

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY
Business Meeting

Time: Thursday, January 19, 1967, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Dr. Leavitt, President. There were 64 members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 11, 1966 were accepted as distributed.

2. Membership Committee - Dr. Atkins:

Drs. Jose Amador and Fred Kurth have applied for Active Membership in the Society.

3. Western Region Psychoanalytic Societies - Dr. Leavitt:

Dr. Leavitt reported on the meeting with other representatives of the Western Region Psychoanalytic Societies at the midwinter meeting. A number of decisions were agreed upon, which Dr. Leavitt requested the members to vote upon.

- (1) The meetings will be biennial, alternating with meetings of the International Psychoanalytic Association (approved).
- (2) The meetings would not be held in conjunction with the Western Regional Psychiatric meetings (approved by small majority of limited number of votes).
- (3) The next meeting will take place in Los Angeles in 1968, and the Southern California and Los Angeles Societies will be co-hosts.
- (4) There would be a standing committee with one representative from each Society (preferably a program chairman). The chairman for each meeting will be the host representative who would be empowered to make final decisions on program, if necessary (approved).
- (5) There would be an assessment from each Society of \$5 per regional meeting per member to provide a backlog of funds for these meetings, which amount could be remitted, depending on financing (approved with only one dissent).

4. Report of Executive Councilor - Dr. Sperling:

Dr. Sperling delivered a report of the meeting of the Executive Council of The American Psychoanalytic Association at the recent meeting in New York. Many items of interest were touched on. Dr. Sperling's report is on file.

5. Announcements:

- a. Dr. Call announced that Dr. Stoller will present a series of three seminars on "Gender Identity", beginning Tuesday, January 24, 1967, at the Institute, under auspices of the Research Committee.

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- b. Dr. Leavitt read the announcement by the British Psycho-Analytical Society of its Pre-Congress Scientific Programme which is posted in the office.
- c. Dr. Walsh brought to the attention of the members the book written by Drs. Koegler and Brill of UCLA in which he stated conclusions hostile to psychoanalysis are reached. He further informed the members that he and others have called into serious question the methods employed by the authors. Dr. Walsh will inform the members further.
- d. Dr. Rollman-Branch appealed for help for Diana Howard Atkinson, who was the Administrative Assistant of the Society and Institute for many of the early years. Diana requires blood transfusions regularly. A notice to this effect had previously been circulated. Dr. Rollman-Branch can be contacted for details.
6. Report of The Joint Committee for Mutual Problems of Society and Institute - Dr. Leavitt:

Dr. Leavitt informed the membership that the Board of Trustees of the Institute had unanimously approved of the new By-Laws in the form they had been distributed, except for one amendment which was also unanimously passed. This amendment provides for a change in the length of term from three to four years for the members of the Faculty's committees; concurrently the term of chairman of each committee is changed from one to two years. These changes are to be circularized to Society members immediately so they can be attached to the final By-Laws draft which they already have.

This matter was now brought to the attention of the Society for its concurrent enabling action. Approval at this point, Dr. Leavitt explained, meant that the new By-Laws would go into effect in the form approved by the Board of Trustees.

Discussion was solicited. Comments and questions were offered by Drs. Van Dam, Tausend, Rangell, Barnard, and Beckwitt. Dr. Leavitt responded, and attempted to clarify certain provisions. A particular point was made that the operation of the Child-Analysis Committee remains to be clarified, since specific provisions were not included in order not to unduly delay action for reorganization. It was the intent of the Joint Committee that the child program be integrated into the faculty with a committee on a par with the other five and in a form to be worked out by the present Child-Analysis group, the appropriate Faculty Committee, and the By-Laws Committee as soon as possible. Dr. Leavitt then called upon our legal counsel, Mr. Freeman, for assistance with the final legal steps. Under Mr. Freeman's guidance, the following motions were offered by Dr. Atkins, s/Dr. Horowitz, m/c unanimously in each instance.

Motion: To the extent that the members of the Society have an interest in the By-Laws of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society-Institute, they approve of the By-Laws of the Society-Institute.

Motion: The Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society will donate the assets of the Society to the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society-Institute.

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Motion: This Society will henceforth engage in no activity other than making the above donation.

7. New Business:

Dr. Leavitt then announced that the first meeting of the Society-Institute will be held one week from tonight, on January 26, 1967, for the purpose of electing its first officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Melvin Mandel, M. D.
Secretary