

Candidates for North American Representative (In alphabetical order)



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, the Psychoanalysis and law committee and the Violence 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 and 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. As a Canadian training analyst, 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 and a great openness to international psychoanalysis (with North American, South-American, French, British influences in particular). 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. The IPA is currently facing the challenge of maintaining the richness of the diversity of psychoanalytic cultures without breaking up and without over-standardizing. The 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.

I believe that the involvement and work of North-American members within the IPA will strengthen and enriches the psychoanalysis of each constituent society. On the contrary, withdrawal risks devitalizing psychoanalysis, both locally and internationally. The IPA is not an abstract external entity, it is made of psychoanalysts from all continents who all have the future of psychoanalysis at heart. It is one of the great challenges of the IPA Council to unite these forces around common goals and interests despite our diversity. It is mainly for this reason that I am seeking a second term as North American representative.

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

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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

Société psychanalytique de Montréal

President 4 years

Vice-president 2 years

IPA

Member of the Board, 2019 to 2021

Ex-member of the ING committee and Co-chair for the Allied Centers (3 years)

Member of the Violence committee

Chair of the Liaison Group on Research, 2020

NAPsaC

Member of the Board, 4 years

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Paula Ellman (Contemporary Freudian Society)

I am enthusiastically running for the North American Board as a member of both APsaA and CIPS. These perspectives, along with serving as Overall Chair of the IPA COWAP and my experience in societal governance equip me to effectively represent you, and I would be honored to do so. The value I place on inclusion guides how I will serve.

The IPA's effectiveness depends on governance through consensus, and my effort wherever positioned is to build consensus, encourage creativity, and develop new possibilities for collaboration and change. What we face regionally and globally demands inclusive collaboration. The position of APsaA both in the IPA and in relationship to CIPS is continually developing. My active memberships in both an APsaA society and an independent society, with my work on the NAPsaC Board facilitate my understanding.

Internationally, we have challenge and potential, demanding our focus on the inclusion of both non-mainstream and younger interests. Recent IPA developments directing our focus into the community with committees focused on sexual diversity, health, law, women, and recently the Intercommittee Work Group on Prejudices and Racism (that I chair) are initiatives that warrant our continued efforts. Inclusion of the younger generation in our programming in addition to recent amendments to our frequency requirements strengthens the IPA's foundation. Developing models for training where interests in psychoanalytic thinking are fostered and the needs of younger and minority clinicians are considered is crucial, along with our further support for the inclusion of IPA's fourth Asia-Pacific region. Lastly, with our work during a pandemic, the question of remote psychoanalysis will interest us as we emerge from the requirements for safe distances.

My interests span from local to national to international: In my own society, I have served as vice president and know intimately the challenges, clinical, educational, and with governance, that individual societies encounter. My activity on the NAPsaC and CIPS Boards offers me a regional viewpoint. I lead an annual Discussion Group at the NY APsaA meetings on Finding Unconscious Fantasy where my interests follow from the book I recently co-edited bringing differing analytic perspectives on unconscious fantasy. My position as Overall Chair of COWAP enables me to address gender and women's issues internationally through collaboration with colleagues in all regions. The development of COWAP in North America was a high priority, and now we have a thriving regional committee of COWAP addressing gender and women's issues critical today. Intent to strengthen the ties between North America and the IPA, in my position as COWAP Chair I gathered a first-time group of IPA-NA and APsaA committee representatives to collaborate in the creation of a regional, now virtual, conference this coming spring on the pressing topic of the intersectionality of gender, race and health. Lastly, my serving as faculty at an in-person China analytic training program for non-English speaking Chinese professionals for the past 8 years informs me of

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the strength of international interests in psychoanalysis. Collaboration on the international stage is meaningful and necessary when furthering the future of psychoanalysis. Thank you for your support.

List of positions:

COWAP: Overall Chair, 2017-present; Member (NA): 2014-2017

Chair, Intercommittee on Prejudice and Racism Work Group 7/2020- present

Chair, IPA-NA Representative Nominating Committee, 2015

NA rep to committee, review submissions for Pre-Congress work groups: 2014, 2016

Regional & Local:

Board Member, NAPsaC

Board member, CIPS, 2010-2017, 2000-2003

Training & Supervising Analyst, Permanent faculty, CFS-DC & Washington Baltimore Center for Psychoanalysis

Contemporary Freudian Society-DC:

Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee

Admissions Committee

Vice President & Board of Trustees, 2015- 2018

Chair, Strategic Initiatives Group, 2018-19

Institute Director, 2010-2013

Chair, Candidate Progressions Committee, 2007-2010

Additional Past Positions: Founded Referral Service 1990; Candidate Progressions Committee, Evaluations Subcommittee; Chair, Faculty Committee



Jonathan House (APsaA)

For those involved with psychoanalysis, the IPA offers both physical and intellectual gathering places and resources for scholarship and dialog. Who are “those involved with psychoanalysis”? The IPA is constituted by individual members and by Constituent Organizations. As to individuals, I believe the IPA should become a bigger tent, seeking as members all involved with psychoanalysis without limiting membership to clinicians. Adding Constituent Organizations is a more complicated matter but, as for individual members, the principle of inclusiveness should be a major consideration.

