

The International Society for the Study of Dissociation



International Society for the Study of Dissociation
Executive Council Conference Call
July 10, 2005
9:00 a.m. – noon EDT
MINUTES

PRESENT

Fran S. Waters, DCSW, MIW, LMFT, President
Eli Somer, PhD, President-Elect
Steven N. Gold, PhD, Past President
Annita Jones, PsyD, Secretary/Treasurer
Ruth Blizard, PhD, Director
Catherine Classen, PhD, Director
Paul F. Dell, PhD, Director
Ellert Nijenhuis, Director
Clare Pain, MD, Director
Andreas Laddis, MD, Director

ABSENT

Remy Aquarone, International Director
Don Fridley, PhD, *ISSD News* Editor

STAFF

Rick Koepke, MSW, MSIS, ISSD Executive Director
Michele Biesiada, ISSD Account Administrator

GUESTS

Rich Cheftez, MD
Elizabeth Bowman, MD

Call to order

Fran Waters called the meeting to order at 8:10 am .

Review of minutes from February call

On motion made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Blizard and carried, the minutes of the November 16 Executive Council meeting were approved.

Review of minutes from May meeting

On motion made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Blizard and carried, the minutes of the May 14 Executive Council meeting were approved with the note that Dr. Blizard's name is misspelled.

Summary of votes taken since February call

Electronic Votes since February 13, 2005

6/3/05 - ISSD makes the position of editor of *ISSD News* a three year term.

5/18/05 – That the press release that the Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence will write supporting the proposal outlined in Freyd, et al Science article, "The Science of Child Sexual Abuse" be accepted and endorsed. This endorsement is pending the reading of the final draft.

5/4/05 - That the revised Guidelines for Treating Dissociative Identity Disorder in Adults (2005), which has corrected some typographical errors, be accepted

4/11/05 - Two directors will be added to the current 3 positions of The Director(s) of the Dissociative Disorders Psychotherapy Training Program. When Liz Bowman resigns from her directorship at the Toronto Conference, then the total number of Directors will be 4 directors. The Director shall be appointed by the President of the ISSD in consultation with the Executive Council for a term of four years. Reappointment at the end of four years is by mutual agreement between the director(s) and the President, in consultation with the Executive Council. Terms of service beyond eight years must be approved by vote of the Executive Council, but in no event may extend beyond twelve years from the date of appointment. The term of appointment may end at any time with the resignation of the Director(s), or at the request of the President, in consultation with the Executive Council. In general, resignation should occur with a minimum of six months notice.

4/2/05 – That Fran Waters will co-chair the Child & Adolescent Task Force with Dr. Joy Silberg.

3/14/05 - That the name of the Center be changed into the Center for the Study of Chronic Trauma and Resilience.

1/4/05 - That the revised committee and task force rosters as put forth by Fran Waters be adopted.

Treasurer's report

Dr. Jones reported that we have not yet put additional money into Legg Mason, but plan to do so soon. In total, \$12K was lost on the spring seminars. Sherwood's management fee for the 4 seminars was \$19K (approximately \$4,800 per seminar). Through the end of June, Sherwood spent 329 hours on the seminars. The decision of how to proceed with the seminars will be discussed at length later in the agenda.

Mr. Koepke reported that we are running approximately 100 hours over compared to budgeted hours. Last year in March we were about 220 hours over, so we are doing well.

Circle of Security proposal—Chefetz and Bowman

The Circle of Security intervention protocol is a 20-week, group-based, parent education and psychotherapy intervention designed to shift patterns of attachment–care giving interactions in high-risk caregiver–child dyads to a more appropriate developmental pathway. Dr. Chefetz would like approval from the Executive Council to write a letter to Eli Lilly regarding the possibility of funding the Circle of Security proposal.

Fran Waters made the motion that ISSD write a letter of inquiry to Eli Lilly endowment to see if they are interested in funding the Circle of Security proposal. Annita seconded the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Blizard and carried, it was approved to have Dr. Gold speak with Andrea Karfgin to determine specifically what kind of involvement from ISSD would be required, before writing a letter of inquiry to Lilly endowment.

Action item: Dr. Gold will speak with Andrea Karfgin in the coming work week to determine what kind of involvement would be required from ISSD related to the Circle of Security proposal.

