

Board of Directors Meeting : Sollentuna, Sweden  
August 9, 1988, 8:30 p.m.

Those attending: George Rynick, Yetta Lautenschlager  
Caroline Sperling, Janice Frank,  
Ron Kissick, Peter Geerlings, Johan  
Maartens, Inger Johanson, Jeff Gordon  
and Asa Loof.

President George Rynick called the meeting to order and dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. He reported that there was a profit from the conference in 1987 in Binghamton, New York. One thousand dollars will go to research, and one thousand two hundred will be divided amongst the Americans coming to Sweden for the 1988 conference. If there is a loss from a conference, the International Society will make it up. Peter Trosse was made treasurer in the interim, and there is some question as to his continuing.

#### Membership

Caroline Sperling reported on a new system of sending bills with a return envelope. She said that it has worked well so far. Caroline recommends that envelopes be handed out at workshops to encourage people to become members. She will check on those who have not responded so someone can contact them. Johan Maartens reported that there is an agreement for the Belgian/Dutch Society to meet the membership fees. There are no problems with membership.

#### Standards .

Janice Frank reported that she sent letters in March asking for comments on the standards. She received one reply. There is a need to start developing universal standards for fellows and teaching fellows. Jeff Gordon suggested that all information on a trainee should be given to the testing committee before they are tested. Janice suggested that the board check a nominee for fellow or teaching fellow before they go into the final oral test. Johan Maartens reported on what is done in Europe. Asa said the laws in Europe are different and maybe the standards will be different also. Ron suggested the standards committee respond to the letters sent by two people questioning the procedure.

There was some confusion and questioning over the difference in what is written in the trainee standards criteria and what is being done. The standards committee will address this problem.

#### Research

Johan Maartens reported on the steps in the population study. The first results will be available at the end of the year.

There was some discussion about the budget; i.e., amount due to devaluation of the dollar, and the fiscal year of NIP. It was decided to allot a budget of \$2,500 and the fiscal year will be January to December, 1989. The research committee includes John Maartens, Peter Geerlings, George Rynick, Jim Hughes, Yetta Lautenschlager, and Gunvor Gustafsson. George Rynick and Bill Wolfson will develop a manual of theory and put it in the newsletter so members can comment on it.

#### Ethics - Report by Ron Kissick

Michael Brown has lost his case and credentials in the State of Michigan. He has resigned as a Teaching Fellow of ISNIP. It has come to Ron's attention that there is an ad in a psychology magazine from Italy that Rafaella Bortino is a teaching fellow. This is not so. Since she is advertising in connection with New York University, a letter will be sent to them by Ron saying that she is not an accredited Teaching Fellow. George will write a letter to the Italian society for a sanction from her peers to Rafaella.

The next matter of business was Chris Koenig. He is neither a fellow or a teaching fellow, and he is giving training. He was asked how he met the criteria, and when he didn't, he was told he could not be a fellow. There was some concern that he is presenting at the International Group Psychotherapy Conference. Ron will send him a letter that states that he is not welcome to further conferences and he may not be a member of ISNIP since he does not follow our guidelines and criteria.

#### Leadership

There were nominations from the board to re-elect Caroline Sperling and William Wolfson; also that Virginia Lott fill in the unexpired term of Tance Rynick and Marilyn Ellis be elected ~~to the term vacated by Jurgen Kremer.~~

#### Newsletter

Ron Kissick reported for Pat Kissick. Pat wanted to thank Jurgen, Gunvor, Caroline and Janice for their articles. She asked that future articles be typed and a picture of the author included. Pat will also add a new column. It will be for honors and recognition for members of NIP from outside groups. Pat also asks that someone write about their experience at this year's conference. Someone in Sweden is writing an article and Ron will see if she will submit it to the newsletter also.

