

Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2022

Present: Andi Eliza-Christie, Linda Hopkins, Norma Caruso

Minutes for March 18, 2022 meeting: Approved

I Review of diversity-related topics and works in progress

- a. Andi has been working with David and Janine to develop the Master Speaker Series on diversity related topics, such as race, gender, and power dynamics. The series will begin on September 23, 2022 and end May 26, 2023. Although some speakers have been identified, the search continues for additional speakers. Andi and Coleen will be included in the series line-up and their presentation will revolve around the issue of working with queer patients. The link for the series can be found on the IPI website.
- b. The September 30 – October 2, 2022 will be held virtually and Andi and Coleen are the co-chairs. The working title is: Where Psyche Meets Context: Engaging with Socio-cultural Trauma and Identity in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. Usha Tummala-Narra will be the presenter. The intention is to include a range of topics that will weave theoretical and clinical material.
- c. Andi invited the group to add papers to the bibliography on diversity related issues that Patrizia compiled

II Revising Committee Name: Committee on Diversities and Intersectionality was identified as the revised name for the Diversity Committee. Andi will present this information to Caroline.

III Caucuses/Internal Advisory Groups

The thinking behind the formation of such groups is to offer representation, cohesiveness, support, and welcome within IPI. The committee members discussed surveying the faculty and IPI members to determine their thoughts about groups for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ groups and also to have them identify other groups that might want representation. These groups could potentially make recommendations to the Diversity Committee. The committee discussed the possibility of each group having a facilitator. The existence of these groups could be publicized on the IPI website and made known by the Welcoming Committee and at the plenary.

IV Posting APsaA statements on website and/or emailing to IPI members

Whether to post APsaA's statements that offer political/social commentary on issues related to mental health was discussed. The pros and cons of IPI taking a more active position on these issues were considered. The committee recognized the importance of taking into account the faculty/membership's preferences on this issue. Andi will further discuss these issues with Caroline.

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V Inviting More Committee Members

Andi raised the prospect of inviting more IPI members to join the Diversity Committee. To this end, Andi will begin by asking Caroline about the process of joining committees and transferring between them.

VI Next meeting

To be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Norma J. Caruso

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