Action item: Ms. Waters will communicate with Drs. Chefetz and Bowman to let them know what was decided regarding the Circle of Security proposal.

Proposal to National Library of Medicine (NLM) regarding Web site—Chefetz

The National Library of Medicine has grant money available for entities to develop information systems that make use

of the Web. He reported that Dr. Steve Snow, an ISSD member, has experience in grant writing and has volunteered to pursue the NLM grant to develop models for dissemination of information about dissociative disorders. He is in the process of determining what kinds of models and databases we can make use of before he finishes writing the grant. Dr. Chefetz would like approval from the Executive Council to submit a request for proposal to the NLM.

The Executive Council discussed the proposal. Dr. Gold questioned where the database would be housed. Mr. Koepke stated that it will either be housed on the ISSD Web site, or available via a link to the site. The content will be accessible to anyone on the Web free of charge. It is intended that the content be available via the ISSD Web site in order to supplement the information that is currently posted. Some of the grant money would be spent to hire an administrator/librarian who would maintain the database.

On motion by Dr. Gold, seconded by Dr. Laddis and carried, it was approved that ISSD submit a proposal for funding to the National Library of Medicine to create a searchable database of dissociation literature.

DDPTP Practices and Procedures--Waters

Dr. Jones made the motion to approve the DDPTP Practices and Procedures proposal as written. Dr. Gold seconded. The Executive Council discussed the motion. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Ms. Waters put forth a motion to accept the DDPTP Practices and Procedures proposal with the following amendment: the advisory committee will consist of 5 members to be chosen by the ISSD president with input from the directors and Executive Council to represent diversity of points. The rotation of their terms will be two, three or four years with the president determining their tenure with input from the directors and Executive Committee. Dr. Blizard seconded. The Executive Council discussed the amended motion. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Mr. Koepke offered a compromise to Ms. Waters' amendment. To address the two points of advisory committee size and method of appointment, he suggested keeping the advisory committee at three members, but allowing the president to appoint two members, and the DDPTP directors to appoint one member. Then the majority of appointments would be by the president, and the control will rest with council, while the number of people on the advisory board stays small.

Dr. Classen suggested another compromise: that the Executive Council approves the DDPTP Practices and Procedures proposal as-is, to give it a chance to unfold, with the proviso that it be reviewed again in a year or two. This might be good for the relationship with the directors.

Action item: Drs. Laddis, Nijenhuis and Classen will communicate with the DDPTP directors and work out the issues related to the DDPTP Practices and Procedures proposal. Dr. Nijenhuis will take the lead to coordinate this.

Childhood trauma proposal—Waters/Blizard

This agenda item will be discussed on a future conference call.

Appointment of new co-chairs of Development Committee

Ms. Waters reported that Brad Foote, MD and Shielagh Shusta-Hochberg, PhD have been appointed as the new Development Campaign co-chairs. Their terms will begin at the 2005 Fall Conference.

On motion by Dr. Dell, seconded by Dr. Jones and carried, Drs. Brad Foote and Shielagh Shusta-Hochberg were approved as the new Development Campaign co-chairs.

Nominating Committee membership

Dr. Gold reported that Dr. Jones, Dr. Chu, Mr. Pilon and Dr. Silberg were appointed to the Nominating Committee. However, due to the requirement that two members of the Nominating Committee also be members of the Executive Council, Dr. Gold made the motion that that Dr. Silberg's place on the Nominating Committee be replaced by Dr. Laddis. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones and carried.

Dr. Gold reported that the nominees for President-Elect are: Catherine Classen, PhD and Vedat Sar, MD. The nominees for director are Lisa Butler, PhD; Etzel Cardena, PhD; Francesca Collins, PhD; Janina Fisher, PhD; Denise Gelinis, PhD; and Joanne T wombly, LICSW.

Motion to change bylaws regarding voting method

On motion by Dr. Blizzard, seconded by Dr. Jones and carried, it was approved to change the bylaws (Chapter 3: Nomination and Election) wording from "Voting is held by postal ballot completed before the Annual Business Meeting." to: "Voting is conducted through any means approved by the Executive Council and must be completed prior to the annual meeting."