The IPA was founded as an association whose object was to further psychoanalysis “both as pure psychology and in its application to medicine and the mental sciences and to promote mutual support ... in all endeavours to acquire and spread psychoanalytic knowledge.” Only later were IPA’s bylaws modified to make us an association of practitioners. Of course, while psychoanalysis has always been “a procedure for the investigation of mental processes which are almost inaccessible in any other way,” it also has always been a method of therapy and, inseparably, a growing domain of knowledge.

Within the IPA as outside it, the emphasis has been the development of psychoanalysis as a clinical practice. Our emphasis on clinical work and clinical theory certainly doesn’t conflict with growth of psychoanalytic knowledge, but contrasts with the relative absence of collaboration with non-psychoanalytic clinicians and non-clinicians whose work contributes to psychoanalytic knowledge. This is clearly seen in our limited relationship with universities and our modest connections with what are called neighboring fields: on the one hand this includes philosophy of mind, psychology, and neuroscience and on the other hand social, political and cultural studies. It’s true our relationship with scholarship in neighboring fields is not severely limited, but it is dramatically limited for the scholars themselves. Whatever the problems of integrating psychoanalysis into the university, it is far less difficult to invite – inspire, seduce – interested scholars to join us in the IPA. That should rank high among our priorities.

What of IPA’s activities? What should our meetings, journals, videos, study groups, task forces do? Again, in the domain of clinical work and clinical theory, we are doing well. As to psychoanalytic knowledge conceived broadly, that is, in so far as we are part of an international community of psychoanalytically-informed colleagues working as clinicians and as scholars in neighboring fields including in the development of social policy, I can do no better than to quote what Laplanche wrote twenty years ago: “There is an urgent need to restore debate among those who want to debate. It is time for texts and theses to reply to each other, and with a rigor that does not exclude tolerance; rigor with respect to ideas, tolerance with respect to others.”

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In this regard, I am proud of my work as a translator and editor of translations and as the founder of The Unconscious in Translation, a publisher of translations of important French – and soon also German and Russian – psychoanalytic texts which otherwise would not be available in English.

List of positions:

IPA: Free Association work group(2012-2015); *APsaA*: Secretary (2006-07), Board of Directors (2006-14); Columbia’s Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research: year-long course “Freud’s Thinking and Theorizing” Instructor (1997-2014), Co-Chair (2002-2014), Curriculum committee 10 years, Progression committee 12 years; in *Columbia University’s non-clinical psychoanalytic certificate program* (jointly run by the Center and Columbia’s Institute for Comparative Literature and Society): semester long graduate seminar in Freud (2012 – present) and, intermittently, a graduate seminar on the work of Jean Laplanche.

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Sue Kolod (APsaA)

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to be nominated for a second term as a representative from North America to the IPA Board of Trustees.

The Board continues to address a number of thorny and contentious issues, including the role of remote training and remote analysis in our profession, the best use of psychoanalytic research and our long-term revenue and budgetary concerns. We are now poised to address what may be the most contentious issue thus far, the relationship between IPA and APsaA.

Fortunately, before the Pandemic hit in March, I had been able to attend two in-person meetings with the IPA board members from around the world. The in-person meetings enabled me to build strong personal bonds with a number of the IPA board members and officers, and those relationships have been very useful to my effective involvement in our more recent Zoom meetings.

Connections I have made during the past two years will be even more important as the IPA board now addresses relations between IPA and APsaA. Dealing with these issues constructively will be essential to enhancing the promise of APsaA, the IPA and psychoanalysis for the future.

A major task going forward will be to identify the value and relevance of the IPA to the professional life of APsaA members and the value of APsaA to the IPA, especially as we become increasingly globalized and ever more dependent on technology to communicate.

My goal is to work to strengthen and improve the relationship between IPA and APsaA, for the advancement of both organizations and their members. Ideally, that process would also make both organizations more involved in promoting mental health and the value of analytic treatment worldwide.

I also intend to work to encourage diversity at all levels of the organization. Although IPA represents psychoanalysis around the world, the make-up of the board and the membership is not diverse, racially, sexually or ethnically. In order for psychoanalysis to survive and thrive, increasing diversity in the IPA must be a priority.

