

Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

Faculty Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Via Zoom

1. Call to order 7:35 PM

Present: A. Thomas, R. Meredith, S. Walker, J. Markovitz, P. Crastnopol, D. Fort, A. Buchinski, C. Keats, E. Kristine, E. Jordan, A. De Lancey, R. Gottesman, K. Lippman, K. Weissbourd, J. Cardinali, J. Wood, M. Brooks, R. Hushka, M. Pauly, J. DeMott, P. Comert, K. Weisbard, R. Paulsen, R. Hushka, C. Malkmus, M. Pauly, P. Comert, A. Crofut, K. McKittrick, R. Kelly, D. Wolman.

2. Review and vote on minutes from September 13 Faculty meeting - APPROVED

A. Buchinski reminded the group that we do follow Robert's Rules of Order and reminded everyone to use the Zoom raised hand function to be called on. She also pointed out that in the interest of getting through the lengthy agenda that we forego with commenting about those who are being nominated unless there were problems or concerns.

3. Director Report. C. Keats - Chris acknowledged the appalling and tragic situation in the Middle East and noted how violence collapses space for thinking. He noted the changes taking place in the Consulting Analyst Committee: The committee is planning to conduct in depth discussions about the roles of consulting analyst and analyst of candidates. DEI issues are being discussed in all the committees and Chris noted that the Admissions Committee is best situated to deal with trying to bring SPSI more in line with what we aspire to be as a diverse and anti-racist organization.

4. Board Report. R. Hushka –Rock used the shared screen to show the layout of the new space. The Board is focusing on the move and he thanked Zan and Kimberly for their work in bringing this idea to fruition. He went over issues being considered with the lease regarding the multipurpose floor and parking options. The Board is working with Zan to plan a Goodbye party at the Madison offices as well as an Open House at the New Site as soon as the lease is signed so that everyone can have a chance to see it before the move.

5. Nominations – A. Buchinski - Julie Wood to be Director of SPSI – APPROVED.
-Jacob Markovitz to be on the Ethics Committee- APPROVED.
-Rosemary Kelly to be on the faculty-APPROVED.

6. Committee Reports –

Admissions: Michael Pauly announced that the Open House is on November 12th from 12:00-2:00. He encouraged everyone to attend and to spread the word to folks in the community who might be interested in analytic training.

He then gave a history of the **Long Distance Learning Policy** and the updated proposal, which was distributed to the faculty. There was a robust discussion followed by a vote to accept the terms laid out in the proposal (See attached)- **APPROVED**

Curriculum: Kimberly McKittrick and Julie Wood presented a proposal to change the way SPSI provides Infant Observation starting with the 2024 cohort. There was a very lively and robust discussion with strong sentiments about various aspects of Infant Observation. The motion (see attached) was called and a vote was taken- **FAILED**

Diversity: Liz Jordan expressed appreciation for the work done by the SPSI Committees to discuss and respond to DEI issues and write reports. Time did not allow a discussion at this meeting and it was decided that we will allot thirty minutes at the beginning of the next faculty meeting to have a comprehensive discussion..

7. Announcements –

Kelly announced that the first Faculty Development Workshop on Ethics and Power in the Classroom will be held on November 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully Submitted – Diane Wolman