

General Meeting - ISNIP New Haven, Connecticut, 1:10 p.m. June 25, 1989

Quorum of 11 Teaching Fellows, 5 Fellows and 12 members.

Minutes were read and approved.

President's Report

George reported that his condition has changed. He still experiences pain around the loss of Tance, yet he has decided to live and be happy. He is happy together with Carline. He expressed sadness over losing Ron Kissick as vice president since he had helped so much, especially when things were bad.

The president reported on standards. Fellows and Teaching Fellows who need to be tested must have a written letter from both sponsors stating they are ready for testing. The primary sponsor must have everything checked off and must have a packet prepared of documents needed.

The president asked that all committees do as much work as possible immediately following the conference. He also asked for a commitment of time from people.

The president asked that ISNIP make a special effort to outreach to other professionals, and also for research. Frankie Wiggins suggested that several of us go to the International Group Psychotherapy, International Transactional Analysis Meetings, and American Group Psychotherapy.

George asked that chairpersons of committees outline possible work for the year in their area. He asked that they have recommendations ready for the board meetings so things can be voted on.

European Input

Inger Johanson brought up the issue of an AMERICAN society. Since there are different society chapters in Europe who belong to ISNIP, the Europeans feel it is important that the Americans have their own chapter. They have been thinking about dues. She reported that the Europeans feel ashamed that they have not gotten a newsletter going yet. They feel the newsletter is an American thing. They propose that there is a space put aside for each European chapter to write something in the newsletter. They can send something to be put in their space, and if they send nothing there will be a blank space under their name. Frankie reported that the Swedish society is 12 years old, older than ISNIP. They have an excellent network for training, etc.

Dues

Ron Kissick reported on the new dues collection. Rather than having the money going back and forth across the Atlantic, there will be a collection point in Europe and the U.S. (Rachel Light). The secretary will be the administrative person for dues and disbursements. The treasurer must have an awareness of the flow of funds, and also prepare the proposed budget for the coming year. It will be different this year since the ISNIP will only be using 50% of the funds. Peter Schoeder supports regions in the U.S. Chapter because it facilitates growth.

There was discussion about the place of the conference in 1990, 1991, and 1992. Jurgen Kramer asked to know the date at least 2 years in advance so he could make plans. There was a thank-you to Yetta and her committee for putting on the 1989 conference.

Treasurer's Report

The financial committee will be appointed each year. Ginny Lott reported that the proposed budget is \$5285, and proposed dues are \$3200. She also stated that the budget will change due to the change in the dues structure. Treasurer's report is included in this report. Ginny was commended on her work as interim treasurer.

Research

Inger Johanson reported that Johan Maartens is disappointed by the response from the Fellows and Teaching Fellows. Marilyn Ellis commented on difficulty in understanding and receiving information too late. Johan does not need a new budget for this year.

Nominating Committee

Ron Kissick and Jurgen Kremer are the nominating committee. Three people are scheduled to finish their terms this year. He offered for reelection, Ron Kissick, Yetta Lautenschlager, and Jurgen Kremer. The slate was passed.

Standards Committee

The standards committee is also credentialing committee. Members are Bill Wolfson, Yetta Lautenschlager, Betty Butler, Caroline Sperling, Janice Frank (chairperson) and Pat Gontarczyk. The standards committee would like membership to think of making a masters degree as requirement for fellowship, and to add another level for para-professionals to make it more equitable with the mental health community. They ask for communications on this during the year.

Candidates for Fellowship

Passed by common consent were Virginia Lott, Rick Reiches of the U.S. , and Carlo Kreiner of Italy. It was suggested that the Fellowship be celebrated and the fee waived for certificate of fellowship. Marilyn Ellis reported that she would like to finish the written exam, but is having difficulty locating materials.

Ethics

Committee members are Tracy Wolfson, Bill Wolfson and Ron Kissick. Ron reported two actions were underway. Chris Koenig had a letter sent to ask him to leave the society and there will be no more communications with him. There was a question whether we have a written policy. The answer was no, but we follow the policy of other groups such as NASW. Joe Sanders suggested we prepare a written policy and volunteered to help. There were letters sent to two people not credentialed doing NIP. One denied, and one did not respond.

Research

Committee is Johan Maartens, Peter Geerlings, Ginny Lott, Jurgen Kremer and Gunvor Gustavson. George reported that theory is being worked on. The population study is still going on. George had a copy of a letter from Johan. There were comments about information coming in late. In defense of Johan, Yetta reported that he sent the information in 1988 with instructions and the suggestion to copy the forms so you would have enough for the year.

Newsletter

Pat Kissick is in charge of the newsletter. One way to communicate is through the newsletter. Pat asked people to send her any reports on the conference. The July newsletter will be delayed until mid-July because she wants to get conference material in. She asked that newsletter articles be typed, preferably with a photo. She asked for articles for the newsletter, "please". There was a suggestion that people send in practice tips. Pat said they prefer articles written about NIP. There was a suggestion that sanctions appear in the newsletter, and the names of Fellows and Teaching Fellow candidates be published in the newsletter well in advance so any questions or comments on the candidates can be addressed before testing. There was a question about ordering the newsletter without being a member. It would be too expensive.

Membership

Membership committee is Caroline Sperling and Peter Schroeder. It was reported that associate membership has been dropped so that all members have a vote. Diane Decker has envelopes for membership. The envelope system worked well.

George Rynick is a member of all committees as president.

Old Business

There was a discussion about ideas for the conference for 1990, 1991, and 1992. Italy is not prepared to do the

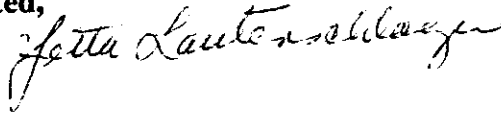
conference in 1990. There was a proposal to hold the 1990 conference in Amsterdam, Germany, or Geneva. There was a consensus on Amsterdam for 1990 providing we get an invitation from the Dutch-Flemish Society. The folks from the Washington, D.C. area committed to a conference in 1991, and the proposal for Germany in 1992 was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yetta Lautenschlager

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yetta Lautenschlager". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.