

NAPsaC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes_approved June 28, 2020
Zoom Videoconference
April 26, 2020
5:00 to 6:30 PM Pacific Time

Officers:

President – Robin Deutsch (APsaA)
President-elect – Mary Kay O’Neil (CPS)
Vice-President – Drew Tillotson (PINC)
Secretary – Caron Harrang (NPSI)
Treasurer – Sandra Borden (APsaA)

Directors (Primary Director listed first, Alternate second):

Bill Glover (APsaA)
Paula Ellman and Andrea Greenman (Contemporary Freudian Society)
Mary Kay O’Neil and Sara Freke (Canadian Psychoanalytic Society)
Randi Wirth and Steve Ellman (Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research)
Kenichiro Okano (Japanese Psychoanalytic Society)
Tak Yoo Hong (Korean Psychoanalytic Society Study Group/non-voting)
Beth Kalish (Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Study)
Caron Harrang and Maxine Nelson (Northwestern Psychoanalytic Society and Institute)
Leigh Tobias and Andrea Kahn (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)

Absent: Steve Ellman, Sara Freke, Yu-hua Clare Lin, Kenichiro Okano

I. Welcome: Robin Deutsch.

Robin welcomed everyone to this Zoom meeting and began by acknowledging our gratitude to Director Terrence McBride (LAISPS) who needed to resign last week as primary Director from LAISPS. Primary Director Beth Kalish (LAISPS) reported LAISPS is searching for a new alternate Director.

II. February 2020 Face-to-Face Meeting Minutes: Caron Harrang reporting.

The minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Action: Approved minutes will be sent to directors for dissemination to local society members and posted on the NAPsaC website: <https://napsac.info/event-calendar>

V. Treasurer’s Report: Sandra Borden reporting.

The balance in our checking account as April 26, 2020 is \$16,078.11. Expenditures so far this year include Directors and Officers insurance (\$1,433) and coffee for the face-to-face board meeting (\$595.20).

Totera Web Systems has waived My City Scene fees (\$10/monthly) which supports our website calendar function for several months.

Dues have been collected from all but one NAPsaC member organization in the amount of \$11,245.

VI. Old Business

a. Board Restructuring. Maureen Murphy, Chair, Intraregional Collaboration Committee reporting.

Maureen led a continuing discussion of a proposal developed by the Intraregional Collaboration Committee first introduced at the November 24, 2019 board meeting. Discussion today focused on representation and voting (Appendix A). The board supported the proposed representation and voting structures.

Action: The Interregional Collaboration Committee will continue its work and prepare a comprehensive report on board restructuring including representation, board structure, and voting and programs to be reviewed and approved at the June meeting. Once ratified by the board, directors will present the report to local society Boards of Directors for ratification.

V. New Business

a. Creating NAPsaC Data Base. ExCom reporting.

ExCom reported NAPsaC will be creating a membership data base to be maintained by NAPsaC Administrator, Connie Stroboulis (ConnieS3@aol.com). Inclusion in the data base is optional and open to dues paying members who belong to the International Psychoanalytical Association. Bill Glover will check with APsaA's ExCom to determine if they want to participate.

Action: Directors are asked to collect permission from local society members and send names and email addresses to Connie for inclusion on the organization website.

b. Rescheduling September 27 board meeting due to Yom Kippur. All board reporting.

Directors agreed it is important to have a September board meeting and agreed on September 13, 2020 (5:00 to 6:30 pm Pacific Time) as the best alternative date.

c. NAPsaC Community Relations: 'Bearing the Unknown: COVID-19 and Catastrophic Change'. ExCom reporting.

Robin Deutsch described an initiative developed by ExCom to invite members of NAPsaC to submit short essays (up to 500 words) on the theme of 'Bearing the Unknown: COVID-19 and Catastrophic Change' to be collated and shared with members in fall 2020. Mary Kay O'Neil has offered to copy edit submissions for readability and Caron Harrang will compile submissions into a PDF that Directors can distribute to member societies.

Action: ExCom will create a flyer with instructions for submissions and send to the Board after their next ExCom meeting on May 9, 2020.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next Board meeting is Sunday, June 28, 2020 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm Pacific Time by Zoom.

