

International Society for the Study of Dissociation

Executive Council Conference Call Sunday, October 8, 2006 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Members in Attendance:

Eli Somer, PhD - President; Catherine Classen, PhD – President -elect; Fran S. Waters, DCSW, LMFT – Immediate Past President; Annita B. Jones, Psy.D – Secretary Treasurer; Andreas Laddis, MD; Clare Pain; MD; Joanne Twombly, MSW, LICSW; Lisa Butler, PhD; Remy Aquarone, M.Sc

Members Unable to Attend:

Janina Fisher, PhD and Ruth Blizard, PhD; Etzel Cardeña, PhD

Staff in Attendance:

Gregg Robinson, CAE; Spencer Boulter

Call to Order

Eli Somer, PhD called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the call. A quorum was established. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

ISSD Name Change Status

During the June 11th conference call a vote was taken of the Executive Council to change the name of the name of the society to the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Inc. As a result a special meeting of the membership was held on October 8th to vote to amend the Articles of Incorporation to change the name of ht society to “The International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Inc.” 30 proxy votes were gathered for the special meeting providing Eli Somer, PhD with the right to vote regarding the name change.

Amendment:

That the name of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Inc. (ISSD) shall be the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Inc. (ISSTD) herein referred to as the Society.

Action:

Eli Somer on behalf of ISSD in a proxy vote unanimously voted to change the name of the Society to the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Inc. (ISSTD) The name change will take place immediately following ISSD’s 23rd International Conference in November. This event will be celebrated in November.

Logo Vote

4 different logos were presented to the Executive Council (EC) for a vote. Each logo was weighted between 0-3 points. At the time of the conference call 2 members of the EC had not yet voted.

Action: It was decided that the EC would give the 2 remaining members 24 hours to cast their votes and in 24 hours of the conference call the final vote would be tallied.

Finance Report

Annita Jones, PhD and Gregg Robinson, CAE reported on the finances and budget. Reports have been completed up through August.

A general review of the budget has been done and concern was expressed over difficulty of reviewing the DDPTP courses. This will be reviewed following a conversation with Dennis Pilon.

It was reported that ISSD is expecting a \$60,000 - \$65,000 deficit for the 2006 year. A preliminary budget for 2007 shows a \$20,000 deficit. The main causes for the 2006 deficit were the transition fees, legal fees from incorporation, and losses from the yearly seminars.

Questions were presented on how to increase membership revenue, advertising for the newsletter and journal, how to change the current activities, and the development of new ideas to produce revenue.

Sherwood Management was sent a check for \$2,000 in order to settle the account. Sherwood has corresponded with Annita Jones indicating that they only accepted the payment as partial.

Action: An invoice for the legal fees will be sent to Sherwood. Based on a letter from Sherwood saying they would pay for legal expenses.

Membership Review

Joanne Twombly and Claire Pain

Online forms are on pause until we have the website template complete. A tentative date for online forms is set for early 2007.

Membership packets have been reviewed by the membership committee but further review is needed for 2007

Action: It was decided to add the ESTD-ISSD members to the membership numbers creating a complete membership of 1301.

Dues renewal letters will go out the last week in October and an ex-member drive will be established with the membership committee

Website Update

The website update is currently on pause while the website committee generates their ideas. Eli has selected Rich Chefetz, MD to be the website editor. Ava Schlesinger and Noreen Glover were also appointed to the committee.

Action: Design will continue once the committee reaches a consensus about the template and navigational buttons. Additional forms development for membership renewal, new member application and membership update and others will follow the selection of a template. A deadline for a beta site is set for November 9th at the annual conference.

Section Chair Reporting

Andreas Laddis reported on the Education and Research section. Eli selected Andreas to create and chair a new committee for the selection and dissemination of educational materials. The current committee is made up of Andreas; Lisa Butler was asked to join and accepted. No other sections were discussed.

Action: Spencer will send Andreas a list of volunteers that have expressed an interest through the call for volunteers. A mechanism will be established by the education committee to review products from other committees.

Annual Conference Update

Catherine reported that everything is on schedule with the conference program. The exhibits for 2006 have almost doubled for a total of 12 paid exhibits. The 2007 conference committee will be

restructured. The president will be the chair of the conference with the president-elect as a co-chair type position. In addition there will be a co-chair over the CME/CEU effort, as well as a co-chair over the content/program. These co-chairs would be in their position for 3 years.

Action: Catherine will ask Su to provide names for the co-chair positions before the annual conference.

Governance Meetings During Annual Meeting

During the Executive Council meeting there will be a special 2-3 hour meeting dealing with leadership development, board orientation and responsibilities and strategic planning. This will be presented by Bruce Wardle and Gregg Robinson of AMG.

Nominating Committee

Fran Waters presented the election results. The new members of the Executive Council will be:

Vedat Sar – President Elect

George Rhoades – Director

Joanne Twombly - Director

All have been notified and will be invited to the Executive Council meeting on November 7th in Los Angeles.

Adjournment:

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.