

The International Society for the Study of Dissociation



International Society for the Study of Dissociation
Executive Council Conference Call
July 17, 2005
10:30 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
Paul F. Dell, PhD, Director
Ellert Nijenhuis, Director
Clare Pain, MD, Director
Andreas Laddis, MD, Director

ABSENT

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

STAFF

Rick Koepke, MSW, MSIS, ISSD Executive Director

GUEST

Elizabeth Power

Call to order

Fran Waters called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Strategic Plan—Mission, Vision and Values—Waters

There was discussion regarding the language of the mission, extended mission, vision and values. Dr. Laddis left the call.

On motion made by Dr. Blizard, seconded by Dr. Jones and passed, the following language was adopted for the new mission, vision and values of ISSD.

Mission

Condensed mission:

The International Society for the Study of Dissociation is an international, non-profit, professional association organized to develop and promote comprehensive, clinically effective and empirically based resources and responses to dissociation and to address its relevance to other theoretical constructs.

Expanded version for ancillary use:

The society is an international, non-profit, professional association organized to develop and promote:

- Theory, research and training in the identification of, response to and prevention of dissociative psychopathology and related phenomena
 - Across culture, race, ethnicity, age groups and gender
 - Addressing audiences such as clinicians, researchers, medical and legal providers, gatekeepers, and support systems
 - Examining its relationship to other constructs, e.g. PTSD, attachment, BPD, culture
- Additional resources for informed treatment of maladaptive dissociation and dissociative psychopathology
- Information sharing and networking among clinicians, researchers, and service providers
- Research and theory about adaptive and maladaptive dissociation across various cultures and fields of study
- Professional and public training on dissociative phenomena and disorders as related to psychological trauma, chronic traumatization, social and cultural oppression and disconnection
- Support, consultation and mentoring for and among clinicians

Vision

- Access to effective treatment for all persons impacted by dissociative pathology;
- Acceptance of dissociation as a culturally relevant concept worthy of extensive study; and
- Reduced incidence of dissociative psychopathology.

Core Values

Intellectual integrity

Professional inquisitiveness

Academic robustness

Commitment

Social Consciousness

Compassion

Strategic Plan—Next Steps—Elizabeth Power

Elizabeth Power joined the call. Dr. Laddis rejoined the call. Ms. Power discussed communications strategies with the membership. She also discussed the process of the development of tactical plans. The group discussed the potential addition of the word “trauma” to the name of the Society and whether the new mission statement would need to incorporate this word. Ms. Power left the call.

Protective Service Training Module—Waters

Ms. Waters turned the chairing of the meeting over to Dr. Somer. Ms. Waters presented her proposal regarding the development of a protective service training module for the early detection and early intervention of traumatized and dissociative children in the protective services arena as a program to be funded by the Development Campaign. Discussion ensued regarding the options of producing a tape versus development of an online training module.

On motion from Ms. Waters, seconded by Dr. Laddis and carried, the child protective services training module proposal presented by Ms. Waters is deemed worthy of consideration and further exploration and investigation by ISSD.

Circle of Security Update--Gold

Dr. Somer reported that Dr. Karfgin had responded to questions that had been raised.

Dr. Somer put forward a motion that the Development Committee be authorized to write a letter to Eli Lilly to inquire about their interest in considering a proposal from ISSD regarding the Circle of Security. Dr. Nijenhuis seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Additional questions of fact were raised regarding the viability of the proposal. Drs. Somer and Nijenhuis withdrew their motion. Further information will be obtained.

Action Plan: Obtain additional information related to the proposal.

Dr. Somer returned the chairing of the meeting to Ms. Waters.

Transferring 2003 Conference Tapes to MP3 format—Blizard/Jones

Ms. Waters indicated this matter will be addressed via e-mail.

Ms. Waters adjourned the meeting at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Annita Jones
Secretary/Treasurer