

Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

Faculty Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Via Zoom

1. Call to order 7:34 PM

Present: S. Radant, A. Thomas, D. Fort, A. Buchinski, C. Keats, E. Kristine, E. Jordan, S. Walker, M. Bullard, A. De Lancey, R. Gottesman, K. Lippman, J. Basinski, K. Weissbourd, J. Cardinali, J. DeMott, J. Wood, M. Brooks, R. Hushka, M. Pauly, S. Case, S. Walker, A. Albert, P. Comert, K. Weisbard, R. Paulsen, P. Roberts, C. Bassen, R. Hushka, C. Malkmus, M. Pauly, P. Comert, D. Wolman, M. Bullard

- 2. Review and vote on minutes from June 14 Faculty meeting - Approved** with acknowledgment of an error in date on some formats of the minutes Noted by S. Case. S. Case also notes that regarding the waiver the term “Non SPSI TA” should be replaced with the term “Non SPSI approved graduate analyst”. These matters received more clarification in the discussion of a proposed pathways to become a Supervising Analyst, an Analyst of Candidates or both.
- 3. Director Report. C. Keats** - Acknowledged the death of Larry Schwartz and the nice memorial for him last summer, The need for clarification around the vision and mission for SPSI responding to cultural and administrative changes at the local and national level. Keats called on us to be “non-defensive participant observers” in various group processes and remarked on how difficult it is globally for institutes to function smoothly and that attention to group process is essential. The development of an “institutional issues committee” has been implemented elsewhere and recommended for other institutes. Mentioned that SPSI is in a recruitment year ably led by the admissions committee chaired by Michael Pauly. SPSI will have a retreat coincident with the move into our new building, reported on in the following board retreat.
- 4. Board Report. R. Hushka** – Reported that the SPSI board approved the move from our current location to 1938 Fairview Ave E. The new space will have 4 ample classrooms and access to a meeting space that can hold up to 80 people and support distance learning and presentations. The move is hoped to be completed by Jan 1 after the building is built out. R. Hushka believes that parking will be ample. SPSI will have a goodbye party for the Madison space timed with the move. There may be an “online only” period of time for classes & meetings depending on timing and logistics of the move.
- 5. Nominations – M. Bullard** - Jim Basinski to the Ethics committee – Approved
- 6. Committee Reports –**

Curriculum: K. Lippman thanks instructors and case conference facilitators & reports that a case conference team is needed for this spring, interested

persons should let her know. There are three new electives being offered, one on character, one on the body and one on analytic identity. Details are on the SPSI website.

K. Lippman presented on her participation on the ApsA board. That board has met three times discussing primarily governance issues. They plan to discuss the Holmes Commission report in future meetings.

Kelly directed our attention to a proposed change of the IRRC guidelines. Comments are welcome for 30 days on the proposed change which reads as follows:

“The Education Committee or equivalent committee of an APsA Institute may permit cases to be conducted via teleanalysis on a regular basis when distance sessions are necessary for an analysis to occur. In some training cases, many sessions, or, on occasion all sessions, may need to take place by teleanalysis. It is desirable for all candidates to experience clinical work that takes place both in the consulting room and via teleanalysis.”

Diversity: L. Jordan, committee hasn't met yet but has ambitions for working with the Holmes report findings and recommendations

Recruitment: M. Pauly, Asks us each to reach out to our networks and encourage participation in our 2 & 4 year programs. There will be open houses for each program in the near future. There will be a written response from the committee to address concerns from the listening groups and diversity efforts. The response will address membership on the committee, recruitment of diverse students, attend to the applicant experience & support newly accepted applicants. M. Pauly asks that we organizationally come to a better definition of what a psychoanalyst is and clarify our distance learning policies regarding admissions. The committee meets next month and welcomes input about how to best meet the needs of applicants and candidates with special attention to DEI concerns. S. Walker asked how the committee is reaching out to expand diversity and M. Pauly re-iterated that the initiatives listed above are for exactly that purpose.

7. Change in Term Limits for SPSI Director. – C. Keats

C. Keats proposed changing the term for director from a 3 year term to a one year Director elect 2 years directorship, followed by one year post directorship to ensure continuity. After minimal discussion the motion was Passed.

8. Implementation of New Procedures re Consulting and Analysts of Candidates. C. Bassen, K. Lippman

Bassen & Lippman announced a motion from the Ad Hoc Pilot Project committee to sunset the “Pilot Project for the Development of Consulting Analysts and Analysts of Candidates” and replace it with “The Process for the Appointment of Consulting Analysts and Analysts of

Candidates". A detailed proposal was reviewed and the motion passed. The huge amount of work that has gone into these processes was acknowledged by all. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

9. Announcements –

K. Lippman asks if anyone knows of pregnant friends who might be willing to participate in the infant observation process

ApsA has "collegiality groups" forming to address some of the conflicts that have emerged in recent times

M. Bullard announced death of Bob Campbell

M. Brooks announced that the progression committee will publish a file review schedule for the entire coming year

K. Weissbard asked for clarification about the probability of online only classes during the building move process. R. Hushka said it impossible to know for sure but may be likely.

R. Hushka showed pictures and took questions about the move & new building. R. Paulsen noted that this is an exciting time for SPSI as it develops and changes. Proposed that some kind of public awareness campaign might help with recruitment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Respectfully Submitted - Martin Bullard