

the PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

of the Postdoctoral Program, Inc.

MINUTES (APPROVED)

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 | 8:15 - 10:15 PM

At the home of Dr. Joan Yager
165 West End Ave #25N, NYC

Present: Joan Yager, President; Pat Vitacco, Vice President; Sharon Brennan, Corresponding Secretary; Maureen O'Reilly-Landry, Recording Secretary; Members-at-Large: Roanne Barnett, Paul Carroll, Mary Sue Richardson, Ann Steiner, Judy Warren.

Absent: Helen Silverman, Treasurer; David Beyda, Representative to Senate & Member-at-Large; Members-at-Large: Zarin Mody, Eileen Setzman.

I. CALL TO ORDER - *Joan Yager*

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Joan Yager*

☞ MOTION #1: Approve the draft minutes of the December 9, 2008 Board Meeting.

☞ MOTION #1: Approved unanimously.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSIONS

A. FINANCES – *Joan Yager*

1. Treasurer's Report – Joan Yager gave a brief report on Helen's behalf.
2. Director's insurance – While Joan Yager was speaking with the attorney, Bruce Hillowe, about International Joint Conference Committee issues (noted below in Item IV., C.), he advised that we consider looking into officer/director insurance for our board members. Sharon Brennan will research what NYSPA does with their board.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. COLLOQUIUM COMMITTEE - *Judy Warren and Mary Sue Richardson*

Older Adults Conference: Our conference, "New Horizons: Working Psychoanalytically with Older Adults" took place this past weekend, January 24. By all accounts, it was a success – well attended, well organized and very good feedback from those in attendance. Kudos were given to Mary Sue and Judy who did a wonderful job planning and organizing and making it happen, as well as to Maureen, who presented a paper there.

B. ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE - *Sharon Brennan*

Sharon Brennan reported that the cocktail party is planned for March 6 at the Harmonie Club from 6-9 pm. Mike Varga and band will play and there will be \$25 charge to Society members and \$90 to guests. Patrick Lane, who recently passed away, will be honored with an announcement of a new Patrick Lane Candidate Scholars Grant, to honor Patrick's enormous contributions to the graduate society over the years. We will ask Addie Levine to speak about Patrick at the party, and ask Patrick's partner, Ray Sullivan, to be our guest.

☞ MOTION #2: To approve that no admission fee for the party will be charged to Scholar's Grants recipients

☞ MOTION #2: Approved unanimously.

Help at the door will be needed. The financial issue with the Harmonie Club, which Sharon had brought up at a previous meeting, is still being looked into.

- ☞ **MOTION #3:** To approve that the upcoming 2009 graduates will be invited as guests to the party
☞ **MOTION #3:** Approved unanimously.

At the cocktail party, each Board member will be encouraged to speak to the candidates who are about to graduate in an effort to establish personal relationships with them and try to encourage them to join the Society and run for the Board.

C. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Joan Yager reported that Michael Stern, chair of the International Joint Conference Committee, requested a separate bank account be opened for his committee using the Society's not-for-profit corporate status, without granting the Society the oversight of this account. After receiving legal advice from attorney, Bruce Hillowe, Joan Yager reported that to do so would be a breach of our fiduciary responsibility and could create a liability, and therefore the request could not be granted. We will sort out what monies belong to us and what monies belong to the other graduate societies.

- ☞ **MOTION #4:** The Society will divest itself of managing and/or depositing money for the International conference committee's organization, but contributions to the committee will continue.
☞ **MOTION #4:** Approved unanimously.

D. MEMORIAL LECTURE – *Maureen O'Reilly-Landry*

Since November, Maureen O'Reilly-Landry has been trying to move ahead with discussions with Spyros Orfanos about having the memorial lecture as a joint lecture effort with the Society and Postdoc – it will be called the Kalinkowitz Memorial Lecture. There have been some delays, but further discussion and budget decisions need to be made in order to begin planning it. It will not take place during the tenure of the current board.

There was discussion of us doing a separate lecture of our own in the Spring and possibly involving Oliver Sachs, with whom Al Atkins has a relationship. It was discussed that perhaps Edgar Levenson could be a discussant, since he is an MD and could comment on medical issues. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for these ideas and further considerations will be made. Maureen O'Reilly-Landry will contact Al Atkins and ask him to approach Dr. Sachs about doing the lecture at an affordable rate.

E. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - *Roanne Barnett*

The upcoming board elections were discussed. A desire was expressed that elections be opened up and more people be encouraged to run.

- ☞ **MOTION #5:** Nominations would be solicited by e-mail and the election ballots will be sent by snail mail.
☞ **MOTION #5:** Approved unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT - *Joan Yager*

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen O'Reilly-Landry, Ph.D.
Recording Secretary