

Candidates for North American Representative (In alphabetical order)



Abbot Bronstein (APsA)

I am running to be an IPA North American Representative from the APsA. I strongly believe in the unique value of psychoanalysis and am committed to its preservation and evolution in a changing psychoanalytic world. The IPA is crucial for the American, the Canadian and the Independent Groups in North America, and we are crucial for the IPA. Being a part of the psychoanalytically diverse regions allows the needed interaction and exchange of ideas from our rich analytic cultures. The IPA in conjunction with the other component groups, helps create a path forward in the evolution of our field.

I believe my experiences uniquely qualifies me to further the IPA goals, working together with members from all of the IPA regions and societies.

As the Editor of the Analyst at Work Section of the International Journal and on the Editorial Board of the IJP I have worked with international colleagues to understand and disseminate how psychoanalysts actually work in our consulting rooms. It has convinced me further of the importance of the IPA for the North American analytic groups and the need for openness and discussions between the organizations.

I also co-chair of the Comparative Clinical Methods Working Party group in North America. The Working Party groups, started within the European Federation 15 years ago. I worked closely with the IPA officers and all the component IPA groups in North America to receive IPA research funds to bring this project to North America. It brought together all the North American IPA groups in a unique joint clinical and research project. The importance and value of psychoanalytical research and especially clinical research of the kind the Working Party Groups have developed in all 3 IPA regions is unquestionable.

My work within my own institute (SFCP) has been on the development of educational and clinical and research programs.

I've been actively involved in the EPF and IPA meetings thru the Working Party Groups and the IJP board meetings and thru presentations, panels and papers. Working with colleagues to develop psychoanalytic teaching, research and outreach is something to which I am deeply committed.

Psychoanalysis has a great deal to offer to our extended communities and to our patients. Both education and outreach intertwine and are central to the IPA mission. I will work intently to continue developing the IPA efforts in these directions. The analyst as consultant in pediatric units, schools and oncology centers is invaluable. Psychoanalysts work with veterans, child care centers providing services to communities experiencing chaos and trauma. At this time in history this is essential and important. A priority is also outreach to our own groups in terms of further training and assistance when needed.

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These are in addition to our most central function of training skilled psychoanalytic clinicians and working with patients

As an IPA Representative I will vigorously work on the clinical, educational and programmatic efforts to develop and maintain psychoanalysis as the exceptional field it has always been.

List of positions:

Abbot A. Bronstein Ph.D.

Editorial Board IJP, Editor Analyst at Work, IJP. Interim president SFIPPP (provisional IPA Institute). Member CIPS and NAPsaC

Editorial Board TAP, Editorial board Newsletter of IPA,

IPA member Communications Advisory Board committee,

Chair IPA North American Working Party groups, co-Chair Comparative Clinical Methods working party,

Member APsA committee on Societies and Centers,

Chair Program committee SFCP, Chair Post-Graduate education SFCP, Chair Special programs SFCP, Chair Woodrow Donovan Film program SFCP, Chair joint program with University College London and SFCP, TA and SA, SFCP and IPA.

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Louis Brunet (Canadian Psychoanalytic Society)

Being a French speaking Canadian; after being President of Société psychanalytique de Montréal and then President of the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society, I became involved at various levels in the International Psychoanalytic Association. I worked on the development of new psychoanalytic and Allied Center groups on the New International Groups Committee (ING) and as Co-chair of the Allied Centers (AC) for the IPA. I am part of the IPA Psychoanalysts in universities group and also in Psychoanalysis and law committee. For four years, I have been the Canadian representative for the North American Psychoanalytic Confederation (NAPsaC). I have administrative experience both in psychoanalytic societies and as director of a university psychology department.

I have worked in many ways on the transmission and development of psychoanalysis: through my university teaching, my lectures and publications, through the organization of international psychoanalytic congresses (Psychoanalysis, Violence and Society - International Congress on Therapeutic Mediations, etc.) by participating in the development of the IPA online encyclopedia.

