



12-Minutes of the Second Biennial General Meeting of IASA August 30, 2010 at St.Johns College, Cambridge, UK.

Patricia M. Crittenden, the Chair of the IASA Board, welcomed the 54 attending members.

The 2008-2010 Board summarized their accomplishments:

Mike Blows (UK) co-edits the *DMM News* and co-chaired the conference venue committee.

Patricia Crittenden (USA) chaired the invited speaker program subcommittee, was a member of the venue and budget committees, co-editor of the *DMM News*, and co-chaired, with Angela and Peter de Mille, the Family Forensics Attachment Protocol Committee.

Shirley Gracias (UK) worked on the website and getting IASA on Facebook.

Airi Hautamäki (Finland) chaired the submissions program committee and does DMM research.

Andrea Landini (Italy) assisted with the conference management and worked on the IASA web site. He also functioned as secretary until recently, and is now the membership chair.

Irmie Nickel (Canada), treasurer, attends to incorporation registration, income tax reports, and by-laws.

Lane Strathearn (USA) is involved in research and gaining funding for research.

Bente Nilsen (Norway) was responsible for membership and is now secretary.

Emilia Sasson (Uruguay) could not attend this conference.

Augusto (Tito) Zagmutt (Chile) coordinates work in Latin America.

Shirley Gracias informed the meeting that she has resigned from the board.

IASA's accomplishments were listed as follows:

- Through Melanie Gill, the conference was opened by the Baroness Sandip Verma, media has been present and Minister Tim Loughton's addressed the audience. These efforts are important to future conferences as well.
- North-America is of importance to IASA, with awareness of the DMM slowly increasing in the USA whereas Canada is doing well.

- Latin-America needs attention.
- The Special Issue of *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry* (July 2010) devoted to research on the DMM was edited by Rudi Dallos. It is of outstanding importance to IASA and DMM. We now have the publications needed for future publications.
- The AAI book (Crittenden & Landini) will be out in early 2011.
- IASA's Family Court Group has produced a protocol that has been presented in the USA and will be in the UK and other countries.
- The University of Roehampton, through Steve Farnfield, has established a master of social work program in (DMM) Attachment Studies.
- Raul Ventura-Junca has begun a program of DMM studies at the Universidad de los Andes (Santiago, Chile).
- DMM News is now available in 9 languages, Albanian being the last language added. Franco Baldoni is editor of the translated editions.
- A list of more than 200 DMM publications is on the IASA website.
- There are several research projects that involve IASA Board members.
- The teaching of DMM is spreading through trainers.
- IASA hired Sabrina Bowen as an administrative assistant. She is crucial to IASA and managing the conference. The next conference will have professional organizers.

Irmie Nickel, Treasurer, presented the budget:

- In 2008 the profit was \$47 000 from the first Biennial conference in Bertinoro.
- In 2009 we had no income; we spent resources on restructuring the webpage, hiring the administrative staff (Sabrina Bowen) and the DMM News.
- In 2010 the estimated profit from St. Johns is ~\$50 000.
- IASA's economy is sound; membership has grown from 72 in 2008 to 117 at present.

The new Board members presented themselves:

Paul Dignam (Australia) is a child and adolescent psychiatrist. He has published on the DMM in Australia.

Steve Hothersall (UK) is a MSW social worker interested in translating theory and research into practice.

Nicole Lethourneau (Canada) has a Ph.D. in Nursing. She holds the Research Chair at Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick and was awarded The Outstanding Young Researcher's Award by the Canadian Institute of Health for her work. She has more than 50 publications.

Martin Stokowy (Germany) is a psychologist and psychotherapist who administers a psychiatric hospital in Cologne. He is working on getting DMM better known in German-speaking countries. He has contacts at Sigmund Freud Institute in Frankfurt. He has also published a review of *Raising Parents* in *Psyche*. With Nicola Sahhar, he will edit the first book on DMM in Germany.

Catherine Thomas (UK) is a child psychiatrist. She co-chaired the conference venue committee at St. Johns and was responsible for its implementation. She has contacts in South-Africa and Africa at large to whom she will be introducing IASA and DMM.

Simon Wilkinson (Norway/UK) is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with interest in psychosomatics and illness symptoms as a language.

IASA members addressing the Board:

Chip Chimera proposed to accept the new board. This was seconded by Clark Baim and P.O. Svanberg, and the new board was elected by vote – all in favor. Nicola Sahhar suggested that the Board send in an official invitation with an agenda to all members so that ideas could be prepared beforehand. Andrea Landini suggested activating the Forum on the website. Sally Mitchison replied that the web is complex and suggested we use emails. There was agreement that engaging members through the web is important. Steve Hothersall proposed creating different areas on the web where professional disciplines can post discipline-specific information. Martin Stokowy also supported the use of the Forum, suggesting that members could be alerted through email when there were new posts. It was requested that the presentations and handouts from the conference be put on the web; this will be done. Rebecca McCallum suggested using the Forum for membership meetings.

Heri Kragesteen (Faroe Island) asked how small countries could be represented. Crittenden suggested that he write an article for the DMM News. Charley Shults suggested that membership flyers be distributed to other conferences to make awareness of IASA. Patricia Crittenden replied that flyers are made ready for members in PDF format. These have been created by Becca McCallum. Loyola McLean informed the members about the psychotherapy conference in Sydney next year. This should attract DMM'ers to present their work. She is responsible for the attachment and psychotherapy string at this conference.

Patricia Crittenden asked the audience who they would like to hear as main speakers at our next conference. Chip Chimera suggested Jay Belsky. P.O. Svanberg asked for time to think this through. Patricia Crittenden reminded people to fill in their evaluations sheets and write in suggestions for speakers.

Regarding the location of the next conference, Charley Shults suggested Greece. IASA had one member in Greece; information about a possible site had been requested but had not yet reached the IASA Board. Heri Kragesteen suggested Norway for next conference due to Norway's traditions, experiences and good relations to attachment. Patricia Crittenden commented that Norway was recently evaluated as a venue, but came out too expensive. Bente Nilssen pointed out that agreeing on the next venue is of importance. Becca McCallum suggested Miami, but Patricia Crittenden replied that she's exhausted from work with this conference and North America doesn't yet have the membership base needed for such an

arrangement. Steve Hothersall stated that we need to use the web to rationalize for the next conference venue. He also suggested we need an accessible city. Sharlene Weitzman offered to organize the next conference for IASA at her institution for boys in Bayfield, Ontario (Canada) for the next conference. P.O. Svanberg seconded that. The board will work on the next conference venue based on proposals, an evaluation of available resources at such venues, and IASA's policy for conference collaboration.

Sharlene Weitzman also suggested that, because IASA is on the threshold of increased interest in the DMM, the new Board should address organizational processes and produce documents such as a mission statement, goals, and a business plan. Patricia Crittenden said that some of this exists already and is posted on IASA's webpage. Mike Blows reminded the members that all board work is voluntary so that ideas need to be tied to human resources. He said that we need to be aware of the discrepancy between what people want IASA to do and what can be done with our resources. Patricia Crittenden reminded us that IASA is only three years old and has accomplished a great deal in that time.

Chip Chimera thanked the board for its hard work and moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Sharlene Weitzman and passed by acclamation.