

**Philadelphia  
Open Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 28, 2017  
Information Gathering for Section IV**

**I. Structure:**

**A. Officers**

1. President: Stacey Boyer, Psy.D.
  2. Past President: Dan Livney, Psy.D.
  3. Secretary: Hallie Kushner, Ph.D.
  4. Treasurer: Heejin Kim, Ph.D.
  5. Membership Chair: Sarah White, Psy.D.
  6. Division 39 representative: Stacey Boyer, Psy.D.
  7. Newsletter: Ari Pizer, MA, MMT
  8. Directors-At-Large: Marc Carafa, Psy.D.; Adrian Chiu, Ph.D.; Kathryn Cording, Psy.D.; Christine McGinnis, Psy.D.; Cécile McKenna, Psy.D.; Philip Rosenbaum, Ph.D., Kelly Bassett, LP, M.Ed.
  9. Brunch Series: Kelly Bassett, LP, M.Ed.
  10. Mentorship: Barbara L. Goldsmith, Psy.D.
  11. Endowment Chair: Jeanne Seitler, Psy.D.
  11. Graduate Student Representatives: Carrie Potter, M.A. and Emily Johansen, B.A.
  12. Continuing Education Coordinator: Courtney Slater, Ph.D.
  13. Liaison to the Philadelphia Center for Psychoanalytic Education: David Ramirez, Ph.D, ABPP
- a. Does your chapter participate in Division 39 CE Program? Yes

**B. Membership**

**Total Members: 327**

- Division 39: 113
- Psychologist: 161
- Social Work: 35
- LPC: 4
- MD: 8
- Scholar: 1
  
- Graduate Student: 73 (approx. 22%)
- Early career professional: 68 (approx. 21%)
- Retired: 4 (approx. 1%)
- Associate member: 5 (approx. 1%)
- Full member: 177 (approx. 54%)
- **Total: 327**

**C. Diversity in Membership**

PSPP does not ask members to indicate race, religion, or ethnicity, but supports expanding the usefulness of psychoanalytic thought to practitioners and patient populations who have

historically been shut out. In addition, PSPP has been increasingly appealing to early career professionals and graduate students.

## **II. Governance:**

The PSPP Board meets monthly to discuss governance issues and plan programs. The President sets the agenda and runs the meetings. Discussions on organizational matters such as recruitment, retention, diversity issues, and other concerns are held until consensus is met. An annual Needs Assessment is distributed to members to include input from the general membership.

## **III. Programming 2016-2017**

PSPP publishes events via semiannual newsletters, membership listserv, and the website. The website includes a membership directory, calendar of events, and program registration capabilities.

### **A. Programs (Conferences, seminars, etc.)**

1. 2016 Annual Spring Program: Breaking the Cycles that Trap Us: Affect, Attachment, Integration, Intervention, Paul Wachtel, Ph.D.
2. 2016 Spring Brunch Series: Struggling in dissociative quicksand: Relational quandaries in the treatment of dissociative identity disorder, Stacey Boyer, Psy.D.
3. 2016 Spring Brunch Series: Psychoanalytic practice in the real world, Kelly Bassett, M.Ed., Dan Livney, Psy.D., and Courtney L. Slater, Ph.D.
4. 2016 Spring Brunch Series: How can pragmatism affect contemporary analytic thinking and practice? Philip Rosenbaum, Ph.D.
5. 2016 Spring Brunch Series: Do I have to tell my patients I'm blind? Ari Pizer, MA, MMT
6. PSPP/PCOP joint meeting: Children in therapy: Two psychoanalytic perspectives. Ann Smolen, Ph.D., Lauren Silber, Psy.D., and Robert Kravis, Psy.D.
7. 2016 Annual Fall Program: Locating self in clinical interactions: Playing with sameness and difference. Sandra Buechler, Ph.D., Laurel Silber, Psy.D., and Marc Carafa, Psy.D.
8. 2017 Annual Spring Program: Journeys with psychosis: A day of approaches to working analytically with psychosis. Annie Rogers, Ph.D., Bret Fimiani, Psy.D., and Robin Ward, Psy.D.
9. 2017 Spring Brunch Series: Seeing the common humanity in addiction: Offering an integrated relational treatment. Irimi Gouzias, M.A., Candace Iradbli, M.A., Shay Seldon, M.A., and Veronica Slaght, M.A.