These national and international responsibilities have allowed me to be in contact with a variety of psychoanalytic models and cultures, but also with a variety of political models within psychoanalytic societies. As a Canadian psychoanalyst, I come from a country that not only has two official languages (within the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society), but also uses two training models. Our society also shows a great diversity of theoretical influences (North American, French, British in particular). The experience of my Canadian and international functions has shown me that the complexity of cultural, political, theoretical and training differences can occasionally be a source of misunderstanding, defensive reactions and even mistrust between psychoanalytic societies and even inside of them. But these theoretical and political complexities should not be seen as problems to be eliminated, but rather as a potential for stimulation and progress both for psychoanalysis as a science and as an associative movement. The challenge is to learn from this diversity rather than distrust it.

My experience when chairing "working parties" has taught me that when psychoanalysts succeed in putting, for a moment, in suspense their theoretical differences in order to listen to unconscious psychoanalytic processes, they come to understand each other and to move forward together. I believe that the same challenge arises at the institutional level, especially around issues such as training criteria and that creative solutions are possible.

In this context, the IPA, like the regional associations as NAPsaC, have important roles to play, promoting exchanges between regions, between societies, between models, and within their own political organizations.

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As a Canadian, coming from a bicultural society, with two official languages and two training models, I hope to contribute to the development of bridges and inter-influences of psychoanalytic models and cultures; both inside the North American region and by representing the views of North American psychoanalysts and societies within IPA's Board.

List of positions:

Canadian Psychoanalytic Society:

President (president-elect 2 years; president 2 years past-president 2 years)

Secretary 2 years

Treasurer 4 years

Member of the National Council 14 years

Alternate member, Ethics committee

Société psychanalytique de Montréal

President 4 years

Vice-president 2 years

IPA

Member of the ING committee 3 years

Co-chair for the Allied Centers

Member of the North American nominating committee 2014, 2016

Participation in "Psychoanalysis and law" "Psychoanalysis in university"

NAPsaC

Member of the Board, 4 years

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Ralph Fishkin (APsaA)

I have had an active role in APsaA leadership since 2001 when I was elected an Executive Councilor and appointed to the Ad-hoc Committee to Study Certification. Despite some reforms, many deficiencies remained, but the supporters of APsaA's certification maintained that it was a necessary credential, thus continuing a long-standing and intractable stalemate. Some years later, I was appointed to the Task Force on Externalization, which evolved and recommended a formula, "Live and Let Live," to resolve the stalemate. I learned that "Live and Let Live" was also an implicit philosophy of the IPA, as exemplified by its adoption of the three training models. "Live and Let Live" became my guiding principle throughout the rest of my service in APsaA.

As APsaA gradually embraced "Live and Let Live," it was employed in the successful elaboration of the Six Point Plan. That Plan enabled APsaA to institute an ongoing promising and progressive transition in governance and education, with options to permit, with mutual respect, the implementation of divergent points of view. Unabashedly, as a member of APsaA's Executive Committee throughout the transition, I take a measure of credit for helping to evolve and promote this philosophy and the success that it has brought.

Now, recent events indicate that conflict over innovations in training standards is creating political turmoil in the IPA. Some attribute these difficulties to APsaA's so-called "American Exceptionalism" and its Regional Association designation, which is ensured by the IPA's bylaws. Two possible courses could be taken to address this conflict. The first would be the imposition of oversight to compel adherence to rigid rules. The second, and more desirable one, is for IPA to reaffirm its "Live and Let Live" approach, allowing, not only APsaA, but also EVERY Constituent Society to evolve sensible standards for itself, while at the same time respecting the fundamental sensibilities of the world-wide analytic community. I now ask for your vote to enable me to advocate for this as a member of the IPA Board of Directors. APsaA members do not vote in large numbers in IPA elections, but I hope that at this important crossroads, we will reverse this trend. North American members can choose to elect representatives who will work to reaffirm IPA's traditions of quality and plurality. APsaA should use its voice to aid in this effort to benefit ALL IPA Societies and the IPA itself. I pledge to advocate for such a policy.

Much is wonderful about the IPA. It offers us a chance to meet, interact and learn from members the world over. It sponsors fantastic meetings. The IPA stands for real but flexible training standards, allowing it both to honor our past and to assure our future. It spreads psychoanalysis across the world, and through liberalized and rational distance education, can do an even better job. My long record of leadership as an Executive Councilor, Councilor at Large and current APsaA Secretary has prepared me to represent North America on the IPA BOD. I ask for your vote.

