APPALACHIAN PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

I. Structure
A. Officers
- President: Beverly Gibbons, PhD
- Past-president: Diane Humphreys-Barlow, LCSW
- President-elect: Michael Sanders, PhD
- Secretary: Trish Maffeo, PhD
- Treasurer: Joyce Cartor PhD
- Members-at-Large: Jim Gorney, PhD, Sheila Hill, M.S.W. Laura Porter, PhD
- Student Representatives: Michael Finn, Paul Tullis
- CE Coordinator: Laura Porter, PhD
- Membership Committee Chair: Diane Humphreys-Barlow, LCSW

B. Membership
- Division 39: 14
- Psychologist: 53
- Social Work: 11
- Graduate Student: 12
- MD: 3
- Scholar: 1
- Other 0
- Early Career: 0

Total: 80

II. Governance Functions: Our Board meets six times a year, one of those meetings is a full day retreat in the early summer. The presidents form a Planning Committee and are responsible for our two annual conferences, a graduate student reception, and a Membership/Symposium yearly meeting. The At-Large members make up the Education Committee and are responsible for our half-day seminars (four or five a year). Other events call for ad hoc committees. We have two standing committees: Membership and Early Career, as well as a graduate student liaison to the Board.

III. Programming 2012-2013
A. Seminars
1. September Seminar: 9/29/12 Learning to “Sink In”: Attachment and the Psychoanalytic Treatment of Anxiety, Mary Ellen Griffin, PhD
2. November Seminar 11/17/12 Great Papers in Psychoanalysis Part VII: The Reconstruction of a Traumatic Childhood Event in a Case of Derealization, Sheila Hill LCSW and James Gorney PhD
3. Fall Conference Seminar 10/12/12 Group Dream Analysis, Mark Blechner, PhD.
4. December Seminar: 12/15/12 Existential Psychoanalysis: Will We Get There in Time?, Vance Sherwood, PhD.
5. January Seminar: 1/26/13 Meditation and Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Tom Neilson, PsyD.
6. March Seminar: 3/16/13 Navigating the Fee as Reality and Symbol in Psychotherapy:
How to Get Paid and Still Respect Ourselves in the Morning, Joyce Cartor, PhD.
7. Lerner Scholar’s Symposium 5/ 11/13 Weathering the Storm: The Role of Uncertainty in the Creative Process, Reva Heron, PhD, and Kathryn White, PhD.

B. Conferences
1. Fall Conference Program 10/13/12 Sexuality and its Vicissitudes: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Mark Blechner, PhD.
2. APS Conference at Tennessee Psychological Association Annual Convention - November 2012: Hunger Games: Psychoanalytic Treatment of Eating Disorders, Jean Petrucelli, PhD
2. Spring Conference: 4/6/13 Reaching Toward Dreams, Taking the Transference, Gerard Fromm, PhD.

C. Courses/Reading Groups
1. Monthly Reading Group on Contemporary Psychoanalytic Writing: Diane Humphreys-Barlow
2. Monthly Reading Group on Psychoanalysis: Bill MacGillivray and Joyce Cartor

D. Awards: The Hans Strupp Award for psychoanalytic scholarship, mentorship and education has been given for about 14 years with past awardees including Hans Strupp, Sid Blatt, Bert Karon, Paul Lerner, Frank Summers, Leonard Handler, Michael Nash, Vamik Volkan and Paul Wachtel. This year’s recipient is Bill MacGillivray

IV. Programming Functions
A. Programming: We review member suggestions regularly, rely on the two separate committees to do most of the “heavy lifting” but the entire board discusses many of the programs during the summer retreat.

B. Reimbursement for presenters: In general we offer only modest compensation for the seminar presenters and Paul Lerner Symposium presenter, typically drawing on our local APS members to be the speakers. We pay travel and accommodations, of course. For the two conferences, we have been trying to limit the stipends to $1500 each.

C. Advertising: Our web site is regularly updated with all the information for the next program “front and center” on our site. We send out two large mailings during the year with a listing of the upcoming programs and all needed information. We also send out brochures for each event, but only to our members. Finally, we have all our members listed on our Yahoo e-mail list and send out weekly reminders as the events draw near.

D. Venues: We are able to use a local hospital for our seminars but rely upon a catering venue for the three main events.

E. Amenities and entertainment: We provide breakfast and lunch for our conference attendees, and breakfast at our membership meeting. We have a reception with the Board for our conference attendees on the evening before the event; and we typically have an evening reception or luncheon for any out-of-town presenters.

V. Current Challenges: Encouraging members to serve on the Board. Developing new ideas and alternatives to using technology to encourage, facilitate and enhance membership and renewals.

VI. What I Want to Learn From Other Chapters: I am continually struck by the remarkable differences among the chapters, with markedly different cultures as reflected
in the kinds and number of programs they offer. I am not sure to what extent you can draw conclusions from these ‘outside’ observations of chapter cultures, but I would be interested in a discussion of how chapters perceive their psychoanalytic culture as reflected in their chapter operations.

VII. Recommendations

A. Recent Fall and Spring Conference (6 Hours): Marc Blechner, Jean Petrocchelli, and Gerard Fromm were all well attended and excellent presenters.

B. Saturday Morning Seminar Presentations (3 Hours): Over the years these local talents made excellent presentations Joyce Cartor, Vance Sherwood, Jim Gorney, Sheila Hill, Mary Ellen Griffen, Bill MacGillivray, Beverly Gibbons, Jamie Kyne, Doug Tyler and Jack Barlow