Finally, greater emphasis on public information and communication is essential to our future. I have served as Chair and now Co-chair, of the Committee on Public Information of APsaA since joining in 2015 when the William Alanson White Institute became an affiliate institute. In those roles I have been committed to furthering the mission of psychoanalysis by communicating its insights and value to the general public. This requires that we

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disseminate psychoanalytic insights and the results of psychoanalytic research and thinking in clear language without technical jargon and in ways that are compelling to the general public, not just practitioners. I intend to continue and extend my efforts at improved public communication about psychoanalysis to the IPA.

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List of positions:

International Psychoanalytic Association

2019-present: Member, Board of Trustees, International Psychoanalytic Association

American Psychoanalytic Association

2020-present: Member, COVID-19 Advisory Team

2017-present: Founder and co-editor of the blog, *Psychoanalysis Unplugged*, the official blog of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

2017-present: Representative from the William Alanson White Institute to the Department of Psychoanalytic Education

2016-present: Chair, Committee on Public Information

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Britt-Marie Schiller (APsaA)

At the Winter Meetings of APsaA in New York in 2019, several members of the PEC, the Psychoanalytic Education Committee of the IPA, attended the Workshop for Directors and EC Chairs. I chaired that meeting in my role as Associate Head of the recently formed Department of Psychoanalytic Education (DPE). After a fruitful and collegial exchange of educational ideas, I realized how little APsaA members know about the IPA and in particular its role in psychoanalytic education. I left with a feeling of wanting more involvement, and wanting to reach out for more collegial connections between APsaA and IPA. I am now Head of the DPE and, and look forward to continuing to bring progressive ideas to IPA's educational practices, during my tenure on the IPA Board.

I will describe two specific DPE initiatives: The Education Forum and the Early Career Psychoanalyst Program (ECP).

The Education Forum is constituted by one elected representative from each APsaA Institute or Center and meets twice a year. It is a body where important issues and disagreements about psychoanalytic training are discussed, in a disciplined and collegial way, to promote DPE's vision of supporting excellence in psychoanalytic education. Examples of topics are: Distance Education, TA System, Frequency, Critical Thinking and Pedagogy, and Bridging Psychoanalysis and the Community, the latter to be offered at the APsaA February meetings 2021.

The other initiative, ECP, is aimed at a largely neglected group, recent graduates from psychoanalytic training programs. We will provide programming and resources to benefit psychoanalysts in the early years of their career, such as teaching leadership skills and teaching writing for publication in psychoanalytic journals. We are offering the first program at the February APsaA meetings.

I look forward to being an active and effective North American Representative on the IPA Board.

List of positions:

POSITIONS IN IPA AND SAINT LOUIS PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

Head, Department of Psychoanalytic Education, APsaA, June 2020-

Associate Head, Department of Psychoanalytic Education, APsaA, Dec 2016-2020

Dean, St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, 2010-2018

Co-Chair, Work Group on Reimagining APsaA Membership, 2020

Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis. North American Committee member. IPA, 2014-2016.

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Editorial Associate, *Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association*, 2010-2012.
Committee on Psychoanalysis and the Arts. APsaA. 2011-present
Psychoanalysis and the Academy Committee, APsaA, 2009-present.
Committee on Psychoanalysis and Undergraduate Education, APsaA, 2009-2015.
Committee on Research and Special Training, APsaA, 2008-2017.
Judge, CORST Prize Essay Competition, APsaA, 2007. 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016,
2017, 2018.

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Mark Smaller (APsA)

Dear Colleagues,

None of us could have imagined how much the world would change two years ago when I first ran for the position of North America representative to the IPA board. Everyday life, with family, friends, and colleagues has been completely disrupted. Being a psychoanalyst amidst a pandemic has demanded adaptation—new ways of virtually working with patients, Zoom meetings and conferences with colleagues, and chronic uncertainty about if and when things might get back to normal. “Normal” is no longer clear. COVID-19 exposed other “pandemics”—vulnerabilities impacting our lives, the lives of our patients, and our professional organizations. The risk of physical illness, traumatic levels of stress and anxiety, economic challenges, systemic racism, and community violence have demanded our attention as psychoanalysts even more than in the past.

Having served on the IPA Board since the summer of 2019 has been a privilege and being nominated to run again, an honor. I have worked with a cohesive group of North American Representatives, a hardworking and thoughtful international board and executive committee—a group of colleagues committed to making the IPA more responsive and useful to individual members and local societies. Even before the pandemic the challenge of achieving that goal was clear. Since March, more time, energy, thoughtful discussion, and decisions have been critical.

