

Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
Business Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Via Zoom

1. Call to order.
2. Vote on minutes from January and February Business meetings.
3. Director Report. C. Keats
4. Board Report. R. Hushka
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum. K. McKittrick/K. Lippman
 - b. Diversity. E. Jordan
 - c. CAAO. A. Thomas.
 - d. Admissions. M. Pauly
6. Holmes Commission Report Reading Groups.
7. Motions
 - a. Changes to Ombuds Program. M. Bullard.
 - b. Infant Observation. K. McKittrick/K. Lippman
 - c. Psychoanalytic Training Program Terminology
8. Announcements
9. Adjourn

Motions for the 2/14/24 faculty meeting

Infant Observation - Context:

After much consideration and input, the Curriculum Committee is offering the following motion to the business meeting for a vote. This motion represents a major shift in the offering of Infant Observation to analytic candidates. SPSI has a history of including IO as a required component of didactic training. As the Curriculum Committee has worked to enhance and balance the overall curriculum, consider how it compares to other excellent analytic curricula around the country at APsA affiliated institutes, and reflect on multiple years of feedback about the IO experience, we believe this is a reasonable and appropriate way to value, support and encourage candidates to participate in infant observation while also providing optimal flexibility. We have chosen to offer this option as an alternative to one year of case conference because of the related process learning experience. In addition, SPSI offers more case conference time in didactic training than other APsA affiliated institutes. We value the case conference experience, and even with this IO option, candidates will have significant time in case conference, on par with other institutes.

Motion:

Infant Observation will be an elective part of the psychoanalytic curriculum. It will be offered every two years, during the second/fourth years of didactics, on Fridays from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Candidates who elect to take infant observation will be enrolled for the entire academic year, in place of the three trimesters of case conference and the intersession. Candidates may enroll in infant observation as part of their didactics or after completing didactics. The cohorts for infant observation will be limited to six participants. Enrollment in IO will be offered first to second-year candidates, second to fourth-year candidates, and third to post-didactic candidates. Any open spots will be offered to psychotherapy certificate students, prospective applicants for analytic training, or other interested clinicians.

SPSI Ombuds Program - Context:

Recent situations involving the available Ombuds at SPSI revealed that the current approved size of the program (2 with one alternate) is an insufficient number to account for the likelihood of conflicts and dual relationships in our community. A larger pool of available Ombuds from a broader cross section of the SPSI community will help mitigate such conflicts while increasing diversity of experience and expertise in the program.

Motion :

Increase the size of the SPSI Ombuds program from 2 to 6 and make post-didactic candidates eligible for inclusion as Ombuds with the goal of increasing the diversity of available Ombuds.