

**Minutes of the Psychoanalytic Society Board Meeting
October 19, 1999**

Present: B.J. Cling, Ann D'Ercole, Paul Feinberg, Bruce Grellong, Lynn Leibowitz, Dolores Morris, Seymour Moscovitz, Helen Silverman, Marsha Silverton.

Absent: Judith Beldner, Susan Herman, Barbara Suter, Pat Vitacco, Carol Zeits.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of the June, 1999 meeting were accepted.
2. **International Conference:** Michael Stern, who is heading the conference, which is being co-sponsored by the White and Adelphi, asked the Board to recommend and recruit 2 readers for the papers submitted to represent NYU. It was suggested that it be put on the Listserve, and also in the PD News.
3. **Directory:** Attention was drawn to the Psychoanalytic Society's sponsorship of and recognition for the new Directory.
4. **Town Meeting:** There will be an important Town Meeting on Nov. 6th for the Postdoc community. Lynn is on the committee setting it up, and urged that Board members and graduates be strongly encouraged to attend. There was discussion as to why to published topics for the Town Meeting did not include any Graduate issues. Lynn reported that the idea did not come up. After discussion, Ann made a motion that was seconded by Seymour and carried, that Lynn should ask the committee to include one or more topics that touch on the needs of Graduates specifically. Half of the Board will be attending the Town Meeting.
5. **Bernard N. Kalinkowitz Award:** Dolores announced that the award was given to a first year Candidate.
6. **GSAS Bulletin:** Dolores announced that the Postdoc is now separate from the psychology department, and as such has its own page in the NYU GSAS Bulletin, which identifies the tracks and the Postdoc website. Lew, the Director, stated in the Senate that he saw this as a very positive step for the Postdoc.
7. **Memorial Committee:** Kimberly Leary will be the invited speaker for the Memorial Lecture on February 19, 2000. Dolores reported that there has been a recent problem with space for Postdoc events, since Loeb Student Center is being torn down, and the Physics Building is no longer available. If anyone has suggestions, they should be given to Shelley at the Postdoc office.
8. **Membership Committee:** Dolores and Marsha personally made follow-up calls re payment of dues, with good results. However, only those who dropped out in the last year were called. Dolores raised the issue that there was currently no provision in the By-Laws to keep track of members who drop out for 2 consecutive years, and thus they are hard to track. She also suggested the Board might consider a late penalty to encourage prompt payment. There was discussion but no conclusion on that issue. Paul felt that it was important to figure out how to appeal to Graduates to stay engaged in the Society. He felt that punitive measures could be counter-productive, but that the personal calls were a good idea. Our new Administrative Secretary, Steve Ruffins, will follow up re dues collection and membership appeals. One letter will go out to old members to rejoin, and another letter to the graduates generally to urge them to join. Dolores also reported that Esther Menaker raised the issue, when called, that at her age she should be awarded free membership, as is the custom with other

organizations, notably APA. There was general agreement that this was a policy the Board should consider.

9. **Survey:** Dolores said the Society survey had been dropped because the Postdoc was about to send one out. BJ inquired whether our questions could be included in the Postdoc survey. There was a discussion as to what our questions were, and a side discussion as to whether the Survey Committee who proposed the questions for the Society survey felt included in the final determination of what would be in the survey. Paul, who was on the Survey Committee, thought that the questions could be boiled down into a few questions. Ann volunteered to edit the questions, and Dolores said she would call Lew about including the edited questions in the Postdoc Survey.
10. **Biennial Conference:** Dennis Barouch is chair of the conference, which is set for April 29, 2000. He is also having a problem finding a space to hold the conference. There was agreement that Dennis should be invited to a Board meeting to discuss the conference. BJ offered to call Dennis with suggestions on finding a space.
11. **Dates for Future Board Meetings:** The dates for the future Board meetings are: Nov. 9th, Dec. 23rd, Jan. 25th, March 7th, April 25th and June 6th.
12. **Overall Board Activity:** Dolores outlined for the Board the activities of the Board over the past and coming year, including (1) conferences, (2) standing committees, (3) ad hoc committees, (4) committees which link with the Postdoc and (5) committees which link with other graduate societies.
 - 1) Conferences included the Biennial and the International, this year co-sponsored with 2 other psychoanalytic societies (Wm. Alanson White and Adelphi).
 - 2) Standing committees included the Continuing Education, Referral Service and Memorial Lecture Committees.
 - 3) Ad Hoc committees included the Bobbye Trout Award, By-Laws, Computer, Directory, Election 2000, Membership, and Survey Committees. Marsha agreed to chair the Membership Committee. There was a brief report on the Computer Committee. A programmer has been found. The estimate is that it will take 80 hours of work at \$65/hour for about \$5000, plus \$7000 for a computer. There will be a report next meeting of what the Society's computer needs are. Ann will also investigate the possibility of storing dating through the net.
 - 4) Committees which link with the Postdoc included the Memorial, Bernard N. Kalinkowitz, Speakers Bureau, Colloquium, Development and Clinic Committees.
 - 5) Committees which link with other graduate societies included the Erwin Singer Award Committee (with the Manhattan Institute), and this year the International Conference, as outlined above.

Dolores suggested that for our next meeting we contemplate our past year, and think about what our forward direction should be for the coming year.

13. **Senate Meeting Coverage:** Dolores suggested that we share attendance at the Senate meetings. It was agreed that those Board members already on the Senate could not do it, because the Society would lose its vote (a Senate member can only vote once, and thus can only represent one group).

14. **Administrative Secretary:** It was announced that we have found a new secretary Steve Ruffins. He is a psychologist who is willing to take on this job part-time. His numbers are: Tel. (212) 684-3552 and Fax (212) 684-4275.
15. **Announcements:** The Bobbye Troutt Memorial Award was announced, as was the Erwin Singer Award, which will be given Jan. 22nd.
16. **Motion to Adjourn:** Bruce made a motion to adjourn, Paul seconded the motion, and it was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Cling,
Recording Secretary