In its fiduciary role, the board has made difficult decisions regarding strategic planning and budgeting. Financial limitations of the IPA mirror those of many local and national groups. Aging of members, attracting younger members, an uncertain world economy impacting practice and education, have been the board’s focus for many months. Spending time, funds, and energy focused on educational standards and controversy, have given way to discussions of more immediate concerns regarding practice, access to treatment for patients (cost, frequency of sessions, virtual treatment, psychotherapy), education, research, community involvement, public information efforts, and keeping psychoanalysis relevant to local communities and global issues.

As a NA Representative, I will continue to focus efforts on the following:

1. Strategic planning and finances that support efforts at increasing membership, highlight benefits to members, while improving connection between local societies and the IPA.

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2. Supporting and reaffirming support for research, an essential aspect of our profession and organization, with better communication between the Research Committee and its grants, and the Board.

3. Support efforts to better integrate common goals of the IPA and all regions, with those of all the North American groups (North American Psychoanalytic Confederation (NAPsaC) and the American Psychoanalytic Association (APsaA)).

4. Continue supporting all efforts of psychoanalysis in the community sponsored by the IPA, and making those efforts better known in North America.

Please be in touch with me directly (marksmaller@gmail.com) regarding any concerns or issues you believe need to be addressed. For further information regarding my experience, please click the following link to my website and CV:
<http://www.marksmaller.com/about/resume-awards/>

List of positions:

IPA: North American Representative, IPA Board; Research Liaison Committee, IPA Board; Consultation with the IPA Executive Committee as APsaA President-elect and President (2012-2016). APsaA: President and President-elect; APsaA Board of Directors (2011-present); Public Advocacy Department Head (lead lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill), APsaA, 2017-Present.



Randi Wirth, PhD, FIPA, BCPsa (Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research)

I am running for the position of North American Regional Representative to the IPA Board in order to encourage better communication and deeper relationships among analysts from different backgrounds, societies, and cultures.

There are walls, both apparent and invisible, that can divide and isolate us within the IPA. Our training, regions, languages, races, and cultures impact us professionally, and the more we engage with our peers, the richer the opportunities to expand our knowledge.

My strength has always been in connecting people, and I will work tirelessly and passionately to exchange walls for bridges both within and outside the IPA. I will accomplish these goals through several specific initiatives:

Bringing Us Together

- Our psychoanalytic world is composed of training institutes, regional organizations, and the international governance of the IPA. I have been involved in leadership positions at each of these levels, encouraging broader engagement both nationally and internationally.

A Voice for North America

- As Program Chair and longtime Board member of NAPsaC, the NA regional organization, I believe in a strong working relationship between the IPA and the other regional organizations, FEPAL and EPF. As Past-President and a longtime Board member of the Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies (CIPS), I have worked to provide a unified voice for the independent societies within the IPA, and I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of IPTAR.

The Expanding IPA

- The IPA has successfully expanded its global presence, much of it due to the work of the International New Groups Committee (ING), on which I have served for several years. My “boots on the ground” experience in the Asia-Pacific region has made me mindful of the challenges of distance and dialogue faced by established and emerging societies around the world.

The Japan Psychoanalytic Society, Taiwan Psychoanalytic Study Group, and Korean Psychoanalytic Study Group are all valued members of NAPsaC, steeped in rich psychoanalytic history and with much to contribute theoretically. I will foster greater

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communication and shared experiences between regions to highlight the cross-cultural power and importance of psychoanalysis.

A World in Transition

Global events like the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement have thrust all of us forward, forcing us to re-evaluate our positions on many questions including remote analysis, distance learning, racial sensitivity, and challenging ethical decisions—all in real time. The IPA must continue to expand our efforts to create a strong, diverse coalition responsible for helping psychoanalysis adapt and thrive in these uncertain times.

Communication and Collaboration

- As North American Rep, I will be a liaison between the IPA, our societies, and our membership to encourage engagement and make all the IPA has to offer more accessible and user-friendly to every member, and I will foster IPA involvement among candidates as soon as they begin their training and throughout their membership. I will ensure that all of our membership feels represented as we work together to find solutions and make decisions that will carry the IPA forward into the new decade.

List of positions:

International New Groups Committee

- Sponsoring Committee representing North America
- Sponsoring Committee Liaison to Allied Center

International Psychoanalytic Association

- North American Regional Nominating Committee
- Central Nominating Committee
- Program Committee - Asia-Pacific Conference Taipei
- Committee on Women and Psychoanalysis (COWAP)
 - Steering Committee - Los Angeles Conference

North American Psychoanalytic Confederation

- Board of Directors
- Chair - Program Committee

Confederation of Independent Psychoanalytic Societies

- President
- Vice President
- Board of Directors

Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research

- Board of Directors
- Training and Supervising Analyst