

**NYSPA (New York State Psychological Association)
Neuropsychology Division
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Friday, May 20, 2016

This was a meeting held via conference call

**Board Members Present: Paul Gunser, Bonnee Price Linden, Gabrielle Stutman,
Edward Korber and Margaret Alvarez**

Call to order at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary's report

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 4/15/16 were reviewed.

The following corrections were noted:

A correction was needed in the spelling of Bonnee Price Linden's name. From Bonnie (IE) to Bonnee.(EE).

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$4,224.86 in our account. Budget balance forward was 2,484.86 and amount added from dues was \$1,740.00, totaling to the \$4,224.86 reported from prior meeting. It was noted that the treasury report amount was still \$4244.86, with 88 dues paying members. Ed Korber noted that he would email a copy of this Treasurer's report to executive board members to supplement the oral report.

President's report: Paul Gunser:

Suggestions for the October 22nd conference were reviewed

Discussion Continued regarding what time would be appropriate to begin setting up the registration for the meeting and if the meeting should be a full or half day program as well as timing for lunch if there are three presenters.

Margaret Alvarez suggested including a presentation of the newer psychopharmacological agents as a treatment modality and how genetic testing is now choice of regimen based on CYP 450 system and other metabolic predispositions.

Gabrielle Stutman expressed concern that psychopharmacology might be off topic. Other members discussed that psychopharmacology as a treatment modality could fit into the topic.

Discussion of order and presentations being offered would consist of the:

1. First presentation being of a financial nature and presented by Steve Honor
2. Second Presentation would include Cognitive Rehabilitation as a Psychological Intervention by Larry Thomas
3. Psychiatric intervention. Newer Pharmacological Agents and Genetic Testing Implications for attaining a more personalized medicine approach to treatment. By Scott Weiner, MD

Discussion followed regarding the need for presenters to fill out forms including an abstract of presentations offered For CE credits Online on the NYSPA web site ant the NYSPA central can assist in this.

A schedule was proposed for Registering at 9 am in the morning

One possible scenario could be to hold the first presentation from 10:00 am to 11:15am

The Second presentation to be held from: 11:15am to 1:30 pm

In the case of a half-day program we could be done at 1:30

We could do a meet and greet with the food at the end of the day or we could do a lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:45 with food at that time and have the last session from 1:45 to 3 pm. This is in contrast to what was discussed at the previous board meeting.

At the previous meeting it All Board members agreed that: Registration and coffee will start at 9:00 a.m. First speaker will start at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Conference will end by 3:00 p.m. (or by 4:00 p.m. at the latest).

Discussion was tabled and no decision to exact format was made at this time for the October Conference Day.

Past President's Report

No updates at this time.

President and President Elect reports were given regarding various issues summarized as:

Location for future executive board meeting: Discussion of available meeting rooms reviewed. Bonnee related that Javier said there is a good probability of venue with ethical culture as a backup location for meetings. Also the Martin Building on 34th and 6th can be arranged.

NYSPA Council's Report

Bonnee gave a report of NYSPA Council and Summarized Lobby Day and all the positive outcomes and good attendance for the event. Senate support for bills proposed and Legislators contacted Tom for more information. There was a lobby packet. Discussion included Rx, Duty to protect, School psych licensure, and Insurance out of network benefits.

Bonnee noted that there was an excellent reaction to the Grass roots committee. Tom and Rockland County met to find out why they were not moving ahead with out of network benefits and why were there objections. They would like many more people to go next year

Discussion topics noted were Physicians and psychiatrists have practices together, Why waste time with Rx. Legislators felt that too many people are giving out pills already. The Duty to protect wording was to be corrected. The Medical society is pushing for NY out of network too. The consensus was that they did what they went to do and the atmosphere was one of cooperation.

Council Report given by Bonnee which included discussion of the CE issue, overwhelming vote was for CE's mandatory. Overview of reports from various committees given. Forensic by-laws was put on regular agenda so not coming up until September. Mandatory CE's passed.

President Elect's Report

Bonnee as President Elect started a Program planning committee that will meet sometime in June. There are 3 or 4 people on this committee that are not on the board such as Mark and Emily and will see how that develops.

Convention Ideas: We would like to have a flyer for our division. It may include a prior piece that Paul Gunser sent piece to Pat that was well written. Paul will contact Pat Dowd to send the memo Re: Neuropsychology Division

New Business:

Ed will help Bonnee and Paul put together the tri-fold brochure on neuropsychology division

Banner tablecloth logo is approved but maybe could put it up on the wall at the convention.

Money from our division will be set aside to have a wine / cheese and crackers social get together for neuropsychology division members \$300 was allocated to fund the party

It was noted that our Division, The Neuropsychology Division is the only division that is in full compliance.

Paul Gunser will get a gift to present to the past president.

Social Media & Communications

Nazia will send our logo to Tom Cote for approval

Student Representative

No updates at this time.

Adjournment at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm with all unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Margaret B. Alvarez. PsyD, MSCP
(For Secretary in absentia)