

Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting, May 11, 2010

Minutes

Present: Helen Silverman, Harriette Kaley, Bob Prince, Roanne Barnett, Ella lasky,
Rhonda Sternberg, Michael Stern.

High Tea event set for October 10th, 2010.

International Conference in Edinburgh set for August 6-8, 2010.

Discussion of Lew's invitation to contribute \$3,000 to an event during the next Division 39 meeting. Question raised as to how to use the event to publicize the Society. Suggestion made to let the Society's president speak about the Society's place within the Postdoc program. Resolved to approve the \$3,000 contribution. Also resolved to let Roanne, as the Society's rep, explore how to best represent us at the event.

Reiterated the decision to invite the new graduates to join the Society free of charge for the remainder of 2010. Suggestion that in the future free membership should be offered to prospective graduates in January of their year of graduation rather than in June. Started a related discussion as to whether candidates should be invited to join the Society as soon as they enter the program. No resolution at this point.

Discussed need to find more people to run existing and future committees

Resolved to establish a Financial Committee to oversee the Society's investments and financial health. Will look for someone with some financial expertise to chair this committee.

Discussion of how to invigorate the board in terms of attendance and participation. The following questions were raised:

Are we meeting too often?

Can the process be more efficient?

Can we recruit from the general membership?

How to be clear about the Society's mission and the activities that may derive from it?

End of Year dinner set for June 8th, 2010.

Minutes taken by Michael Stern