**SPSI Continuing Education Committee Minutes**

**September 5, 2019**

Present: Chris Keats (chair), John Allemand, Peggy Crastnopol, Flaviane Ferreira, Kimberly McKittrick, Mary Murphy, Sue Radant, and Kathy Weissbourd..

The minutes from our meeting on May 9, 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

John Allemand was welcomed to the committee.

We reviewed our experience with the Kuriloff event. We netted only a small profit because of problems related to airfare for the presenter, and we decided in future to provide a choice to presenters: either they could elect to accept our arrangements for their hotel accomodations, an honorarium, and coach air fare capped at a certain limit, or they could choose to receive a flat fee. Either way there would be no surprises for us. We evaluated reviews of the event which were largely positive but we noted that people had difficulty hearing questions from the floor and that people felt the room was too crowded. We decided to ask speakers to repeat questions from the floor before answering them, and we decided to ask Zan to arrange chairs in the conference room and decide what number would not be too crowded, and then limit future attendance to that number whenever the venue were to be SPSI.

**Upcoming events: (action items in bold)**

Sue Radant and Chris Keats reviewed plans for the Knafo event Ocober 18 and 19, 2019, to be held at the Graham Visitor Center. **Chris will coordinate with Zan on plans for refreshments, and on a schedule for on-line advertising**. There will be a dinner to honor Knafo at Dahlia Lounge. As inducement to help with book sales and at the registration desk, we will offer to a volunteer clinical associate a free place at the Dahlia Lounge dinner, as attendance for clinical associates is already free of charge.

Skye Haberman has agreed, free of charge, to present her views on ecopsychoanalysis, and Shierry Nicholsen has agreed to be discussant, sometime between January and March 2020.

**Kimberly McKittrick will be lead, and will discuss dates with Shierry and with Skye, and ask Skye to send a preliminary version of what she hopes to present so that Shierry and committee members can help her with any editorial changes deemed necessary**.

**Other business:**

1. Committee members reviewed Zan’s proposed conference fee schedule and made the recommendation, which **Chris will forward to Zan, that, in order to decrease complexity, published fees be rounded up to the next $5 increment.**
2. Committee members also expressed concern that asking conference attendees to sign evaluation forms may limit their frankness, or in some cases their willingness to participate at all in evaluation. There was consensus that **Chris ask Zan if the evaluations could be anonymous.**
3. Erin Carruth has been organizing seminars on best practices in teaching. At present, five classes running from 7:00-8:30 are planned January 9th and 23d, Feburary 6th and 20th and March 5th, 2020. Class size will be limited to 15 students, and fees will be $100, $175, and $200 for students, SPSI members, and non-members respectively. Zan will handle CEs (similar to those for Scientific Meetings) for these classes which will be held at SPSI.
4. **Chris will mention these classes on teaching at the next faculty meeting and will also ask the faculty to consider whether it needs to have a CE committee in light of several issues**: one, that it has been difficult to recruit a chair, and other members, and that the committee will have only two members and no chair by June, 2020. Two, that SPSI members have not been present in large numbers at CE events. Three, that other organizations, for instance NPSI and the Alliance, have in many instances duplicated the effort to bring out of town speakers, and that we often find ourselves competing with these offerings, and four, that we already have psychoanalytic educational offerings, in the form of scientific meetings organized by Ron Levin and Stan Case, and applied psychoanalytic offerings from the Arts Salon organized by Sue Radant.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm at SPSI Thursday November 7, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Keats, M.D.