

**Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting  
June 6, 2000**

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

Absent: Judith Beldner, Pat Vitacco.

1. **Memorial Lecture:** The lecture was very successful. Eleven Board Members attended. It was helpful that it was on the Listserve.
2. **Graduation:** The graduating class honored Ruth Lesser. The Society gave her flowers. Dolores spoke at the graduation and let the new graduates know that membership in the Society is free for them.
3. **Biennial Conference:** On hold for the time being. Will discuss next year.
4. **International Conference:** Forty people have signed up so far. It was cosponsored with two other analytic societies.
5. **Postdoc Website:** Needs a description of the Society. Lynn and Dolores will work on it. Paul suggested we include our events in a paragraph.
6. **New Graduates:** They have not been that interested in the Memorial Lecture. BJ suggested we involve them as Candidates, so they would feel connected from the beginning. A new folder will go out to new graduates with a letter.
7. **Responses to the Society's Letter to the PD Community about the Postponed Elections:** There were 2 official responses. Lew sent out a letter with the Senate Minutes. Bruce put the problem on the Listserve. Lew's letter felt unsupportive to some and not to others. Dolores decided not to respond. Some issues were:
  - What are the complaints about the Society?
  - What is the relationship of the Society to the graduate sections of the tracks? (Freudian track has study groups, Relational track has turned into a professional development group)
  - Should we put the Board Minutes or a summary on the Listserve, or email to the members?

[The next section was recorded by Marsha Silverton, who completed taking notes after I had to leave.]

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

Author: Marsha Silverton at ds02po  
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I thought I'd just type my part of the minutes on this e-mail, then I'd mail you the notes that you took.

Discussion focused on how to make the Society more visible and meaningful to members. Circulation of the minutes to Board members was considered, but a decision re this was postponed. Other questions raised were: How much do we take on, especially as we're an interim board? How to capitalize on the non-track feeling that is associated with the Board? Should we continue to focus on what others don't do, i.e. the Biennial and the Memorials? Is it worth doing the International Conference, when only 40 people have registered so far? There was some consensus that we do need to do the questionnaire in order to inform the graduates of what we have done (i.e. Dolores' handout) and to hear from them what they want.

Sue's budget report was reviewed: We agreed to co-sponsor the directory again next year, even though it is not in the budget. We'll be able to manage expenses for the International Conference, as we got \$2000 from each of the other institutes, so that with our \$2000, we have \$6000. There is a correction on the budget: Bobbye Trout Memorial Award is \$2000, not \$1000. Referral Service usually just covers itself, but looks high on the budget because of a 1993 bill from Bell Atlantic for \$800.

In 1999 we spend less than we took in, but in 2000 we anticipate spending slightly more than we take in, even though membership is up slightly.. Sue felt this would be ok because we have about \$50,000 in additional savings.

One of the areas where we contribute to the program is in our scholarships and stipends. If we could do more in this area, it would probably be perceived as our contributing to the program. We already have two funds looking at diversity. For the Bobbye Trout grant, there is only one applicant. We could consider looking at the issue of "need" which the other grants don't do. Also, the Bernie Kalinkowitz fund is for a first yr student (whereas the Harris foundation scholarships are for people beyond the first year).

In co-sponsoring the directory again for next year, we agreed to add a statement regarding what we actually do. Dolores agreed to come up with a draft, working with a couple of board members, so that it can go in by August.

There was some discussion re whether we could take a more active part in the weekend, but the weekend comes very early next yr (mid Sept.) so there is not a lot of time to plan, and Dolores did not feel it was a policy of the Board to sponsor board members' participation financially. It would be more reasonable for the Board to sponsor a panel at the weekend. Lynn did indicate that there is only one panel scheduled for Sun, and if anyone had ideas re another panel, they should get back to her as soon as possible.

Three people indicated that they did not want to continue on the interim board, though it was not clear at the time of this meeting how definite this was.

Doloris asked that everyone get back to her to indicate whether or not they will continue on the Board next year, and to do so by July, so that she can list the board members in the Directory.

It was agreed that the first meeting back in the fall would include the small number of graduates who had indicated an interest. Barbara offered to contact them. We discussed the idea of inviting past presidents to brainstorm re the issues we face, either in a meeting alone with Doloris or with the Board. Doloris expressed feeling very over-committed, and we agreed that we did need to work in committees in order to take some of the burden off her,

Meetings for next fall were scheduled for Tues. 9/26 at 8:15 and Tues. Nov, 14th at 8:15. Meetings would then be every 6 weeks. The first meeting would take place at Doloris', although there was some discussion re possibly meeting at NYU.