

- A. **Open Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 9, 2016**
- B. **Information Gathering for Section IV**

I. Structure:

Officers

PRESIDENT

Jay Soucy, Psy.D.

PAST PRESIDENT

Jenn Bortle, Ph.D.

SECRETARY

Scott Bortle, Ph.D.

TREASURER

Jenn Bortle, Ph.D. acting

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

none

Membership

- Division 39: 66
 - Psychologist: 99
 - Social Work: 41
 - Graduate Student: 7
 - MD: 2
 - Scholar: ??
 - Other: 11
 - Total: 160

Diversity in Membership

C. II. Governance:

The executive board meets monthly to address all governance issues and is informally in contact between meetings as needed. Typically we would have a Programming Chair and Education Chair to coordinate scheduling of events. Over the last three years, however, those positions have been effectively vacant and the executive board has scheduled programming themselves. In the past, the publication chair would solicit articles and manage the publication of our twice-yearly newsletter – however over the last three years we have had no publication chair and no newsletters. The membership chair solicits membership renewals and new memberships. The technology chair, with the help of our administrator, maintains the chapter referral email group, discussion group, and the website, online directory & calendar. In the past, all Chairs had committee members to support their efforts, but currently none do.

D. III. Programming 2016-2017

A. Programs (Conferences, seminars, etc.)

“Deepening Your Clinical Practice on the Back of a Napkin: Writing Your Way to New Depths”
- A Clinical Writing Workshop with Suzi Naiburg, PhD, LICSW, Author of *Structure and Spontaneity in Clinical Prose: A Writer’s Guide for Psychoanalysts and Psychotherapists*
September 10, 2016

“Love is Giving What You Don’t Have: A Commentary on Lacan’s Reading of Plato’s Symposium in Seminar VIII, Transference.” Bruce Fink, Ph.D. with case presentation by Jenn Bortle, Ph.D.
October 15, 2016

“Those 45 minutes completely changed my life!”
Freud’s consultation with ML and what 21st century therapists can learn from it with Jonathan H. Slavin, Ph.D., ABPP
June 3, 2017

B. Education/Training (Courses, etc.)

AFFECT: The Heart of Psychotherapy (yearlong course in four parts)

Segment 1. “Building a Child: The Vital Role of Affect in Development
Instructor: Lisa Sutton, PhD

Segment 2. Trauma, Affect, and the Brain
Instructors: Catherine Loula, MD and Julia Matthews, MD

Segment 3. Affect in Contemporary Psychodynamic Theory
Instructor: Holly Levenkron, LICSW

Segment 4. Working with Affect in Adult Clinical Practice
Instructor: Adam Silk, MD

C. Other Professional Events

Nuts & Bolts of Starting a Private Practice (annual event)
October 14, 2017

D. Public Programs

IV. Key Initiatives or innovations this year

We intend to begin holding informal discussion/meet-up nights (“Freudian Sips”) at local restaurants, but this idea hasn’t yet been implemented.

V. Current challenges

A few years ago we lost several veteran board members, which has been a challenge in several ways; our board has not yet recovered in terms of numbers, several positions remain unstaffed, and the remaining board members are earlier in their careers and have fewer connections to potential presenters in the area. With fewer presentations, we struggle to maintain membership numbers.

At the same time, having a newer population on the board means we’re generating exciting new ideas. Part of our challenge going forward will be to implement these new ideas without overburdening our few board members. We’d like to make participation on the board enjoyable for members. To that end, we’re trying shifting our meeting time/day (e.g late on a weeknight to brunch on the weekend).

We continue to try to define our niche in a town with such a heavy institute presence. We’re excited about having new presenters who are not (or not yet) analysts, but sometimes these are not well attended, and heavy-hitters from the local institutes always draw far more attendees.

VI. What I want to learn from other chapters

- How do you compete in a saturated market (two local institutes with major funding and membership)?
- How do you recruit new board members/how do you manage the burden of leadership among a small board? How do you maintain morale among the leadership?
- How do you reach out to new members who are in training?