

SOCIETY FOR PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT FOUNDATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**Washington, D. C.
September 13, 2003**

Members Present: Anna Maria Carlsson, Barton Evans, Stephen Finn, Constance Fischer, Leonard Handler, Radhika Krishnamurthy, Martin Leichtman, David Nichols, and Irving Weiner.

Present Central Office: Paula Garber (Operations Manager)

MINUTES

- I. The Board and Officers
The initial Foundation Board consisted of members of the SPA Board: Anna Maria Carlsson, Barton Evans, Stephen Finn, Constance Fischer, Leonard Handler, Radhika Krishnamurthy, Martin Leichtman, David Nichols, and Irving Weiner. Bruce Smith was elected president of the SPA Foundation; Constance Fischer was elected treasurer; and Martin Leichtman elected named Secretary. .
- II. Organizational Structure
The Board will meet annually at the Annual Midwinter of the Society for Personality Assessment. At its discretion, The SPA Foundation Board can expand by electing one or more SPA members who do not serve on the SPA Board (M/S, ML, SF).
- III. Legal Issues
Note was taken of a meeting with Ms. Suzanne McDowell, the attorney handling the establishment of the SPA Foundation. The rules governing 501(c) (3) organizations that protect their tax exempt status were discussed. These included the necessity of SPA and the SPA Foundation remaining separate organizations with their own boards, minutes, and corporate records. The Foundation can accept tax-exempt contributions for purposes such as research, student grants, awards, and publications, but cannot engage in lobbying or advocacy activities. It is anticipated that legal proceedings necessary to allow tax exempt contributions will be completed with the next few months.
- IV. Fundraising
Bruce Smith reported on advice from a consultant regarding fundraising. Long range strategies include contacts with foundations engaged in related activities publishers, and testing organizations. In addition, bequests can be solicited from

members. Short-term strategies include use of email to solicit pledges for specific projects.

V. The Utility of Assessment Project

The current project on the effectiveness of assessment research will be used to generate interest in contributions. The project committee will consist of Stephen Finn, Gregory Meyer, and Yossef Ben-Porath. Stephen Finn will head fundraising for the project. The RFP is completed and will be posted on the website. The tentative deadline for applications for grants will be January 2005 and it is anticipated that funds will be available for funding 1-2 year grants as of July 2005.

V. The next meeting of the Board will be held at the SPA Winter Meeting March 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m., September 13, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Leichtman