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Ralph E. Fishkin: APsaA:

APsaA Secretary, 2013-present;

Executive Councilor representing Philadelphia, 2001-2006;

Executive Councilor at Large, 2007-2013;

Board on Professional Standards, 2015-2017;

APsaA Executive Committee, 2008-2010, 2013-present;

Institute Requirements and Review Committee, 2017-2018;

Membership Requirements and Review Committee, 2005-2006, 2013-present;

Bylaws Committee 2016-present;

Task Force on Governance and Bylaws, 2014;

Task Force on Educational Standards Revision, 2009-2010;

Task Force on Externalization, 2007-2008;

Committee on Council, 2001-2011, Chair 2007-2011;

Ad-hoc Committee to Study Certification, 2002-2004;

Certified in Psychoanalysis, American Psychoanalytic Association.



Sue Kolod (APsaA)

Dear Colleagues,

I'm running as representative to the IPA Executive Council because I believe that my expertise in public relations, as well as my contemporary approach to psychoanalytic theory and practice, as exemplified by the William Alanson White Institute, would contribute great value to the Board of IPA.

Public Information and Reaching the General Public

I joined IPA and APsaA in 2016, when the William Alanson White Institute became an affiliate institute of APsaA.

I graduated from White in 1995 and am now a Supervising and Training Analyst and an elected member of the Faculty Council of Fellows which is the policy making body at White. I previously served two terms as chair of the Council of Fellows.

I also co-founded and served for four years as editor of *Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Action*, the blog of Contemporary Psychoanalysis (White's journal), which is hosted on the Psychology Today website and, during my tenure, reached three million hits. Before that I had been Outreach Director at White and ran a group for graduates who were interested in writing and speaking on analytic topics for the general public. This group met monthly for twelve years.

Once I joined APsaA, on the recommendation of several of my colleagues who knew my public outreach work, I was appointed Chair of the Committee on Public Information. I am known to be passionately committed to conveying psychoanalytic knowledge to the general public in a manner that is relevant, accessible, compelling and informative.

Since my appointment as Chair of the committee, we've started a popular blog, *Psychoanalysis Unplugged*, on the Psychology Today website. We also developed and distributed a "stereotype busting" video, *Getting To the Root of the Problem*, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Psychoanalysis+gets+to+the+root+of+the+problem. We are now working on a second video.

As chair of this committee, I have spoken to the media on a variety of subjects. For example, I was the subject of a lengthy interview by the Washington Post on November 11, 2016, just after the presidential election, on why so many women had voted for Trump <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/soloish/wp/2016/11/11/one-psychologists-theory-about-why-so-ma>

My Contributions to Psychoanalysis

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Since becoming a psychoanalyst, I have been dedicated to exploring what is most essential to our field and separating that from non-essential ritual and custom which has little or no empirical verification. For psychoanalysis to remain vibrant, relevant and accessible, it is essential that we respond to the needs of patients by preserving what is compelling and effective.

To that end, embracing and promoting diversities at all levels of the organization is essential.

I've taught and written on a variety of subjects in both psychoanalytic journals and for a popular audience. For example, I wrote a paper entitled, *The Menstrual Cycle as a Subject of Psychoanalytic Inquiry* (2010) *J. Amer. Acad. Psychoanal.*, 38(1):77-98 and wrote a blog post for a general audience including some of the same material, entitled, *Why Do I Always Get So Hungry Right Before My Period?*

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/contemporary-psychoanalysis-in-action/201302/why-do-i-get-so-hungry-right-my-period>

My most recent publications include a psychoanalytic perspective on issues of current importance to both psychoanalysts and the general public:

(2017) Trump World: What Do Women Want? *Contemp. Psychoanal.*, 53(4):576-582

(2018) You Say Seduction and I Say Coercion: The Gray Areas of Consent. *Contemp. Psychoanal.* (in press)

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME AS REPRESENTATIVE!

List of positions:

POSITIONS I'VE HELD AT THE WILLIAM ALANSON WHITE INSTITUTE and APsA

1. Teaching Faculty, WA White; 1997 to present
2. Director of Outreach, WA White; 2001 to 2011
3. Ran a group on writing and speaking for the public 2003 to 2015
4. Member of the Council of Fellows (policy making body at WA White) 2002-2012 and again 2014 to present
5. Co-founder and Editor of blog, *Contemporary Psychoanalysis in Action* from 2013 to present
6. Chair of the Council of Fellows 2008 to 2012
7. Chair of Promotions Workgroup, WA White; 2016 to 2018
8. Chair, Committee on Public Information, APsA; 2016 to present
9. Founder and Editor of blog, *Psychoanalysis Unplugged* from 2017 to present
10. Representative from the White Institute to the Department of Psychoanalytic Education Forum; 2017 to present



Maureen Murphy (Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California)

I am running for the post of North American regional representative to the IPA Board, and commit to energetic and progressive service if elected.

