

AIP Posting Number Eight

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Dear Wonderful AIP Members,

I'm sorry I've vanished for the last few months. I've had to attend to an aging mother and aunt. And I moved my office for the first time in a quarter century!! Things are calming down a bit so I now plan to start devoting more time to building AIP up again now.

Here's a recent headline:

At the January meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association, serious talk was held of creating a separate organization for Certification. However, equally serious talk indicated that the *same people* who now appoint training analysts, i.e. the Board of Professional Standards (BOPS), will likely create the new corporation. In other words, it does not appear that anything will be changing. And, if even Otto Kernberg calls for the "twilight" of the Training Analyst system, change is afoot.

The news from APsaA represents another clarion call for all of us interested in psychoanalysis to build AIP. With its all inclusive ideology, and its mission to reunite our beloved profession that has been plagued with theoretical infighting, splitting off of schools, etc, the time is ripe.

We have a good running start: A well functioning website, some 40 plus members, lots of interest from students, interns, and psychoanalysts, and more.

But much more organizational building is needed.

Please think of where your particular interests could be of help to AIP. Would you be interested in building up technology, i.e. a social media presence? Would you like to help plan our first annual conference? Are you good at motivating disaffected or disconnected folks to join our fledgling group?

Psychoanalysis has yet to have a professional organization **not** organized around a particular theoretical school, or around a restrictive psychoanalytic organization, etc.

AIP is the first.

Together, let's make this happen.

Please stay tuned.

Thanks so much for your interest.

I wish you all a wonderful 2015.

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