#### **IV. Key Initiatives or innovations**

PSPP is dedicated to outreach, especially to graduate students and early career professionals. PSPP hosts an annual graduate student brunch, where members from various organizations speak about opportunities for graduate students to get involved in the psychoanalytic community. The endowment program collects donations from the membership to fund graduate students, ECPs, and general members who might need additional help to travel to meetings and conferences, and is advertised at conferences and through the listserv. Applications are considered and voted on by the Board. PSPP's Mentorship Program is strong and continues to grow. Graduate students and early career professionals may sign up to meet monthly with an established member professional. There is no charge to participate. PSPP regularly collaborates with other local psychoanalytic communities such as the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Center for Psychoanalytic Education (historically the "educational arm" of PSPP) and the Institute for Relational Psychoanalysis of Philadelphia.

PSPP publishes and distributes two to three printed newsletters every year to the membership. The newsletters include general news on the chapter, a calendar of events, clinically relevant pieces submitted by the members, a treasury report, and a membership report. Another purpose of the newsletter is to provide a forum for the membership to share creative pieces related to their work.

##### **Specific 2016-2018 Initiatives:**

- **Expanding and re-organizing the board.** PSPP expanded the board to 20 members. These board members volunteered to serve on committees, including an outreach committee, programming committee, and a logistics committee (to manage the website and printed materials).
- **Website, Listserv, and Mailings.** PSPP is in the process of developing a new website and listserv, updating our branding, and improving our printed materials.
- **Outreach.** PSPP launched a liaison program to expand our communication network so that all local undergraduate and graduate programs, training sites, and institutes will have access to information pertaining to programs, psychoanalytic ideas, and research efforts.
- **Education and Programming.** PSPP will continue to offer its high quality educational programs, including our two larger meetings in the Fall and Spring and our Spring Brunch series. Additionally, we are exploring expanding our programming to include broader community-based programs, live supervisions for graduate students, galas, and psychoanalytic fairs wherein representatives of local training institutes will be invited to explore a current topic in psychoanalysis.
- **Additional Efforts to Exchange Scholarly Information.** In addition to the website, outreach, and programming initiatives outlined above, PSPP continues to support student, early career professional, and members' efforts to advance the field of psychoanalysis

through our endowment fund. To date, we have sponsored over 24 members' participating in psychoanalytic conferences and research. We supported the development of a new journal, to be released in early 2017, that is dedicated to advancing empirical research in psychoanalysis: *The Journal for the Advancement of Scientific Psychoanalytic Empirical Research (J.A.S.P.E.R., see <http://www.jasper1.org/>)*. It is our mission to continue supporting the exchange of scholarly and clinical information.

## **V. Current challenges**

PSPP is working to involve graduate students from programs without a psychoanalytic tradition. Individual members working in settings with access to students from such programs make inroads, but linking these disparate efforts to a systemic process is in process. Related to this goal, PSPP tries to keep in mind opportunities to link with psychologists in other APA divisions. Members are encouraged to join Division 39 during program events and through newsletter items. Members are apprised of Division 39 membership benefits and encouraged to attend the annual national conference. About one third of PSPP members are Division 39 members and many attend the conference. PSPP sends a representative to the Section IV Senate and Open Meetings at the conference. PSPP members are also active in the Division 39 leadership.

## **VI. What I want to learn from other chapters**

- Strategies for involving ECP and student members from modalities and traditions outside of psychoanalysis.
- Ideas for programs, workshops, and other educational opportunities. Ideas for programs open to the wider therapeutic community? What about programs open to the public? Movie nights? Information sessions?
- Ideas to enhance connection and communication among membership (e.g., galas)
- Using websites and directories to their fullest potential. For example, do other chapters have specific website features that their members and the public have found to be helpful?
- Other outlets to increase the involvement of people who are already members.
- Average range of honorariums for speakers.