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## DRAFT MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 16, 1999 8:30 - 10:30 PM

at the office of  
President Dolores O. Morris  
New York City

**Present:** Dolores O. Morris, President; Lynn Leibowitz, Vice President; B.J. Cling, Recording Secretary; Susan J. Herman, Treasurer; Ann D'Ercole, Paul Feinberg, Seymour Moscovitz, Helen Silverman, Marsha Silverton, Barbara Suter, Carol Zeits: Members-at-Large.

**Absent:** Judith Beldner, Corresponding Secretary; Bruce Grellong, Pat Vitacco: Members-at-Large.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Morris.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the February 2, 1999 meeting were accepted with correction to Item No. 5, Donations: that "there was discussion re whether to contribute, with one person dissenting."
3. **Continuing Education:** Nancy Choderow agreed to do the 8:00 PM session on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at Judy Eckman-Jadow's home.
4. **Annual Memorial Lecture and Luncheon:** To be held on Saturday, May 1, 1999. Invitational card has been sent out. Three options for the luncheon site were discussed: 1) a loft or home within walking distance from the Conference; 2) a small restaurant that would provide a buffet from 12:00-1:30 PM, or, 3) no luncheon, just take the speaker out afterwards. The group's preference was for a home, but we agreed that a restaurant was probably the easiest choice. Barbara Suter, Susan Herman and Lynn Leibowitz agreed to explore the options.
5. **Erwin Singer Award:** Ten people have submitted essays-- one should be selected by April. The paper will be presented at an all-day conference at the Manhattan Institute in the Fall.
6. **International Conference Committee:** B.J. Cling reported that the Conference is set for Toronto. Ann D'Ercole announced that she is not on that committee.
7. **Death and Illness of Members:** Helen Silverman reported that Constance Buxer died 1½ weeks ago. Helen Silverman tried to contact someone who knows Connie's family. The problem is that we often find out too late to do something. Dolores Morris reported that we are in the process of trying to coordinate policy with NYU, and there was agreement to table the discussion, pending outcome of coordination with NYU.

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Dolores Morris mentioned, that at the Division 39 Spring Meeting on April 17, 1999, her Panel on Aggression will be dedicated to Bobbye Troutt's memory.

Ann D'Ercole announced that the Paul Foundation has \$2,000 to donate to the Graduate Society to further Bobbye's work on minority families, bi-racial couples, single mothers, etc. Ann will be the point-person. Mary-Joan Gerson and Barbara Waxenberg asked to be involved. A motion was made and approved to accept the money from the Paul Foundation to support work in Bobbye Troutt's name. Ann D'Ercole will work with the above named subcommittee. There may be more funds available in future years, but it was agreed we would make decisions one year at a time.

8. Membership: Marsha Silverton reported that membership from last year to this year appears to be down by approximately 70 members. Dolores Morris reviewed "membership rights" re members who do not renew: After one year the member loses voting rights. After 2 years, the membership is canceled. After considerable discussion re the possibility of sending out different letters to different groups, we arrived at a consensus to send out one letter to everyone: graduates who have not joined, graduates whose membership lapsed 2 years ago, those who haven't paid dues in many years, and those who haven't renewed from last year. There was also agreement that the letter should be inviting, stating the Society's goals and current activities. Lynn Leibowitz read her draft of a letter. There were suggestions that she make it simpler, easier to read, and highlight the main accomplishments in bold type, etc. Lynn agreed to work on the revision.
9. Psychotherapy Referral Committee: While several people had heard informed reports of resentment among people who have joined the service and who feel they haven't received referrals, there was also discussion that even if someone receives a referral every few years, it paid off to join. B.J. Cling reported that she had recently joined the committee. As the only Referral Committee member present, she also reported that at its last meeting the Referral Committee agreed on a change in procedure— that each referral made would count as a referral, regardless of outcome; this would generate more movement on the referral list. There was discussion to add the Referral Committee to our agenda to get clarification re number of referrals, how referrals are made, the effect of therapist's location, etc.
10. Computerization of Society Membership and Referral Service: We need to be clear as to what we need. Then we need consultation on what type of program. Dolores Morris will begin to explore ideas with her accountant's son, a programmer. A subcommittee was formed of Susan Herman, Dolores Morris and Carol Zeits to address what we need prior to the next Board Meeting. Carol Zeits will discuss with Judith Beldner what her needs and thoughts are regarding this.
11. Psychoanalytic Society Secretary: Dolores Morris has arranged for a new secretary.
12. Speaker's Bureau: Postponed, pending a formal presentation.
13. Postdoctoral Program's Picnic: Lynn Leibowitz announced the first annual "*Psychoanalysis - It Ain't No Picnic*" Picnic on Saturday, May 15, 1999, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM in Central Park (pot luck, softball, etc.)
14. Survey of Graduates: Paul Feinberg presented the latest revision of the survey questionnaire. Suggestions for further revisions can be e-mailed to him at [paulhf@erols.com](mailto:paulhf@erols.com).
15. Adjournment: Vice President Lynn Leibowitz adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Silverton, Member-at-Large