In the ten years since PINC became a Component Society, my understanding of and commitment to the IPA has grown alongside my wishes for the ways in which the IPA can impact the lives of its members. These wishes fall into two broad categories: training and governance. If elected my priorities would be as follows:

Expanding opportunities for analytic training:

In order to develop a growing cohort of new analysts at a time when applications are dwindling worldwide, we need to leverage traditional programs with innovative training models. This is especially important in geographical areas where the possibility of attending an established institute is limited. The IPA is in a unique position by virtue of its global presence to encourage the use of distance learning programs and emerging technology to further educational opportunities and, by extension, psychoanalytic treatment. As founding president of PINC and coordinator of PINC's Distance Learning Program, I bring experience and perspective to this task.

Governance: membership, involvement, and resources:

Being a member of the IPA is an honor, but an organization has to be more than honorific to impact the professional life of its members. I support initiatives that insure a more palpable presence for members. Specifically, those that:

- ❖ Demystify the IPA structure by developing a communication system that informs members about current Board activities
- ❖ Foster the maintenance of training standards through affiliative inter-regional exchanges - making issues of practice, training and research more accessible.
- ❖ Promote, in these challenging times, IPA's involvement in projects, community based and global, that represent psychological, social and political quality of life.
- ❖ Encourage multigenerational participation by developing methods of outreach to early career colleagues, candidates and graduate students.

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- ❖ Clarify the process by which members can become active in committees within the IPA in order to draw on the enormous talent of our membership.
- ❖ Invite research activities across regional societies by providing a database of ongoing projects.

I ask for your vote and pledge my passion and vitality to the position.

Maureen Murphy, PhD
November, 2018

List of positions:

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IPA Positions

Member, Task Force Collegial Quality Assessment 2018
Chair, IPA Congress, Buenos Aires 2017
North American Board Representative 2011-2015
Member, Strategic Planning Task Force 2011-2012
Member, IPA/IPSO Committee 2011 - 2015

Chair NAPsaC 2012-16

Positions held at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California

Founding President 1990-94
Board of Directors 1990-present
Dean of Candidates 2004- 11
Co-Chair, IPA Affiliation Committee 2010 - present
Co-Coordinator, Regional Training Program 2003 - present
Chair, Curriculum Committee 1995-2000

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Gunther Perdigao (APsaA)

I am grateful to my North American colleagues for entrusting me to represent you on the IPA Board of Directors. Now I am asking for your support and your vote in the 2019 IPA election so that I can serve you in a second term.

I have focused on several goals as your representative on the Board:

- **Working to repair the disconnect between the IPA and many of its members,** especially in North America, by communicating to you regularly about IPA news, member benefits and services and IPA projects. I have posted on listservs and my website and sent out comments and notices about IPA outreach projects such as “Freud’s Bar”, the visiting scholars’ program and the work of the new IPA and the Community committees.
- **Providing information and perspective on issues under debate within the IPA.** Controversies over educational standards are perpetual. As your North American Rep with very long experience, I see my role as bringing clarity and building bridges and doing what I can to combat zealotry. I hope to **persuade you to consider the value of engagement in international psychoanalysis as a rewarding part of your psychoanalytic career.** I have personally benefited so much from the relationships I’ve made with international colleagues and the things I’ve learned by getting far outside the narrow zone of my practice and institute.

For those members who wonder, “What does the IPA do for me?” I will continue to work to make sure the IPA delivers value and tangible benefits for its members. I will also help members become more aware of what value they already get for their dues. One example: the IPA’s Sunday webinars on diverse psychoanalytic topics are open to all members. All you have to do sit by your computer and listen as experts discuss relevant psychoanalytic topics. For US residents, I will try to get continuing education credits for these webinars.

