

Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting
February 15, 2000

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

1. Minutes: Minutes of the December 14, 1999 meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. Announcements: Definite progress towards computerizing the records of the Referral Service has been made. A consultant has suggested adapting software to meet the needs of the Society and plans to meet with the Referral Service. The First Erwin Singer Memorial Award Conference took place on Saturday, January 22, 2000. The conference was well attended and generated enthusiasm. There was a motion to support a workshop by B.J. Cling, who, coauthored, with James Wulach, Law and The Mental Health Professional. Mental Health Day, designated April 1, has been organized by numerous consumer and professional organizations including: NYSPA, Division 39. Lynne suggested a motion to involve the Psychoanalytic Society in supporting, Rescue Health Care Day, which is fundamentally a protest against the abuses of managed care. Two students have been selected for the Bobbye Trout Scholarship: Annie Lee Jones and Ruby Malik.
3. Biennial Conference: The date of the Biennial Conference, chaired by Dennis Barouch, has been rescheduled for October 14, 2000. Deadline for submission of papers is May 15, 2000. The site of the conference has not yet been determined and is being intensely investigated. Marsha offered to update the mailing list from the last Biennial- which would include candidates and graduates of other institutes in order to broaden the reach of the conference. Dolores suggested that this list be used for the Memorial Lecture.
4. By-Laws: Bruce revisited the issue of changing the structure of officers in the Society. He concluded the existing structure has served well; the idea of establishing a new position of President Elect was dropped. There was a change in eligibility for Emeritus Member. The present requirement for 15 years of consecutive membership was retained; while, the age requirement of 75 was lowered to 70. There was a discussion of Term Limits for officers. Unresolved is the ideal length of tenure for the Treasurer. Discussion was tabled until the Treasurer could provide input.

Numerous issues, such as, the fate of the Annual Meeting, Board Vacancies, and role of the Immediate Past President in its potetial for preserving continuity were discussed. Dolores would like the By-Laws which call for an actual annual meeting to reflect current practice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Preisler
Board Member