

THE PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

of the Postdoctoral Program

Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 7, 1989

Present: Judith Alpert, Bruce Bernstein, Roni Cohen, Rachelle Dattner, Judith Lasky, Mary Libbey, Arthur Meinzer, Susan Mulliken, Helen Silverman, Joan Trachtman, Susan Warshaw.

Absent: Joseph Arleo, Lillian Kagan, Linda Pasternack, Isaac Tylin

Location: Mary Libbey's office.

1. The next Board meeting ^{was} will be Wednesday, September 20, 8:30 p.m., at Susan Warshaw's, 225 West 106th Street, #11K.
2. Judith Alpert and Linda Pasternack have arranged the next Memorial Lecture. Louise Kaplan will speak on the topic of female perversion.
3. The traditional end-of-year party to celebrate new Postdoc graduates was a great success. All graduates responded to the invitation, and more than 70 people came to the party which Susan Warshaw hosted at her home.
4. Roni Cohen announced that the Society now has approximately 220 members. Society brochures have been mailed to the new graduates.
5. The Biennial Conference Committee, co-chaired by Barbara Chasen and Susan Hans, has set the date for the conference: February 24, 1990. Outlines of papers relating to the conference theme, Sexuality, have been accepted and final papers are due September 15.
6. The Board unanimously approved a request by the Referral Service Committee to increase the fee for participants in the Service from \$50 to \$75. The fee had not been increased in several years, while expenses have grown.
7. The International Conference Committee received 30 responses to its survey of Society members regarding their interest in and preferences for such a conference. The Committee will continue to develop plans for a conference structured around informal case conferences with analysts in the country to be visited, and gauge interest again when plans are more specific. Any member interested in participating in this planning may contact Ruth Jaffee or Isaac Tylin, Co-Chairs.
8. Rachelle Dattner, for the Continuing Education Committee, put the question before the Board of renewing the CE Program's APA accreditation. The sense of the Board was that CE will become increasingly important for psychologists in New York State and that accreditation should be continued. The Board unanimously approved the \$300 fee.

The Board discussed the question of how to modify the CE Program to stem the decline in enrollment experienced last year. The CE Program faces increased competition from a greater number of institutes, and a more sophisticated audience. Some curriculum ideas put forth were: ten-session supervisory groups, and study groups related to the theme of the Biennial Conference.

There were many ideas but few facts about the nature of the market or the possible influence of pricing. Art Meinzer volunteered to analyze the results of the questionnaires last year's students filled out. Further decisions about the CE Programs were deferred until the extended Board meeting planned for the Fall.

9. Board members discussed ideas regarding the purpose and format of an extended Board meeting to be held in the Fall. Board members were united in wanting an intensive attempt to work through issues about the purpose of the Society, how it serves its members, and its relationship to the Postdoctoral Program. There were differing but not incompatible views on the method for achieving this process, e.g. how to involve past Presidents in an historical perspective, and how to convey the felt needs of the Board members and of the Society members in general. Susan Warshaw, Bruce Bernstein, and Mary Libbey will meet to work out a structure for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Meinzer
Recording Secretary