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NAPsaC Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2025

Absent: Mary Kay O'Neil, Janelle Eckhardt, Lee Herzog, YU-Hua Clare Lin, Sun Ju Chung, Takashi Okudera

1. Treasurer's report

NAPsaC has \$26,528 in the bank. Bank issues related to transferring signing privileges and filing necessary forms with the IRS and New York State to maintain charity status are completed. Steve also notes that we paid for annual Directors and Officers insurance.

2. Update from WCPSI

Elizabeth provided an overview of the Western Canada Psychoanalytic Society and Institute (WCPSI). The organization recently incorporated as a nonprofit, uniquely combining the Society and Institute under one board. WCPSI has 27 members, primarily located in British Columbia, with some in Seattle and one in Alberta. The Institute, founded in 2003, is the only certified training program in Western Canada, with 7 training analysts and 6 candidates in the current class. Despite geographical challenges, WCPSI maintains an active schedule with four scientific meetings per year and has adapted to online training with four in-person weekends annually.

3. IPA Virtual Library

Sue stated the IPA's Virtual Library initiative, spearheaded by Sylvia Wajnbuch, aims to create a searchable database of non-copyrighted psychoanalytic materials. EPF and FEPAL have signed on. Due to North America's different structure, individual institutes are now being contacted to contribute materials. Examples of potential contributions include lecture recordings, blog posts, and video series like Maria's Global Learning project.

IPA Virtual Library project will only contain links to materials, not the materials themselves. The project is still in its early stages, with many details yet to be worked out. Participants raise questions about permissions, ownership, confidentiality, and the technical aspects of the library. Sue offered to invite Silvia or Adrian Sanchez to a meeting to explain.

Randi emphasized how this project is also an outreach to those in the wider therapeutic community.

4. Summary of Social Dreaming Events

Sue reported on the recent social dreaming events, which were well-received with about 30 participants at each of the four sessions and 20 at the final reflection. Participants from various countries, including Iran, expressed that while they fear current world events, the sessions helped them feel less afraid of their unconscious, through this collective group process. The outreach events, begun by Leigh Tobias, involved IPA members from different Regions. Carlos Remotti-Breton and Maria Pia Conti hosted the sessions, and transcripts will be made available for research and writing purposes

5. NAPsaC panel at the APSA National Meeting 2026

Sue announced the new panel for the upcoming conference, titled "Hope, dread, and the social unconscious: community engagement in chaotic times" with panelists including Harriet Wolfe, Herbert Blas, and potentially Francisco Gonzalez. This was put together recently by our Program Committee.

Discussion ensued re: NAPsaC web site. ACTION: Carolyn to send information on Wild Apricot platform to Board Members.

6. IPA Activities

Maria mentioned the upcoming Lisbon conference, some of which will be accessible by wifi. As well as action research on psychoanalytic training.

Drew and Konstantinos are on the program committee for the next Congress in Vancouver.

NEXT MEETING - SEPT 21, 2025 - 4:00-5:30PM PT; 7:00-8:30PM ET