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Dear PINE Members,

It is hard to believe that four years have passed since June of 2014 when nearly half of our members transferred to BPSI. In that time we have maintained our institutional identity as a psychoanalytic center, offering a fellowship that will now be extended for advanced fellows into a third year, meeting the educational requirements for our advanced candidate, sponsoring scientific meetings and educational forum presentations covering a wide range of topics on important issues, and gathering in each other's homes to listen to each other's work. A portion of our members have been active teachers, supervisors, mentors, and presenters. Dedicated Board members including Michael Good, Regina Koziyevskaya, Donna Mathias, Diane Pearlman, Laurie Raymond, Susan Workum, Pat Kauffman, Graham Spruiell and Myrna Weiss have made this array of accomplishments possible. Malcolm Beaudett, a new Board member, will be joining us this summer. We have done all of this with the support of Alice Rapkin who keeps us organized and is our institutional "memory." Laurie Raymond and I have led PINE as presidents over the past four years, helping to sustain PINE as an educational institution focused on the needs and interests of our members and the community.

We will continue to maintain our status as an institute as part of the American Psychoanalytic Association for the coming year. What happens beyond June of 2019 is unpredictable given the difficulty of recruiting candidates in Boston and the struggle we all face to preserve psychoanalysis as an intensive treatment. Our small size is an advantage in some respects because it facilitates our focus on individual professional development and gives us administrative flexibility, but it is also a liability. We pay for our programs and our administrative costs out of membership dues and fellowship tuitions. As an organization with a small number of members we have a limited network through which to recruit younger members and potential trainees. Our small size is also experienced on the board as an over reliance on this small group to carry out administrative tasks and to come up with and implement creative approaches to growth and development.

What is clear is that we need more members both to share responsibility, to recruit fellows, and to participate in the creative thinking that is necessary to sustain us as an organization. As a Board, therefore, we will be focusing in the coming year on inviting current members to become active, on inviting new members to join us, and on recruiting fellows. We are considering ways of reaching out to clinicians in the community by offering psychoanalytic case presentations and/or consultative groups in which clinical work can be shared. We would also like to consider developing a process for promoting senior faculty to the status of "personal analysts," the new way of referring to training/supervising analysts who are vetted according to standards set at the local level. This process would be one way of honoring experienced analysts at PINE and, if it involved junior faculty, might also provide mentoring for them in their ongoing professional development.

Another new initiative we will take this year is to open our Board meetings to interested PINE members. Anyone who wishes to talk about current activities or anyone who has a new idea to propose would be welcome to attend Board meetings. We will let you know about the date of each meeting and the tentative agenda planned for that date. One item which will be definitely be on the agenda at our next Board meeting on 6/26/18 is our financial status. We will be discussing ways to raise funds in order to keep our operating expenses within our budget. We hope in all of these ways to maintain our professional home by working with those of you who have remained affiliated with PINE.

At the most recent scientific meeting Larry Brown, Britt-Marie Schiller, Sally Ackerman, Peter DeCamp Haines (a sculptor), and Phillip Freeman talked about the painter J.M.W. Turner, *Moby Dick*, Bion, the artist's experience of creating, and a philosophical perspective on the "ineffable." The audience commented on the excellence and the special nature of the program. One of the speakers remarked, "No one in Boston does this, you have to keep PINE going." There is no doubt that PINE did and does offer something special. The freedom to pursue our intellectual and professional interests, to design programs unencumbered by layers of bureaucracy, to teach in small groups in the spirit of a joint venture involving discovery for students and faculty is unique. I was reminded by this outside observer of what we are trying to preserve but also of what we might create.

The new PINE can be what we want it to be, complementing the amazingly vibrant psychoanalytic community that exists in Boston. What we are proposing is to share the vision making and necessary housekeeping that is required to maintain and creatively reconfigure our professional home. Regina Koziyevskaya and I will be co-presidents of PINE next year and we hope that you will join us; we welcome your ideas and your presence. On June 10th we will celebrate the completion of the first and second years of fellowship for five of our six fellows (one will be out of town), and we will be raising a toast to recognize our own accomplishments as well. At the same time that we celebrate these four years, we look forward to the ongoing development of PINE in the coming year.

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