

Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting
November 9, 1999

Present: Judith Beldner, B.J. Cling, Ann D'Ercole, Paul Feinberg, Bruce Grellong, Susan Herman, Lynn Leibowitz, Dolores Morris, Seymour Moscovitz, Roberta Preisler [replacing Carol Zeits], Helen Silverman, Marsha Silverton, Pat Vitacco.
Absent: Barbara Suter.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the October 19, 1999 meeting were accepted as corrected.
2. **New Board Member:** Carol Zeits has resigned from the Board. Roberta Preisler will be replacing her.
3. **By-Laws:** Bruce reported on the progress of revising and updating the By-Laws. He will be bringing suggestions to the Board. So far that would include updating the requirements for membership meetings. Also, it might suggest a change in officers, adding a President-Elect, eliminating the Corresponding Secretary, and including the Past-President for 1 year. Sue suggested that Treasurer be more than 2-year terms, due to the problems transferring records. Dolores suggested we might consider adding honorary and emeritus members. Bruce suggested setting up a Finance Committee. BJ raised the issue of staggering the elections. It was agreed that the Board will bring their copies of the By-Laws to the next meeting, and the Committee will have a list of suggestions to consider.
4. **Computerizing:** Sue reported that while the records for the Referral Service are complex, generally the Society's needs are straightforward, and could be handled by pre-packaged software. Pat indicated that NYSPA's referral service is computerized. Judi suggested that we contact the NYSPA person and customize the existing software. Dolores will ask the Administrative Secretary, Steve, to familiarize himself with Filemaker Pro and other programs.
5. **Memorial Lecture:** Sue reported that Kim Leary is our speaker, and she had been scheduled for Feb. 19th, but that is President's Weekend. The only alternative date Kim Leary could make is May 20th, so it is now rescheduled for that time. There have been difficulties finding a space for the event. Some of the spaces in the Main Building were suggested as possibilities.
6. **Town Meeting:** Lynn summarized the results of the Town Meeting. Track System people want to keep it but modify it. There was a suggestion that instead of track brunches, the Society could run them. Curriculum – suggestions for child and adolescent. This might be a place where the Society could serve an educational function, and offer courses. A discussion ensued about the past educational activities of the Society, which were extensive. Dolores commented that only Steve Axelrod's Continuing Ed. Committee deals with this now. Ann suggested Case Seminars – graduates could present their work, and candidates would be interested. Graduates – there was no specific focus on graduates, and the question concerning them was not addressed. Although the groups were mixed (faculty, candidates and graduates), the focus was on the concerns of the candidates, one of which was cost. There was discussion about meeting with Lew. Dolores indicated we have an open invitation. Paul felt we need to develop a place for the Society to help graduates and candidates develop. Ann raised the issue of whether graduates feel they're getting their money's

worth. A discussion ensued about how to bring candidates into positive contact with the Society. It was decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee on PD Community Development. Paul, Ann and Helen volunteered.

7. **Announcements:** Pat Horn is the new graduate rep to the Clinic Committee. Our Referral Service suggested her name because Ron Balamuth couldn't continue. Dennis Barouch will report to the Board at the next meeting on the Biennial Conference.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Cling,
Recording Secretary