

# **BOT MEETING (ZOOM)**

## **JULY 11, 2020**

### **MINUTES**

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Zoom Meeting



BoT Member	Virtual assistance
Cristina Piauhy (CP)	✓
Diana Guest (DG)	✓
Janet Pinneau (JA)	✓
Josette van Luytelaar (JL)	✓
Jayme Panerai (JP)	✓
Léia Maria de M. Cardenuto (LC)	✓
Michael Brennan (MB)	✓
Patrizia Moselli (PM)	✓
Vita Heinrich-Clauer (VH)	✓
Yael Harel (YH)	✓
Paola Alessio (PA)	Excused

Nina Schubert (S) (Scribe)



Saturday, July 11, 2020

California: 07:00 am, New York: 10:00 am, Brazil: 11:00 am, Netherlands, Germany and Italy: 04:00 pm, Israel: 05:00 pm – Duration: 2:10 hours

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## 1 Opening of Meeting

### 1.1 Welcome and check-in round

All in virtual assistance, except PA (excused).

### 1.2 Setting the timetable, decision making and approval of agenda

- As in previous BoT meetings, the decision-making process follows the “Gradients of Agreement”.
- MB is appointed as Tracker, DG as Stacker and JA as Stacker.
- The meeting is held by CP.

## 2 Dues 2021 (Covid-19 discount)

The BoT is aware that this health crisis is temporarily decreasing the income of many members, forcing them to cut costs. The IIBA wants to support all **Active Members**<sup>1</sup>, **Student Members**<sup>2</sup> and **Supporting Members**<sup>3</sup> by adjusting the dues for 2021 and offer more flexible payment conditions:

### Amounts for dues 2021

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<sup>1</sup> **Active members:** Any CBT, Retired CBT, Local Faculty, International Faculty or Emeritus Faculty who has paid IIBA membership dues 2020.

<sup>2</sup> **Student members:** Any student in Bioenergetic Analysis Training who has paid IIBA membership dues 2020.

<sup>3</sup> **Supporting members:** Any associate member who has paid IIBA membership dues 2020.

#	Category	EUR			USD		
		Standard Dues EUR	Covid-19 Discount EUR	Dues 2021 EUR	Standard Dues USD	Covid-19 Discount USD	Dues 2021 USD
1	Trainee	65 €	-26 €	<b>39 €</b>	\$ 85	\$ -34	<b>\$ 51</b>
2	CBT	110 €	-44 €	<b>66 €</b>	\$ 145	\$ -58	<b>\$ 87</b>
3	Retired CBT	85 €	-34 €	<b>51 €</b>	\$ 110	\$ -44	<b>\$ 66</b>
4	Local Faculty Member	150 €	-60 €	<b>90 €</b>	\$ 195	\$ -78	<b>\$ 117</b>
5	Intern. Faculty Member	265 €	-106 €	<b>159 €</b>	\$ 345	\$ -138	<b>\$ 207</b>
6	Emeritus Faculty Member	185 €	-74 €	<b>111 €</b>	\$ 240	\$ -96	<b>\$ 144</b>
7	Associate Member	90 €	-36 €	<b>54 €</b>	\$ 120	\$ -48	<b>\$ 72</b>

## Further conditions for dues 2021

- **Currency for dues payments:** Dues 2021 can be paid in EUR or USD.
- **Discount period:** Our affiliated societies and members at large (MAL) can apply for this special discount during the dues 2021 period.
  - ¶ The dues 2021 period starts on July 1, 2020 and finishes on December 15, 2020.
  - ¶ The Covid-19 discount is not valid for dues 2021 payments received after December 15, 2020.
- **Discount exception:** The Covid-19 discount does not apply when it comes to the “exceptional dues arrangement for becoming CBT” (BoT decision from June 29, 2017).

As in previous years, MALs will pay directly and affiliated societies will collect the dues 2021 and will pay the total amount of dues in one sum to us<sup>4</sup>.

The BoT members endorse or strongly agree on

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*the above-named dues payment conditions 2021.*<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> In case of country-specific particularities (like Argentina in 2020), individual payments from members affiliated to local societies will be accepted.

<sup>5</sup> PM refrain in the decision-making process regarding the “discount exception”.

As representative to the BoT for the International Faculty, DG will inform the International Faculty. NS will send the annual call for dues to MALs and affiliated society directors, presidents and treasurers in the end of July 2020.

### **3 BoT Elections 2020**

If the in-person BoT meeting in March 2021 got cancelled (again), JL and JP would have concerns about the risk of interruption and or fickleness of future BoT activities. JL and JP propose to think about delaying the next BoT elections by one year = extend the term on the BoT for MB, JL and CP by one year. The BoT members have very different opinions and positions, but in the end the BoT members endorse or strongly agree on

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*Hold the rule of election, rooted in the ByLaws.*

*There will be an election to select 3 new members to the BoT for the next 3-year term of office, from Mar 2021 until Feb 2024.*

*The nomination process of candidates will start in the end of August and finishes on Oct 30, 2020.*

*The actual voting will take place from Dec 1 until Dec 15, 2020.*

*JL and MB will be invited to join the in-person BoT meeting in March 2021 for a smoother transition flow. CP will assist the in-person BoT meeting in March 2021 as past president.*

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JA announces that she will step back as Chair of the Election Committee. She will not chair the Elections in the end of this year. She will contact her colleagues of the Election Committee in order to set up a new chair. It is also necessary to replace CP in the Election Committee.

