

**Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting
February 2, 1999**

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

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of 12/22/98 meeting were accepted with corrections (input in final version).
2. **Senate:** BJ and Marsha reported on the Senate meeting. Issues covered included fund-raising that Lew has been doing in the form of grants, some discussion of the possible role of the Psychoanalytic Society in helping the Postdoc, and the general issue of 2/3 vs. simple majority voting.
3. **Mission Statement:** Ann presented the mission statement, which was accepted with some corrections and additions. It is as follows:

The goal of the current board for 1998-1999 is: (1) to articulate a new relationship with the NYU Postdoctoral Program, (2) to increase membership, (3) to modernize the society by creating a website, computerize the treasury and the referral service, (4) to provide an educational forum for members and the broader psychoanalytic community, and (5) to continue the goals as outlined in the bylaws.

The mission statement follows the notion that the Graduate Society represents the diverse theoretical perspectives of its members. That the aim of the society is to foster and promote the professional and scientific status of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis through clinical study, research and publication. The mission statement further acknowledges the Society's aim to support, foster and promote the goals of study in the NYU Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy by providing a professional, scientific and social forum for candidates, graduates and faculty and to provide on-going educational opportunities to Society members and members of the professional community at large. That aim is met through the offering of formal and informal courses, seminars and conferences.

4. **Death and Illness of Members:** postponed until next meeting.
5. **Donations:** Helen reported on the issue of donations to the Freud exhibit and other projects. It was suggested at the Senate that the Psychoanalytic Society might want to contribute with NYU. Issues of whether it is a good project, and how we would get credit for the contribution were discussed. The general issue of underwriting the PD directory was raised. Lynn registered a general objection to financially supporting the Freud exhibit, but others thought it might be a worthy project and good for publicity. BJ made a ***motion to put in half the money with NYU for the Freud project, with a cap of \$2500 for us, and to have our name co-jointly credited with the NYU Postdoc.*** Judith seconded, and the ***motion carried***, with 1 opposed. Dolores will call Lew about this.
6. **Clinic Report:** Ron Balamuth, who is our representative on the Clinic Committee, reported to us on the progress of the committee. Historically Candidates have had a

problem with the expense of the NYU Postdoc program, and also have a need to have the program feed their private practices as is common at other institutes. The Clinic was initially thought of as a way to get tuition remission, but this does not seem likely for a while. Lew Aron has indicated that the Postdoc needs to justify its financial existence to the University, who doesn't like the idea of referrals which could bring in income going to the outside. Now the Postdoc needs to be justified in a business plan. We need a database for our statistics in the Clinic for a start. The Candidates were surveyed as to who wanted a stipend for work in the Clinic, and whether they would do it for free supervision and the possibility of transferring the patients out. 5 - 7 Candidates were willing to do it on this basis. At this point the idea is to use it as a pilot study. It will be a low fee referral service, and it will have to be negotiated with NYU when and if students can take their patients out.

Judith brought up the issue that if we refer to the Clinic, there would be no referrals back. Also, there is an issue of no one really taking the referral calls, because there is no staffing. At present, the low fee referrals go to Candidates only. Ron pointed out that this is just starting up, and they are trying to make it attractive to Candidates. They are not trying to develop a whole Clinic at this point. Judy pointed out that our Postdoc referral service is a very good source of referrals for the new Clinic. Ron said he would emphasize that with the Clinic Committee. Ron will return with a report on further developments before the Clinic Committee reports to the Senate.

7. **International Conference Committee:** Yudit Jung is chairing the committee, which also has Rebecca Curtis and Lori Bohm from the White, Cynthia Heller and Mary Anne Geskie from Adelphi, and David Beyda, BJ Cling, Ann D'Ercole, Liz Goren, Michael Stern and Nina Thomas from NYU.
8. **Survey of Graduates:** Paul suggested that we survey the graduates as to their reactions and needs regarding the Psychoanalytic Society.
9. **Adjournment:** After the above business was concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Cling,
Recording Secretary