



ISBP Written Board-meeting December 2013

To the ISBP Board Members:

President : Ginny Hurney
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Dear Board Members of the International Society for Bonding Psychotherapy,

Before starting it is good to remember that the board earlier accepted the use of written board-meetings. This is also foreseen in “Rules and regulations” of the ISBP. Proposals 1-4 were written by Jeff Gordon and approved by Ginny Hurney, current ISBP President. Proposal 5 was written by Ginny Hurney.

Agenda point 1:

***Proposal* : Confirmation of the new Teaching Fellow procedures.**

At our meeting in Bruges, June 2013, the working group of the Training Standards Committee agreed on an updated *procedure and criteria* for Teaching Fellow. Although this document was unanimously accepted at the ISBP Board Meeting, since it was not formally on the agenda, we need to now vote to accept it. (The document is being sent with this Written Board Meeting). I strongly recommend that the document be accepted as is, and that any suggestions for possible changes be dealt with in future board meetings.

Vote (mark one with an x):
yes / no / abstain / needs more discussion

Your comments:

10 yes, 1 abstain, 7absent

Agenda point 2:

Proposal : Changing the regulation for the number of Board Members that each Chapter can have as representatives on the ISBP Board.

At the Board Meeting in Argentina, 2011, the Board confirmed the following procedure for voting at Board Meetings:

Voting procedure:

2 board members max, for every chapter.

1 vote more for 15-30 members, with more than 30 members, 2 votes more.

I propose that we allow each chapter to name as many delegates to the Board up to the number of votes they have. Smaller chapters would then have up to two reps, and larger ones could appoint up to four persons as reps (in the case of Germany, for instance). The number of votes that each chapter has would not change.

This change is necessary because the ISBP Articles of Association stipulate that the officers be chosen from among the Board Members:

Article 22: The Office

The Society's Office is composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Office is not a body with separate powers, but indicates the special functions for the efficient advancement of activities. The respective duties of the Office are laid down in the Society's Rules and Regulations.

*The Board of Directors will elect the Office Members **among themselves**.*

With this change we will have a greater pool of Board Members to choose from when we are looking for new officers.

Vote (mark one with an x):

yes / no / abstain / needs more discussion

Your comments:

10 yes, 1 abstain, 7 absent

Agenda point 3:

Proposal : If the Board cannot find a suitable candidate for any of the officer roles among the Board Members, they can elect any ISBP member in good standing to an officer position (Pres.; V.P.; Treasurer; Secretary). This person then becomes a Board Member *ex officio* for as long as they hold the officer position.

As in point 2, this would give the Board more flexibility in finding new officers.

Vote (mark one with an x):

yes / no / abstain / needs more discussion

Your comments:

10 yes, 1 abstain, 7 absent

Agenda point 4:

Proposal : Allowing the President and Vice President of ISBP to come from the same Chapter as an exception when necessary.

In the written board meeting from March 2013, we changed the procedure for electing the Pres. and VP of ISBP. The change was formulated:

The President and Vice-President will be chosen directly by the ISBP Board and confirmed by the General Meeting of ISBP on the understanding that the President and the Vice-President are always of different societies.

At the meeting in Bruges, June 2013, we only had officer candidates from the American Chapter. Again, in the name of flexibility, I propose to change the above text to read (Changes are in red):

*The President and Vice-President will be chosen directly by the ISBP Board and confirmed by the General Meeting of ISBP on the understanding that the President and the Vice-President are always of different societies. **If no qualified candidate can be found from a different chapter, then an exception can be made so that the President and Vice President can be from the same chapter.***

Vote (mark one with an x):

yes / no / abstain / needs more discussion

Your comments:

8 yes, 1 needs more discussion, 1 abstain

Agenda point 5:

Proposal : An exception be made for Silvia Garcia and Alejandro Gonzales to be eligible to apply for their TF at the ISBP Conference in 2015 in the US. They will not have to have another interview with the Credentialing Committee. They will have to submit a written up-date of their BP teaching experience since the Bruges Conference to the CC; the up-date must be submitted 6 months before the 2015 Conference.

This is an exception to the 5 year requirement for TF. At the time of the 2015 conference they will have had about 4 years of teaching since becoming Fellows.

This exception was suggested by Martien Kooyman; the CC and the ISBP President are in agreement with this proposal.

Vote (mark one with an x):

yes / no / abstain / needs more discussion

Your comments:

8 yes, 1 needs more discussion, 2 abstain

Please send your vote on the following proposals to me as soon as possible; the deadline for voting is the 20th of December.

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