



North American Psychoanalytic Confederation

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Video Conference

April 25 2021

5-6:30PM PDT

Officers:

President: Mary Kay O'Neil (CPS)

President Elect: Leigh Tobias (PCC)

Secretary: Carolyn Steinberg (NPSI)

Treasurer: Sandra Borden (APsaA)

Directors Present (Primary Director listed first, Alternate second)

Bill Glover and Kerry Sulkowicz (APsaA)

Paula Ellman (Contemporary Freudian Society)

Sara Freke, and Irwin Kleinman (Canadian Psychoanalytic Society)

Randi Wirth (Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research)

Kenichiro Okano (Japanese Psychoanalytic Society)

Jaehak Yu (Korean Psychoanalytic Study Group/non-voting)

Beth Kalish (Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Study)

Carolyn Steinberg and Julie Hendrickson Kneisl (Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute)

Andrea Kahn, and Lee Herzog (Psychoanalytic Center of California)

Johanna Boyce (Vermont Study Group/non-voting)

Maureen Murphy and Drew Tillotson (Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California)

Yu-hua Clare Lin (Taiwan Study Group/non-voting)

Directors Absent:

Andrea Greenman, Steve Ellman, Lisa Crilley, Yu-hua Clare Lin, Kenchiro Okano.

1. Welcome:

Our new President, Mary Kay O’Neil welcomed and introduced all Board Members, and Executive Committee Members. (Appendix A: President’s Letter to Board)

2. Treasurer’s Report

Our Treasurer reported all funding has been collected for 2021. We have approximately \$2,200 more income than last year. Our largest expenses have already been paid and include the E-journal (\$5,100) and D & O insurance (\$1,552). Since our total income was below \$25,000 in 2020, we will not pay taxes this year. As of today, our account balance is \$13,062.96.

Constant Contact has been reinstated and will be set up by Totera. A total cost of \$513 will include a 30% discount when purchased yearly. Constant Contact will send out announcements regarding NAPsaC events. Each society will have the option to opt in or out in being listed on the Constant Contact roster. Whether an organization opts in or out, each individual member can still go on our website and opt in or out if they wish. There was discussion about the importance of Constant Contact as *a* communication tool for NAPsaC members and the Board agreed that it was worth the cost.

ACTION: *Each Director* will contact our Secretary to indicate whether or not their Society wishes to be included in in the Constant Contact roster. If a Society decides to join, they will send *their list* of Members and Candidates to *the Secretary who will then forward the lists to Totera.*

3. Program Committee Report.

The Program Committee Chair identified members of the committee. She reported on the activities of the Program Committee in the past year. Three presentations were developed:

The first which took place at the APsaA Winter Meeting and was entitled: **NAPsaC Clinical Experience**. (Panelists: Michael J. Diamond (NAPsaC), Cordelia Schmidt-Hellerau (APsaA), Martin Gauthier (CPS); Moderator: Drew Tillotson, Host: Leigh Tobias, Reader: Andrea Kahn). An anonymous case unknown to the panelists was read and each responded with their unique analytic mind. The discussion was excellent and the presentation well received.

The second is to be presented at the IPA Vancouver Congress and is entitled: **Annihilation: Collective Infantile Anxieties Resurfacing From the Covid Pandemic**. This is a joint Panel with Patrick Miller (EPF), Elias Da Rocha Barros (FEPAL), Avgi Saketopoulou, (NAPsaC). The Moderator: Harriet Wolfe, IPA President-Elect; Reader: Kathryn McCormick, IPSO President, Chair: Randi Wirth (NAPsaC)

A third NAPsaC Proposal was submitted for the 2021 IPA Pre-Congress in Vancouver but surprisingly not accepted. The proposal was entitled: **Body to Body: The Impact of External Reality on the Analytic Couple**. The Panelists: Claudio Laks Eizirik (FEPAL), Beverly Stoute, (NAPsaC), Salman Akhtar (APsaA), Lesley Caldwell (EPF) and the Moderator will be Maureen Murphy.

The Program Committee hopes to create a NAPsaC Program Series for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

A question was raised about NAPsaC's Zoom account and HIPAA Compliance.

ACTION: Carolyn Steinberg will research this and report back.

