

Board Meeting, Bethesda, Maryland 2/25/89

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

Marilyn Ellis, Caroline Sperling, Janice Frank, George Rynick, Ginny Lott, Diane Decker, Yetta Lautenschlager and Ron Kissick.

The meeting began with the reading of the minutes from 8/9/88, 8/12/88 and 11/30/88. There was a correction in the minutes of 8/9/88. Jim Hughes went off the board, and Jurgen Kremer stays on the board. There is also no accurate list of membership for Europe. There were no corrections for 8/12/88 or 11/30/88. The minutes stand as read with corrections of 8/9/88.

President's Report

George happily announced the formation of a German chapter. There was some friction between the M.D.'s and other professionals. Jeff Gordon and Ingo Gerstenberg have worked very hard to get all NIP therapists together to form a chapter. President is Konni Strauss, and Vice President is Jeff Gordon. They will apply for German Society Status at the annual meeting in New Haven.

George also reported that the spirit is good in Europe. Peter Geerlings is tracing the roots of NIP to Forenzio.

There has been a request from the Europeans that we form an American Chapter. George received a letter from the Dutch/Flemish Society stating that the Americans use the International meetings to do American work that can easily be done through American meetings. All American board members will continue to be members of the International Society, and also of the American chapter.

Ron Kissick asked that we first address the issues of conceptualizing the process and implementing meetings in Europe. It was suggested that three Americans go to Europe, one being the President, and possibly rotating the others. There was also the suggestion that the representatives carry proxy votes from the other board members. There was also a question of fees and how to make them equal.

Ron Kissick moved that we form an American chapter with by-laws identical to the International Society with special provisions for local chapters, not national. It was seconded.

There was discussion around the motion. There were questions about whether the by-laws would have to be rewritten. Also that there may be major consequences with only three members attending the International meetings. The by-laws state that there be 10 directors from America; two from each society and four at-large. Local chapters are to have at-large members. The intent is for parity in representation. George will write the by-laws and send them out to each board member with a request for approval and/or revision. The resolution will then be taken to the ISNIP meeting in June to be voted on. Ron stressed that we work to bring the chapters together more.

As of June 30, 1988 there was \$4804.00. Income was \$2981.00. Expenses were \$6845.00, leaving a balance of \$940.00. Jugen Kremer has not sent the \$951.00 that was sent to him to start the journal. \$400.00 was approved to send to New Haven Conference Center for the annual meeting. \$100.00 was approved for Ginny Lott, a student, to help defray costs for this meeting. \$50.00 was approved for Pat Kissick to attend a workshop to enhance the newsletter. All dues will be sent to the International Society and will then be disbursed to the American Board.

Janice asked that the organizational plan be printed in the newsletter so members can see the proposed change. Diane Decker read a list of fellows and teaching fellows who have not paid their dues. She will give the list to George. The proposed increase in dues follows:

Teaching Fellows - \$100.00
Fellows - \$65.00
Members in Training - \$45.00
Members - \$30.00
Associate Members - \$15.00
This will take affect in July

Standards

Janice reported that she had conferred with teaching fellows who had sat on the credentialing committee concerning the letters from Virginia Lott and Agnes Williams. She had sent letters to them answering their questions. Janice plans to have a conference call with committee members. There was a request that something be written for teaching fellows outlining what needs to be done by them and their trainees before the oral test. This written portion will be sent to the Chairman of the Standards Committee, who will then notify the credentials committee that the preliminary process is completed and the candidate is ready for the oral test.

Membership

There are 29 teaching fellows, 16 fellows, 65 member, 13 associate members, and 15 members in training.

Ethics

Ron Kissick reported that the problems with Chris Koenig and Rafaella has been taken care of. Ron read a letter from Caroline Sperling concerning Frank Doyle. He and Mary Kent Norton are co-leading an "NIP" group, neither being credentialed as fellows. Ron will write them a letter from the society.

Nominations

There are none yet. It will be done in two weeks.

To make the American society work we need to make ourselves more available, especially to those who are isolated. There was a suggestion from George and Ron that board members volunteer to go to workshops for expenses only. This would be important for contact and fellowship. It would also provide for supervision for those in need. It was decided to make it a one year pilot program, explained in the newsletter for those on the board. Janice will notify Pat Kissick.

There was another suggestion that the board members become a peer group in NIP. There was some discussion. It was decided that when there was a board meeting on a weekend, that we have a bonding group on Friday night, work on Saturday, and have pleasure Saturday night. Significant others will also be included.

As a follow-up from the conference, George stated the need to get a list of European members for the newsletter, and also a list of officers of the European chapters. Also, the plan for collecting dues will be that a national chapter member will come to the annual meeting and bring the dues in American dollars, and give it to the treasurer. It has come to the board's attention that the Dutch/Flemish Society have not paid their 1987-88 dues. George will check with them when he goes to Europe in two weeks.

George asked that the committee heads get their agenda items into Ron 90 days ahead of the annual meeting.

Examination of Fellows and Teaching Fellows

George stated the the examining committee must be separate from the board. Each examinee must give a dossier to their sponsoring teaching fellow. The teaching fellow will forward this to Janice Frank including training hours, group leading hours, hours planning and leading workshops, and the written exam. A teaching fellow applicant must also document presentation at the annual conference. Diane Decker passed out application forms. Following this procedure, the applicant will be given an oral test by the examining board. A letter will be sent to the applicant following the oral test with approval, or strength and weaknesses if not accepted. A copy must be sent to the primary sponsoring teaching fellow.

Committee Chairs

Each person was asked to be responsible to get committee work accomplished. They need to recruit enough members to do the needed work. They then need to notify Pat Kissick to put the names of their committee in the newsletter. Each committee member should be assigned responsibilities for the year. Meetings should be planned as needed.

Annual Report

Each committee should prepare a report for the annual meeting. It should include their work, activities, and decisions. Recommendations will be voted on by the board of directors.

Treasurers Report

Annual Meeting and Conference

Yetta reported on the conference plans. Ginny Lott will take care of the awards at the banquet. A keynote speaker has been contacted. Bernie Segal, Martha Welch, and Jurgen Kremer were asked, but could not come. Stephen Sinatra, M.D., a cardiologist will speak on emotionality and heart disease. He was very excited and interested in speaking at the conference. The board thought it sounded good. Yetta will also try to contact Joyce Anisman-Saltzman who speaks on the therapeutic qualities of laughter.

Abstracts

George and Bill are working up an abstract on "NIP 101". Peter Geerlings, Johan Martens, George and Bill are working on a plenary session on NIP theory and background. Ron is very disappointed that he only received 5 abstracts for the conference. Janice had to change her presentation since her plan with the "Diet Center" did not come through. She will do a presentation on AIDS and/or her slide presentation on bonding. Ron suggested that the schedule be roughed out in Antigua so that brochures can be made up. The NIP players are planning a skit for the banquet.

New Business

The main thrust of this year's work will be to help get people closer to each other

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully Submitted,



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