

**American Philosophical Practitioners Association
Annual General Meeting Saturday, June 10, 2006
Columbia University Faculty House
New York, NY**

Minutes Taken by Mick Walsh

Lou Marinoff, main speaker:

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. THANKS to members. New administrative email method so all members can be emailed, updated, and contacted easier.

3. JOURNAL, Philosophical Practice:

- (Massimo) Back Issues: How do new members get them? (Vaughana) Wants fliers and display copies.
- Need to make sure people who signed up for the journal are actually getting them. Seems that those members who moved are having trouble getting their issues re-routed (Sara, Andrea)
- (Massimo) Academic institutions having the journal? (Lou) explains that most academic institutions want to make sure the journal is viable for ~4 years first. (Bernard) hoping to get it at his institution this fall.
- (Chris) Is the journal available online? (Lou) No.

4. PROGRAMS AND PRACTITIONERS

- Website is getting 500 hits a month from people looking for practitioners. (Bernard) vouches for it. He gets ~6 inquiries a year from his listing on the website.
- Issue: philosophical counseling is not upheld by 3rd party insurance. We can help this by offering lower cost than other therapy-counseling professionals who can be covered by 3rd party insurance.
- Certified Counselor programs are being offered ~ once per year by the APPA.
- Ethics/Dilemma Training. (Lou) Corporate America – if the lawyers say it's ethical, it's ethical. (David) The lawyers need the ethics training themselves. Can get into the corporate world as coaches rather than ethical consultants (semantics).
- Picked up by Pidia (???). Good but picked up by the wrong people: who say our training program is ludicrous. We will be inviting our members to comment.
- Hopes for accredited Grad program in Applied Philosophy (just different terminology for institutions for what is in other words, philosophical practice). (Chris) Would an Applied Philosophy

program replace the Certification program? (Lou) No. APPA Certification is not accredited and you need an accreditation to get state 'ok' for certification. Certification would be incorporated into the MA program. USA education is different from Europe: In Europe everyone gets in but It's hard to get out of a program. In the USA it's hard to get in but easy to get out once you're in.

- Certified Affiliate Program. Pioneered this year. Lots of requests from psychologists mostly. Means a co-professional with philosophical interests. 2 day intensive trainings. 4 ½-day modules. Will work to make powerful friends. Religious interest. The Rabbis. (David) agrees some religious counselors need it – sometimes too flaky, not so critical thinking.
- Auxiliary members. What to do for them. Retreats. Some discussion on Ran's emails on philosophical retreats on contemplative philosophy. Lou assures members those emails are not from the APPA. That retreat was actually cancelled. Ran not working with us – more of a competitor, not an ally/partner. Questionnaire for members. To give members what they want. Retreat: Costs? Locations? Issues? Where? How easily accessible?

5. NEW ETHICS PROJECT

- Airport/air transit in LA. Wants ethics training. Wanted organization not individual trainer. Possible: Ken Kipness; U. of Minoa; on international board. Ida (last name?); Yous Kessels (sp?) Dutch. The APPA was accepted for the next 3 years. A number of programs in LA.
- There are lots of philosophical associations in Europe. Some are with us and some are not. We will try to build bridges.

6. 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHICAL PRACTICE

- 1. Ran & Lou in USA
- 2. Dutch
- 3. Lou in NYC
- 4. Germany, Achenbach
- 5. Oxford
- 6. Oslo
- 7. Copenhagen
- 8. SEVILLA (2006)
- Mexico, Cancun for next year (probably July 2007); Larissa Guerrero. Official language both Spanish and English (simultaneous translation)

7. LETTER FROM INMATES

- Looking for someone in the association to handle these letters.

- (Vaughana) Training needed to deal with security and correctional staff. Liability issues. Clear on what contact between inmates and ex-inmates there will be. Safety issues.
- (Ernest) volunteers to spearhead this. He has worked in this area before and he does a lot of coaching.
- First task is to reply to the correspondence from the inmate letter writers (some letters are years old at this point).
- We should offer something to them.
- Other possible institutions that can use the APPA:
 - i. Hospice
 - ii. Nursing homes
 - iii. Schools
 - iv. Senior facilities
 - v. Addiction counseling programs (Will training)

If we do this there is \$ from the philanthropic community. Possible training for continuing education, which has big \$ for their programs. Lou and Paul Sharkey at one point got continuing education approval but at the time had no programs to offer. Lou has taught continuing education programs at Omega.

8. PRE LUNCH HOMEWORK

- What is the APPA doing right?
- What should we do that we're not doing?
- Comments? Thoughts?