4. Leigh Tobias reported that organizational and legal changes for compliance of Bylaws with recent changes to NAPsaC Policy and Procedure Manual are in the works. New York Lawyers for the Public Interest has transferred our file to Linklaters Legal Firm who are providing pro bono services to NAPsaC.

5. President's Report

NAPsaC's Meet the Candidates event was well received and gave members a chance to meet all the candidates for the North American

Representative positions to the IPA Board. It was stressed that it is important everyone votes before the polls close on April 30, 2021.

NAPsaC wants to promote positive relations with IPA Board representatives in North America as well as with FEPAL and EPF. Some of this contact will be through our collaborative work with the NAPsaC Program Committee. Mary Kay and Leigh attended the EPF virtual meeting and made *a* good connection with the EPF officers and some members. A cordial dialog ensued through correspondence and a phone call with the FEPAL President, Andres Gaitan, who welcomed us to attend future meetings. He also mentioned keeping us informed of their ongoing activities. Their Congress is to be held in Sept. 2022.

NAPsaC's President wants to promote familiarity among the Component Organizations and their Societies within NAPsaC.

The IPA has a Task Force on Remote Training. Training Institutes have had choices to tailor their training during the pandemic. A recommendation by this committee regarding remote training is expected at the next meeting.

Bill Glover (President of APsaA) reported that he had received a letter from the IPA which proposed a legal change – that any legal issues brought to the IPA be heard in the UK. This proposal is based on the current possibility of huge legal costs of multiple jurisdictions, if a case involves both the local Society as well as IPA. Consolidating legal action in London (head office of IPA) would be a big cost saving. Proposed changes are now in the hands of component organizations in order to give feedback. APsaA lawyers were not comfortable with some wording around 'silent party consent.' Additional clarity is being sought.

ACTION: If there is still need for clarification Mary Kay will address this with IPA.

Bill also reported that there was a motion to provide a reduced fee membership to fully retired members of the IPA. There has been controversy over the language used: Honorary Associate Member. Bill stated an alternate version could be: Member Emeritus. The Board voted and unanimously supported: Member Emeritus for retired members.

ACTION: Bill will write the IPA to express NAPsaC views on this.

6. Board Discussions.

President Mary Kay asked if there was a need for more committees or task forces of the NAPsaC Board.

ACTION: Intra-Regional Collaboration Committee (IRCC) will look at the need for NAPsaC committees or task forces other than the Program and Intra-Regional Committees.

Drew Tillotson has single-handedly managed the web site, making it representative of NAPsaC and relevant for our use. He is no longer able to continue this work.

ACTION: Maureen Murphy suggested the IRCC will create a mandate for this task and make suggestions for a chair and members for this task. This committee will report back to the Board on these two action issues.

7. Other Business:

Bill Glover (APsaA) reported that the Holms Commission is sponsoring a survey of members concerning racial equality. The questionnaire is nearly completed and he encouraged all to complete this. Each of the other two organizations (Independents, CPS) will consider participation after discussion with their Societies. The Commission will also establish some focus groups. Its focus is to gather data but assert that the act of completing the survey itself raises awareness.

Sarah Freke (CPS) spoke out about the existence of racism in Canada but indicated racism in Canada was different than in the US.

Paula Ellman (CFS), who is Chair of the IPA Inter-Committee on Prejudices and Racism, reported that this committee has created a compendium of resources — readings, podcasts, etc., which are now available. They held one IPA webinar in December, with a final one in June. A pilot project with members of the four IPA committees held a workshop in January. The Committee is now working on an anti-racist statement for the IPA with a

deadline at the end of May. One of several recommendations being made in June is to establish a permanent committee within the IPA to address these issues.

DR Jaeyak Yu reported that the Korean Study Group was able to change its Bylaws and meet the IPA Non-discrimination criteria. Their criteria for admitting candidates is now the same as IPA. Since then, they have recruited 4 Psychologists into their training program which has resumed, and have 25 new candidates.

DR Yu also reported that DR Cho, the founder of the Korean Study Group, donated the sizeable amount of ***\$100,000*** to the group. Board members congratulated DR Yu on both counts.

DATES of Next Board Meetings 2021:

June 27

Sept 26

Nov 28