

**International Psychotherapy Institute
International Institute for Psychoanalytic Training
Steering Committee Minutes**

February 17, 2021

Present: Collen Sandor (Co-Chair); Nancy Bakalar, Jane Garbose, Michelle Kwintner, Karen Mohatt, Lea Setton; Peter Gross (candidate rep)

Absent: Sue Cebulko, Janine Wanlass

Minutes: Lea moved, Nancy seconded approval of last month's minutes. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

SA Committee (Lea): Jill chaired the last SA meeting in Lea's absence. The IIPT Society meeting which had been held Jan 27th was discussed; a "spirited" conversation had occurred around the issue of faculty stepping up to teach. An SA presented an issue re: a candidate who unexpectedly discontinued supervision. The SA was unclear as to what had occurred that led to the candidate quitting. Various possibilities were discussed. Nancy discussed FDC issues, specifically to get input from SAs regarding seven non-IIPT who had been suggested as possible adjuncts. She also reviewed the current list of active adjuncts for feedback from the SAs.

Admissions Committee (Colleen reported for Janine): Janine has been fielding inquiries about the program. A discussion ensued about how to do outreach recruiting for diversity. Michelle suggested advertising IIPT as a bilingual program (English/Spanish). Colleen said that in the future IIPT hopes to offer analytic training to students in China and Russia but acknowledged that that would be labor intensive and may take some time to start. Another suggestion was that IIPT could reach out to minority communities to consider training with IIPT. Colleen described that in the PINC (The Psychiatric Institute of Northern California) program, candidates have two control cases, and their third project is one of application of psychoanalytic theory/principals/technique to the community.

Curriculum Committee (Michelle): Michelle said the committee is planning the curriculum and schedule for the summer institute. She asked Peter to remind the candidates to fill out the Survey Monkey after classes—the information is important feedback for program planning.

FDC (Nancy): Nancy reported that the current adjunct list was reviewed with the SAs and that seven non-IIPT colleagues had been nominated as new adjuncts. SAs gave feedback on the nominees and five will be vetted by the FDC. Nancy asked for feedback from Sue and Colleen about how they wish to proceed in the steps to vet nominees. Sue and Colleen will meet with Caroline to get feedback and coordinate.

Candidate Group (Peter): Peter said the candidates had some anxiety facing their first case write-ups, but it was allayed by the last seminar which addressed the issue. Karen raised an issue as to due dates for the first and final drafts as published in the Handbook which was contradictory. Colleen clarified the first draft is due March 15th; the final draft is due April 15th.

CPC (Karen): Karen reported KS's panel is scheduled for Feb 19th and will be chaired by Jill. Dan Jacobs is the adjunct. Rs panel is scheduled for March 26th. Nancy will chair it and Ted Jacobs will be the adjunct. Nancy raised the issue of whether or not candidates are prepared for the panels.

General discussion ensued. Two analysts said they worked with their supervisee on how to prepare. CPC reps may do some preparation. Suggestions were made to have a panel of recent graduates meet with the candidates to discuss their experiences at the end of the candidates' second year and at the end of the third year do a mock panel with the candidates as had been done with the last class. Another suggestion was for the chairs of panels to keep a list of questions/topics discussed in panels. Lea will bring to the SA group for discussion. If the SAs agree, these questions could be submitted to the Chair, SAC and forwarded to the co-chairs for inclusion in the Handbook. All thought these were good ideas and would go a long way to prepare the candidates.

New Business (Colleen):

Summer Institute: The IIPT Summer Institute will be held Wednesday June 23rd through Sunday June 27th. There may be a faculty meeting June 22nd in the evening so that start times are more reasonable for those in western states. Lorrie Peters, chair of Core, wants to have a joint training. Ethics is a proposed topic; another suggestion was on case write-ups. A question was asked about the purpose of meeting jointly—what was the value pedagogically. Several responded that especially when the classes met in person, the purpose was to foster comradery; to allow a way for the candidates to be with the core students to answer questions about the analytic training program; enhance the sense of community, etc.

Faculty Teaching Issue: The committee discussed the issue of teaching faculty not volunteering to teach in IIPT and how the IIPT leadership and community might think about and approach the issue. One committee member said she has personal issues were taking up a lot of time. Another offered that more recently graduated analysts may feel more comfortable teaching in the Core or other programs that are less advanced. One member said that it would be helpful to share power point slides and teaching outlines. Colleen said perhaps she and Sue would poll teaching faculty to see the reasons they are not teaching and to ask for input as to what might be helpful to them to transition into teaching in IIPT. Another idea was to reach out to newer teachers and ask them to co-teach, etc. All agreed the approach needed to be positive and supportive. Colleen suggested that perhaps at the April weekend IIPT teachers could meet and share issue and teaching tips.

Weekend IIPT Plenaries: Colleen revisited the issue of IIPT weekend plenaries and asked for input as to who the SC thought should attend (candidates and all available IIPT graduates and faculty vs. candidates, GAM group leader and available faculty and/or available SAs.) Most of the committee liked the idea of all candidates, graduates and available faculty attend so that the whole group could get a feel of how the training was going and any issues of concern. The downside to that is that the candidates are so disproportionately “out-numbered” that they are usually reluctant to bring up any issues of concern. The question was then raised as to the purpose of the IIPT plenary. No other program within IPI has its own, separate plenary. Colleen then said that she and Sue are meeting with the candidates one-to-one to see how they are doing and then the two of them will meet with the group-as-a-whole. This was instituted especially because all the training right now is online (Zoom). The committee thought this was a good idea. Colleen and Sue will continue to discuss the purpose and necessity of the IIPT plenaries and then who should attend to achieve the goal.

The next SC meeting will be March 17, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Bakalar