Note: Unless otherwise arranged the Board meets on 4th Sundays in January, April, June, September, and November. The February face-to-face meeting is held on the Saturday of APsaA's winter meeting in New York City. Dates for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021 are

as follows:

2020:

June 28

Sept 13 [rescheduled to avoid conflict with Yom Kippur]

Nov 22

2021:

Jan 24

Feb face-to-face [APsaA has not set date due to COVID-19]

April 25

June 27

Sept 26

Nov 28

Appendix A

Revised Intraregional Collaboration Report April 26, 2020

Prepared by Maureen Murphy (Chair), Louis Brunet, Johanna Boyce, William Glover, and Maxine Nelson.

This report presents our recommendations following the NAPsaC February Face-to-Face Board Meeting.

NAPsaC Board Structure

The report separates Representation from Voting taking them up separately.

I. REPRESENTATION

We propose that each Component society has one representative as follows: **

APsaA	1
Canada	1
CFS	1
IPTAR	1
LAISPS	1
NPSI	1
PCC	1
PINC	1
JPS	1

** The President of NAPsaC is not counted as the representative of a society.

Each Study Group has 1 representative without a vote.

Rationale

This form of representation facilitates the main goal of the NAPsaC Board: discussing and cooperating with one another in a collegial manner on matters that fulfill the mission of the organization.

Our proposal emerged from a recognition that, previously, most conflicts within the group arose from concerns around dues payments and the recent decision to have dues payments proportionally paid with 2% increases opens up more possibility for NAPsaC board members to enjoy and favor a spirit of collaboration.

Alternates

Each society has one alternate director who attends meetings and serves in the absence of the primary director. Both directors contribute to discussion. However, only primary directors vote on motions.

It remains the responsibility of the given representative to inform the alternate of all matters pertaining to any issue when the alternate votes in the absence of the alternate.

Rationale

It's useful to have a colleague as back up in participating in the work of the Board and providing feedback to the societies.

Serving as an alternate provides a mentoring function in those situations when the alternate becomes the representative as well as helping societies become familiar with the role of NAPsaC.

Term of Office

Representatives are appointed or elected by their societies for a minimum of 2 years unless the representative resigns. Terms may be consecutive and should be staggered so that they are overlapping rather than consecutive with officers' terms.

Rationale

Frequent turnover of representatives destabilizes the work and group process of the Board.

Presidency

As previously agreed, the president serves for a 2-year term and rotates alphabetically APsaA, CPS, Independents. Each of the 3 groups will develop a method for deciding how the president will be selected from that group.

II. VOTING

It is in the best interest of NAPsaC that decisions be made by consensus. However, if consensus cannot be reached, voting would be conducted using the two-tier system described below that was previously agreed upon by the NAPsaC Board.

The representation model is similar to the EPF where all societies have one representative, regardless of size and the two-tier voting system considers concerns voiced by APsaA members about being out voted.

The Two-Tier Voting System – A vote must be positive at the 2 levels.

When there is consensus, there is no need for a two-tiered vote. Otherwise, the two-tier system is engaged. If it fails the first tier, the motion fails and needs to be discussed further. If it passes on the first tier, the second tier must be engaged.

First Tier (Each voting society gets 1 vote, equaling 9 votes in all. A Simple Majority passes, which would be **5 votes**.)

APsaA	1
Canada	1
CFS	1
IPTAR	1
LAISPS	1
NPSI	1
PCC	1
PINC	1
JPS	1

Second Tier: Each organization gets a certain number of votes depending on the number of members represented. The total tally of votes is: 24. **A two-thirds (2/3) Majority** passes, which would be **16 votes**.

- 1 vote for any society with up to 0-149 members;
- 2 votes for any society with 149-299 members;
- 3 votes for any society with 300-449 members;
- APsaA gets a number = to all other groups combined.

The allocation of votes per organization's number of members is as follows:

APsaA	12
Canada3	
CFS	2
IPTAR	2
LAISPS	1
NPSI	1
PCC	1
PINC	1
JPS	1

