

The Psychoanalytic Society of the Postdoctoral Program, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 1999

Present: Dolores Morris, President; Lynn Leibowitz, Vice President, Judith Beldner, Corresponding Secretary; Susan J. Herman, Treasurer; Ann D'Ercole, Paul Feinberg, Bruce Grellong, Seymour Moscovitz, Helen Silverman, Barbara Suter: Members-at-Large.

Absent: B.J. Cling, Treasurer; Marsha Silverton, Pat Vitacco, Carol Zeits: Members-at-Large.

I. Minutes of the Board meeting of 4/27/99 were approved following a revision to item 4 offered by Barbara Suter. The minutes should reflect that during the introduction of the Memorial Lecture, Barbara Suter would identify those members of the faculty who died during the past year and say a few words about their contribution to our community and the field. During the discussion at the meeting on 4/27, Barbara Suter suggested that a program be distributed at the lecture stating to whom the lecture would be dedicated.

II. Announcements:

A. The February 2000 Memorial Lecture speaker will be Dr. Kimberlyn Leary. The exact date has not yet been set.

B. Next year's schedule of Board Meetings is as follows:

Retreat: Sunday, September 26, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.

All other meetings will be scheduled from 8:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: November 9, 1999; December 21, 1999; January 25, 2000; March 7, 2000; April 25, 2000; and June 6, 2000.

C. International Conference: Yudit Jung has accepted a position in Georgia and will no longer chair the Conference. Michael Stern reports that attendance at committee meetings from the other local, sponsoring institutes has been erratic. Michael is not able to take on the chairmanship without a commitment of participation from a member of the Board. B.J. Cling has indicated that she is willing to work with Michael but the extent of her available time for this effort has not been confirmed with her. The title of the conference is "Taboo or Not Taboo: Forbidden Thoughts, Forbidden Acts". The conference is scheduled for June 30 – July 2, 2000 at a resort outside of Toronto. The Board concerns about the leadership gap left by Yudit's

departure as well as concerns about the time and location chosen for the conference. The Board approved the following resolution:

We need more information about the other sponsoring organizations and whether at the next Conference Committee meeting a plan for new leadership and a clear plan for the 2000 Conference can be produced. The Board empowers Dolores Morris to review the outcome. Dolores will then email the Conference committee's plan to the Board members in order to collect their opinions about whether to continue to provide the backing.

- D. Dolores Morris has appointed a committee to work with her to review the Society by-laws. The committee will focus on the officers and standing committee structure. The other committee members are Lynn Leibowitz and Bruce Grellong.

I. Old Business

- A. A computer programmer has been retained. He will prepare a data based program for the Referral Service and the Society. Judith Beldner has given him material for the Service and will review it when she returns from vacation. The membership data and other information will be incorporated into the program. It should be completed by the end of the summer. A report will be presented to the Board in the fall.
- B. Dolores Morris has arranged with Hank Solomon to revise the membership survey that was prepared by the Survey Committee. The revised instrument will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.
- C. A recommendation was approved that the Bernie Kalinkowitz award be a \$2,000 partial scholarship for one course (nontaxable if paid directly to NYU). The BK Award committee will set requirements for the application and criteria for determining the award recipient. The Committee will also review the applicants.
- D. A \$2,000 grant from an anonymous source has been dedicated to the memory of Bobbye Trout. A motion was made to use the \$2,000 to provide money for supervision to candidates who are working with biracial issues (whether with individuals or couples). The motion was amended to state that the award be for a substantial number of sessions at \$50 per session. The final form of the Board's recommendation was that the money would be for a candidate to receive supervision with a focus on issues and ideas with which Bobbye Trout was concerned. The details will be decided by the committee convened by Ann D'Ercole and will be presented at a future meeting.

E. Dolores has spoken to Ruth Jaffee about heading the Speakers Bureau. Ruth expressed interest in taking this on but she is not able to do so at this time. This decision will be taken up at a later date.

I. New Business

A. The Biennial Conference sponsored by the Society will be held in May 2000 and will be chaired by Dennis Barouch.

B. Lew Aron approached the Society with a proposal that we contribute the printing costs for the Postdoctoral Program Directory. As a result, the name of the Society will be placed on the front cover of the Directory and a statement will be prepared for the first page that states that the Directory was sponsored by the Psychoanalytic Society. The estimated cost for printing the Directory is \$3,100. The Board approved a motion and amendment to authorize payment for printing costs for the upcoming Directory *only* with the added condition that a cover letter accompany distribution naming the Society as the sponsor.

C. Postdoctoral Weekend: Lew Aron has suggested that the 1999 Weekend be cancelled as a result of the record \$8,000 deficit from last year's weekend. Moreover, losses resulting from past weekends have been steadily eroding the program's reserves. Lew is proposing a daylong town meeting be scheduled for the fall in place of the Weekend. In order to save the tradition of the Weekend, the Weekend planning committee has proposed that a commitment of fewer persons be made to the Harriman Conference Center. However, the cost would then be substantially higher than it has been in the past. The Board did not approve providing a subsidy to offset the risk of a deficit. The Board further endorsed the concept of a town meeting.

I. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Grellong,
Member-at-Large