

**CIPS  
CONFEDERATION OF  
INDEPENDENT PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETIES**

**Member Benefits for Candidates**

**Complimentary membership in CIPS and IPSO during psychoanalytic training**

All candidates at CIPS societies are automatically enrolled as affiliate members of CIPS. Affiliate members pay no dues to CIPS. Although affiliate members do not vote in CIPS elections, affiliates are welcome to participate in all professional and governance activities (including board and committee positions), and receive discounts at CIPS events.

CIPS promotes the involvement of candidates in international psychoanalysis by enrolling all affiliate members in the International Psychoanalytic Studies Organization (IPSO), the international candidate association affiliated with the IPA, and paying their dues as long as they remain candidates in the training institutes of CIPS societies. Moreover, membership in IPSO allows individual candidates to subscribe to the Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing (PEP) database at substantially reduced rates on an annual basis. The PEP gives candidates easy access to a vast array of psychoanalytic books and journals and is an invaluable asset to psychoanalytic training.

**Professional development through participation in national teleconference study groups and biennial CIPS Clinical Conferences**

CIPS hosts teleconference study groups on a variety of topics related to psychoanalytic theory and technique. Most groups are open to all CIPS members and provide an opportunity for candidates to learn with colleagues from other Societies in North America.

CIPS clinical conferences are unique events consisting of intimate small group discussions of clinical case material, organized around selected themes. The composition of groups—comprised of candidates, graduate analysts, and training analysts—reflects the CIPS values of inclusivity and respect for of varying levels of experience in fostering meaningful dialogue and psychoanalytic learning.

**Leadership development through participation on the CIPS board of directors, serving as a reporter for the CIPS News Brief, or acting as liaison between CIPS and IPSO**

The CIPS board of directors is comprised of the elected offices of president and secretary. Additionally, the president, or the whole board, elects a treasurer and appoints a candidate or society member to serve as recording secretary. The remaining board positions are filled by two directors from each member society. Candidates may also

serve as local society reporters submitting stories (e.g. participant reviews of the CIPS clinical conference and local society events) to the CIPS News Brief. One candidate also acts as liaison between CIPS and IPSO helping to ensure that our candidate database is accurate and up to date and facilitating working relations between the two organizations.

### **Enhanced collegial relations, collaboration, and mutual support**

CIPS facilitates collegial relations between individual members and component societies, providing contexts for mutual collaboration and support. Teleconference courses and our biennial Clinical Conference offer candidates an opportunity to interact and study with colleagues from throughout North America. Additionally, candidates are welcome to serve on CIPS committees involved in publishing our newsletter, producing our clinical conferences, and a host of other events at the national and international level.

### **Publication outlet for CIPS Societies and members**

CIPS has launched a book series on the Boundaries of Psychoanalysis (Karnac), enabling us to publish single-author and multiple-author books by our members, as well as edited books featuring the works of single societies or the entire CIPS community. The series presents the work of the CIPS societies, illuminating the way our different theoretical perspectives overlap, diverge, and complement each other, while demonstrating the value of a productive collegial dialogue across different schools of thought. Candidates with an interest in psychoanalytic writing are encouraged to explore possible contributions by contacting Book Series Editor, Margaret Beaudoin, at [mcbphd@optonline.net](mailto:mcbphd@optonline.net).

### **Protection and promotion of member interests in relations to the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA)**

CIPS looks after the interests of its members in relation to the IPA. CIPS effectively advocated for IPA bylaws to ensure adequate representation on the governing body of the IPA. CIPS proposed the “Fellow of the IPA” (FIPA) credential and successfully lobbied for its adoption by the IPA. CIPS promotes the interests of members who wish to serve on IPA committees and Working Parties.

### **Effective and efficient representation at the North American Psychoanalytic Confederation (NAPsaC)**

CIPS protects the interests of the independent IPA societies at NAPsaC. CIPS promotes NAPsaC’s importance by spearheading development of new projects, including the Find-an-Analyst website, publicity plans to promote the site, and new plans to construct a website to publicize and coordinate professional activities and political lobbying efforts by IPA groups in North America.

## **Enhanced participation in state and national affairs**

CIPS is a leader in promoting responsible training standards and licensing laws for psychoanalysis. CIPS spearheaded formation of state psychoanalytic confederations in New York and California to protect professional practice and oppose state licensing laws and regulations that would license practitioners as “psychoanalysts” on the basis of training in the conduct of weekly psychotherapy.

CIPS enables local societies to participate in state and national issues. CIPS works closely with the American Psychoanalytic Association and other national groups in protecting patient privacy rights. CIPS has also taken an active role in lobbying efforts to protect the confidentiality of patient medical records. CIPS is a member of the national Coalition for Patient Privacy Rights and the national Mental Health Liaison Group and the Psychoanalytic Consortium.