Professional Development Program plans for future—Blizard/Jones

Given that the 2005 professional seminars were not profitable for ISSD, Dr. Jones and Mr. Pilon worked together to develop a plan for future seminars. Mr. Pilon, having 11 years of experience in putting on similar seminars, offered a proposal to the ISSD to take on future seminars as a private contractor. Any profit or loss would be split evenly between ISSD and Mr. Pilon. Mr. Koepke raised the issue of the level of risk that ISSD is willing to take on. By accepting Mr. Pilon's proposal, ISSD is agreeing to take on 50% of any potential loss. He posed the question of whether ISSD wants to limit the amount of financial risk they can take. Another option would be to negotiate a straight licensing agreement, where ISSD is guaranteed to make a certain dollar amount on each seminar, and after that, 100% of the profits would go to Mr. Pilon. This would minimize ISSD's downside risk and lock in profit. Since he is taking all of the risk, he would get all the benefit. The Executive Council discussed the proposal.

On motion by Ms. Waters, seconded by Dr. Jones and carried, Mr. Pilon's proposal was amended as follows: Mr. Pilon will submit the name, title and abstract of proposed presentations to the Executive Council for ratification before he contracts with any speakers.

On motion by Dr. Blizzard, seconded by Dr. Jones and carried, the Executive Council accepted the amended proposal.

Newsletter editor search and possible stipend—Laddis

The issue of whether ISSD can afford a stipend to the *ISSD News* editor, and whether it is necessary, must be determined by the Finance Committee.

Action item: Ms. Waters will ask the Finance Committee to determine if ISSD can afford a stipend to the *ISSD News* editor, and whether it is necessary.

Request for funds from JTD editor related to annual meeting—Laddis

Action item: Ms. Waters will refer the request for funds from the *JTD* editor related to the annual meeting to the Finance Committee.

Transferring 2003 conference tapes to MP3 format—Blizard/Jones

This agenda item will be discussed via email.

Report on European SSD progress—Aquarone/Nijenhuis

Dr. Nijenhuis reported that in order to include "trauma" in the name, it was changed from European Society for the Study of Dissociation to European Society for Trauma and Dissociation (ESTD). ESTD had a meeting on July 9 with 24 participants from 13 countries, including Estonia and Slovak republic. Israel, Spain and Italy showed an interest in joining the meeting, but they could not attend on the selected day. There is a potential estimated membership of 1,000 people. The ESTD has a provisional board, including seven people from seven different countries. The Chair is Suzette Boon, PhD from the Netherlands, and Vice Chair is Anne Suokas-Cunliffe, MPhil from Finland. The ESTD discussed whether they want to be independent, a sister of ISSD, or want to go under the umbrella of ISSD. ESTD agreed to fall under the umbrella of ISSD. Mr. Koepke raised the issue that a fee structure for ESTD members would need to be put in place. The ESTD provisional board will work with the ISSD Executive Council to explore the most appropriate relationship between the two organizations. Mr. Koepke raised the issue of who has the authority to be

having the conversations on behalf of ISSD--Dennis Pilon as chair of the Component Societies committee, Remy Aquarone as chair of the International Membership committee? Dr. Somer volunteered to participate in these conversations. Mr. Koepke suggested that Ms. Waters give some thought as to who she'd like to appoint to be the representative for these negotiations.

Action item: Ms. Waters will appoint someone to be the representative for negotiations between ISSD and ESTD.

Action item: Ms. Waters will contact ESTD provisional chair, Dr. Boon, to receive minutes of their July 9 meeting.

Request from ISSD Español for resources—Gold

Dr. Gold contacted Dr. Baita to determine why she requested funding for ISSD Español. She has requested the funds so that materials can be translated into Spanish. She would like to compensate the people who are doing this intense, complex work. Mr. Koepke suggested that this item be referred to the Finance Committee.

Action item: Ms. Waters will refer the request for resources from ISSD Español to the annual meeting to the Finance Committee.

Proposed involvement by ISSD in World Congress on Traumatic Stress—Gold

This agenda item will be discussed via email.

Strategic plan--Mission, vision and values—Waters

This agenda item will be discussed on a future conference call.

Strategic plan--next steps—Power

This agenda item will be discussed on a future conference call.

Adjournment

Ms. Waters adjourned the meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Annita Jones
ISSD Secretary/Treasurer

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ACTION ITEMS

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