#### Credentials Committee

The committee for this <sup>meeting</sup> year will include George, Caroline, and Gunvor. There was also a decision to change the ~~Credentials Committee~~ *the AD 1000* to the Examining Board. Jeff Gordon asked

that Marilyn Ellis be accepted as a Teaching Fellow since she passed her oral test in Antigua. She has not passed in her written test yet, so her acceptance will be contingent on the completion of her written test.

#### Old Business

Equalizing dues. A proposal was made that all members pay ISNIP and then part of that will be given back to the chapters. A proposal will be written for a raise in fees for Fellows and Teaching Fellows and a policy on how much goes to ISNIP and how much goes to National. It must be equal for all chapters.

#### New Business

Jurgen Kremer's position paper on the issue of an American Chapter was read. (A copy is included in the minutes.) It said the Americans do not want to add another layer of bureaucracy, and that the structure should allow for differences in laws, etc. Two issues of importance were discussed: 1) to simplify the organization and 2) to make it truly international. The Europeans want the U.S.A. to become an American chapter so all issues do not have to come to the international board. Jeff reported on a lack of communication due to the bad structure of the organization. George Rynick's concern was that the chapters have come together, and he doesn't want them going back to isolating. A decision was made to make the board a Bi-Cameral Board. Americans will be a member of the International Board, and also of an American Board that can conduct business in the U.S.A. as a chapter. We will try to draft new by-laws for a parallel structure without any further bureaucracy. George recommended that we receive the Swiss Chapter since they have incorporated according to our by-laws. Acceptance was passed. Nimet Salem will give the board the names of fellows and teaching fellows from that chapter.

George Rynick asked for consideration to a travel budget for the ISNIP president. He was asked to come up with a proposed budget for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The American member of the Board of Directors of ISNIP decided during a conference call on 7/6/88:

- The concerns raised by the European membership regarding the structure of ISNIP and the representation of the different nationalities are valid and need addressing as soon as possible.
- It is the opinion of the American members of the Board that it is not desirable to add another layer of bureaucracy to the current structure. If possible, all memberships should be directly with the International Society as a centralized society. The Board of the Society should have a proportionate and fair representation of the different nationalities. The certification process should be central.
- The structure of the Society should allow for local and national adjustments as required by laws, etc.
- Since all this implies major adjustments both in the American and the European memberships, the details of the by-law and financial arrangements are to be worked out beginning at the Stockholm conference.

**Note:** This is from my notes of the meeting. Please send any additional input you may have to Ron Kissik a.s.a.p. for him to take to Stockholm.

Account Research I.S.N.I.P.  
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	B.F.	\$
1) account untill july '88	65.090.-	
admitted budget	100.000.-	2.631.-
budget for 1988	34.910.-	917.-
to pay in advance on nr. 670-0002510-51		
bank : Codep		
name : V.Z.W. De Sleutel		

2) budget 1989		
1° input work	60.000.-	+/- 1.579.-
2° adjustment software	10.000.-	+/- 263.-
3° administration costs	15.000.-	+/- 395.-
4° travelling costs	10.000.-	+/- 263.-
	95.000.-	+/- 2.500.-

The costs can be low because I will make my doctor scription on the subject. I will only bring the costs done for the international society in account.

3) rest budget 1988 to pay =	34.910.-	1)
4) accepted budget 1989 =	95.000.-	
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	129.910.-	
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Way of payment to save bank and change costs :

- membership fees Belgium.
- payments to Americans in Belgium, they can be payed by I.S.N.I.P. in the States.

Account research '87 to 07.'88.

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		Expenses	Receipts
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1987	30.06	3.988.-	
1988	02.03		10.000.- V.N.V.B.
	08.07	260.-	
	29.07	179.-	10.000.- V.N.V.B.
	04.08	60.663.-	
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		65.090.-	20.000.-
		45.090.-	to 870-0002510-51
			Bank : Codep
			Name : V.Z.W. De Sleutell
		20.000.-	to V.N.V.B.
			from V.N.V.B. 10.000.- membership fees
			from V.N.V.B. 10.000.- profits
			Deinze '86
			= 0

Johan MAERTENSE