would not be sufficient time to have the presentation on the date scheduled. Lynn agreed to present the Board's concerns over timing to Dennis.
4. **By-Laws:** Bruce reported on the progress of revising and updating the By-Laws. He presented a list of suggestions, marked up from a prior version of the By-Laws. However, the prior version from which it was marked was a later version than the one the Board Members had. Thus, it was somewhat difficult to follow. Our Administrative Secretary, Steve Ruffins, will type up a new version of the suggestions, marked up from the original version that the Board Members have, for our next meeting.

In spite of these problems, a lively discussion ensued regarding some of the By-Laws committee's suggestions. Issues discussed included whether the composition of officers should be changed, or not. (For example, should we eliminate the Corresponding Secretary and the Vice President, and instead add a President Elect and a Past President. One objection to that was the predominance of presidents that would then be on the Board.) Another issue was whether there should be term limits for the officers. The issue of continuity was discussed, and the problem of forced turnover. There was general agreement that many of these issues were difficult to resolve quickly, and that more discussion was needed. We will continue at the next meeting.

5. **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Cling,
Recording Secretary