IPI Ethics Committee Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
27 September 2015 6:00-7:00 PM EDT

PRESENT: Caroline Sehon (Chair), Michael Kaufman, Andi Pilecki, Judy Rovner, Mike Stadter, Lynda Scalf-Mclver (new member)

ABSENT: None

1. Minutes from previous meeting were approved with edits

2. It was decided that minutes of the committee’s meetings will be posted in the Faculty Corner on the IPI website. Recorder of the minutes will send the draft minutes to the chair who will distribute them to the committee. Committee will approve or revise by email discussion. Once approved, they will be posted on the website.

3. There was further discussion about how the committee would handle an ethical complaint. It was decided that the student representative would not be part of that process but, otherwise, the committee as a whole would meet and deliberate concerning the complaint. However, there may be situations on a case by case basis (eg, some regular members recusing themselves, need for additional representation due to specific issues) when other members may be added to the committee on a case by case basis.

4. The committee reaffirmed its intent to be proactive as well as responsive to issues as they came up. For example, confidentiality in the institute is a particularly sensitive issue and needs to be carefully and regularly considered.

5. The role of the committee was discussed in relation to the various programs. It was noted that the Analytic Program has an ethics committee (currently chaired by Judy Rovner) and issues related to the program would be first directed to that committee rather than initially coming to our committee. However, as far as we know, there are no ethics committees in any of the other certificate programs (eg, Psychotherapy, Child). How does IPI want to deal with program-specific issues? Caroline will raise this with the Faculty Steering Committee.

6. Next meeting date: January 10, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Stadter
Approved electronically by all members of the IPI Ethics Committee (by 11 October 2015)