### **4 Criteria for opening up a new affiliated society**

This issue has most recently been highlighted by a couple of Brazilian members. They remember that in the past, the IIBA requested certain rules for getting affiliated to the IIBA.

Our current policies and guidelines do not address this issue in detail.

The BoT makes a couple of quick points regarding this topic. DG remembers a statement written by Scott Baum in 2014. It does not outline how societies are formed in detail, but it is

an explanation of training groups and societies. Scott Baum wrote that document when the former BoT was trying to figure out how to form a society / training group in China.

**Statement from 2014:**

*Bioenergetic societies and affiliated training programs can exist together or separately. The differences between them are as follows:*

- *Bioenergetic societies are associations of people interested in Bioenergetic Analysis. Anyone can be a member, although, presumably mostly professional psychotherapists are likely to join. The society governs itself using any organizational structure it wishes. If the society wants to affiliate with the IIBA, all that is required is that the members of the society pay dues in an amount appropriate for the members' status (i.e. CBT, associate members, etc.), and be recognized as an affiliated society by the BoT. The officers of the society can be anyone the members chose.*
- *A training program that is affiliated with the IIBA must conform to all the regulations governing affiliated societies. This means that the program has a coordinating trainer (CT) who is a member of the IIBA International Faculty, as well as training team organized by the CT. The coordinating trainer is responsible for insuring that all relevant IIBA regulations about length of training, personnel, and organization of the program meet the minimal requirements set by the IIBA. The CT at her or his discretion may add to those requirements for the group. The CT and the training team are responsible for, and authorized to certify candidates as Bioenergetic Therapists. The degree of consultation between the CT and the local leadership is at the discretion of the CT. A training program can exist whether or not a local society exists.*

*Increasingly, IIBA International Faculty conducting training programs in locations without a local society are encouraged to help the training group, and other interested parties, to form a local society. Local societies form the matrix into which graduating and certified Bioenergetic Therapists can practice with a collegial group, can begin to develop professional programs, and can more effectively recruit new prospective members for both the society and future training groups.*

CP informs that our affiliated society SOBAB (Sociedade Brasileira de Análise Bioenergética) will provide support and orientation to M. Stueber relating her recent request of opening a Bioenergetic society in Curitiba (Brazil).

CP suggests to compile an official document with recommendations and rules (e.g. support from a mature society, minimum of active IIBA members, etc.) for Bioenergetic societies who are interested to become affiliated to the IIBA. The BoT will discuss this topic in one of the next BoT meetings (virtual or in-person).

## 5 26th IIBA International Conference

The Organizing and Scientific Committee has already started to organize the 26th IIBA International Conference: virtual and in-person.

### Dates:

- Virtual Conference: October 16 – 17, 2021
- In-Person Conference: October 12 – 16, 2022

The BoT would like to ask the Organizing and Scientific Committee to write a short “save the date” message for our membership and to invite additional members (especially from Nanziba and Europe) who might be willing to form part of the Scientific Committee. CP will follow up.

In one of the next BoT meetings, the BoT will go through the list of “waived registration fees”.

## 6 Virtual Meeting of Society Presidents and Directors

The BoT will organize 2 virtual meetings with the society presidents and directors in October 2020. NS will create a poll to find the best meeting date and everyone from the BoT will give input about her/his availability as soon as possible.

## 7 Status report webinars

DG reports about the responses received by the IIBA International Faculty:

- 3 IIBA International Faculty members (from Nanziba and Latin America) have shown interest.
- Guy Tonella will contact the Europeans for following up and for starting dialogue.

DG, PM and Guy Tonella are invited to present a roadmap for establishing and conducting webinars:

- What is our purpose? (membership benefit, attracting new trainees, spreading Bioenergetic Analysis, etc.)
- What are our objectives? (quantity, forms part as continuous education programme, content, importance of profitability, strategy related, etc.)



- What is our target audience? (active membership, new trainees, psychotherapists, public at large, etc.)
- What are the conditions? (fees for teachers, registration, language, translation, etc.)
- What kind of webinar do we want offer? (lives, recorded, on demand but restricted to members, publicly available, etc.)

NS informs about costs for starting to run webinars with a professional LMS (Learning Management System). These solutions are cost-intensive:

- > 8000 EUR for configuration of an embedded system (integrated in our website)
- + Yearly licences
- Examples: Bigmarker, Brighttalk, istitutopsicologia.com, etc.

Without diving into many more details, the BoT members

- Share the opinion to start small and explore free of charge and/or low-cost solutions.
- Sense the idea from YH as interesting and worthy to explore in the roadmap for webinars: The webinars of the IIBA should be organized in a framework of an international learning course.
- Content will be key. The themes of webinars have to be selected carefully. Webinars about “sexuality and pleasure” and themes related to recent / future Journal articles are considered as interesting.

## **8 Status report Clinical Journal**

Due to limited time, this topic hasn't been discussed.

## **9 Standards - how to hold on to standards if a colleague is not accepting boundaries and acting unprofessionally**

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## **10 Social Media**

The Social Media Committee is presented:

- Dante Moretti (from Piracicaba SP, Brazil) Chair

- Alessandro Cataldi (from Roma, Italy)
- Paola Alessio (from Brooklyn NY, USA)

The Social Media Committee has prepared a proposal of a first Social Media Policy. This first version of the social media policy is a straightforward document that sets ground rules and should be considered as a living document. The BoT will review this document and will discuss it in the next meeting.

## **11 Next BoT Meeting**

No date is discussed, but after the European and North American summer break, the BoT will get in contact again.