Our region has unique and challenging characteristics. There is a need to clarify what problems or challenges NAPSAC should be addressing. We need to discover what we can give to each other and how this can optimally occur. Issues of equitability are important but may well resolve when NAPSAC’s mission is vital to all. I support assisting groups such as CIPS and the Canadian having their voice heard on the international stage.

Psychoanalysis remains the most comprehensive theory of the human mind available, and we know collectively that our treatment changes lives. Nevertheless, we need to continue

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to demonstrate our relevance, especially to those patient groups for whom research shows do best with the long-term in-depth treatment we offer. By nature, I am a connector and translator. This includes the ability to translate conflicts, aspirations and frustrations into language that allows us to work and solve problems together. We need to reach out to each other building on our common interests. I have done this over many years of IPA service and will continue to do this on the Board.

List of positions:

H. Gunther Perdigao: IPA: Secretary General 2009-2013; North American rep IPA Board 2017-present, Chair North American New Groups; Chair, Sponsoring Committee for Recife & Campo Grade, Brazil 1990-2007; Organized IPA Conference, New Orleans 20014; Member, IPA Exec Council, Associate Secretary 1993-1997; Chair, North American Nominating Committee 2005; Member House of Delegates 2002-2004. NAPSaC: Organized 5 inter-regional meetings with FEPAL 1992-2000. APsaA: Liaison between APsaA and FEPAL 1988-1993; Chair, Eitingen Model Work Group 2016; President, New Orleans Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

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Mark Smaller (APsaA)

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to be nominated to run for Board Representative to the IPA from North American. Having served as a recent American Psychoanalytic Association President for two years (2014-2016) and President-elect for two and a half years, I worked closely with the IPA Executive Committee, and the leadership from the regions, to address challenges facing psychoanalysis internationally and regionally. Those challenges emerge in clinical practice issues, education and recruitment of candidates, standards of education and practice, aging membership, distance learning and treatment, research, psychoanalysis in the community, public advocacy regarding social issues, and the “marketing and branding” of our profession.

My first decision as APsaA president was recommending to my Executive Committee to end an appeal process from a lawsuit filed against the association. Only then could a process of healing, reconciliation, and productive discussion and change move APsaA forward.

In retrospect, the lawsuit was a symptom of longstanding organizational issues regarding standards of education and practice, and governance. Similar issues continue to be addressed by the IPA Board. With the help of an organizational consultant, numerous retreats, commitment by each member of my Executive Committee representing ALL APsaA stakeholders, and productive deliberation and work by the entire 53 member Executive Council (APsaA’s Board of Directors), the Six Point Plan (ONE APsaA) emerged and eventually was unanimously approved by the Executive Council. Once approved, an implementation plan was created and all changes and reforms were made over the next two years under the able leadership of my successor, Harriet Wolfe.

What has emerged from ONE APsaA, has been energy, creativity, flexibility, and what members have in common: a passionate commitment to psychoanalysis. Every North American Institute functions based on that commitment, yet with unique cultures, strengths, and challenges. The same can be said for each IPA region, and each society within those regions. My interest in participating on the IPA Board is to embrace those differences, view them as resources to solve the challenges and unite members in our international field.

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More direct connection between the IPA and individual members in each region remains the greatest challenge to the IPA. The IPA must continue to be a significant resource of new innovation regarding education, practice, psychoanalysis in the community, research, diversity of members, and attracting new, younger members.

The IPA can be even more of an international voice to speak out psychoanalytically about social issues—immigration, terrorism and its roots, economic instability resulting in poverty and violence, that continues to traumatize children and families, then past on to next generations. Certainly the world has much to gain from psychoanalytic perspectives, but more importantly, psychoanalysis has much to learn from our international community at large that will enrich our field.

I am committed to working on the IPA Board regarding these issues, and offer lessons humbly learned during the recent transformation of APsaA.

Thank you again for honoring me with this nomination.

With best regards, Mark

List of positions:

IPA: Regular consultation with the IPA Executive Committee as APsaA President-elect and President (2012-2016). APsaA: President and President-elect; Councilor (2016-present); Councilor-at-Large, 2011-2012); Chairman, Task Force on Diversity; Public Advocacy Department Head (lead lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill).; Department Head, Public Information and Communication; Co-chair, Committee on Foundations; Chair, Social Issues Committee; Co-chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Marketing; Member, Committee on Psychoanalysis in the Community; 2008 APsaA Distinguished Service Award