

**NYSPA (New York State Psychological Association)**  
**Neuropsychology Division**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 15, 2016**

**Board Members Present**

Paul Gunser, Psy.D., Bonnee Price Linden, Ph.D., Gabrielle Stutman, Ph.D., Margaret Alvarez, Psy.D., Nazia Fyazi, Edward Korber, Ph.D., Michael Meager, Psy.D., and Sonia Y. Bernal, Ph.D. joined the meeting by telephone.

**Call to order at 7:35 p.m.**

1. The March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting minutes were read and a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended, passed with 8 in favor and 0 opposed.
2. New Board Members were welcome: Edward Korber, Treasurer; Michael Meager, Second Alternate; and Sonia Y. Bernal, Secretary.
3. Gabrielle suggested encouraging members to check our website, which was seconded by Paul.

**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.

**Secretary's report**

It was agreed that, once approved, Sonia will email minutes to Dee Fisher-Golden to be posted on NYSPA website.

**President's report**

1. Paul suggested to vote on frequency of meetings, and it was agreed that these will be held every third Friday of each month.
  - a) Next meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Gabrielle's office. Only Paul, Bonnee, Edward, Gabrielle, and Margaret will be able to attend. Margaret offered to act as Secretary for Sonia, who will be absent during that time.
  - b) Bonnee suggested determining who would be available for conference call meeting in June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and all Board Members are available so far.
2. Suggestions for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> conference were reviewed.
  - a) 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).
  - b) Bonnee suggested to include a talk about insurance issues (i.e., reimbursement, billing), which was seconded by Paul. Gabrielle is willing to talk about out-of-pocket payment in the forensic setting and how to get paid by lawyers; and Margaret will talk about insurance panel (Empire, Medicare, and United Healthcare).
  - c) Speakers confirmed for the conference include: Steve Honor will talk about billing and psychology practice in the morning. In the afternoon, Larry Thomas will talk about

Biofeedback enhancing cognitive fitness in adults. It was suggested to ask him to speak about billing since he knows this topic well too.

- d) Gabrielle will reach out to Raphael to confirm if St. John's can be the venue for conference, in which case, St. John's students would obtain a discount to attend.
  - e) It was agreed that additional Board members' ideas for workshop will be sent to Sonia to be distributed.
3. Other topics reviewed: The annual convention will be June 6-7<sup>th</sup>, with registration available online. Membership and dues are quite well.

### **Past President's Report**

No updates at this time.

### **NYSPA Council's Report**

Bonnee mentioned that according to the finances treasurer report, we are in the bottom of the list in terms of money. There will be a council meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, Forensic Division members are voting to remove alternate representatives to be non-voting members, and increased power for president position, but we more will be known about outcome after meeting tomorrow.

### **President Elect's Report**

1. Bonnee mentioned that Michael may be interested in panel with Westchester commissioner. She suggested the idea of a newsletter, and mentioned the possibility of creating a program planning committee. Paul agreed that we need more than one meeting per year. Bonnee introduced Mark Herceg to Roy Aranda, and mentioned that Mark may be able to help with program planning committee.
2. Bonnee said that according to Pat Dowds, there may be a community table with materials. She also mentioned that a half page add was supposed to be communicated to NYSPA by treasurers, but was unsure this happened due to change/election of new members. \$200 were donated for the June convention.

### **Social Media & Communications**

1. Nazia mentioned that logo is essentially ready, though we are not supposed to use it yet, until Dee reviews and approves it.
2. She saw comments and has a positive update about Neuropsychology Division: Website with a la cart information.
3. New members need to send Nazia their biosketch to put it there as well. She will eventually contact Dee and link it to NYSPA website.

### **Reaching out for Workshops**

No updates at this time.

### **Student Representative**

No updates at this time.

**Adjournment at 8:39 p.m.**

It was agreed that all Board members will send their contact information (phone, primary and alternate email, and address) to Sonia for distribution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonia Y. Bernal, Ph.D.  
NYSPA Neuropsychology Division, Secretary