

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society. It is an affiliate society of the American Psychoanalytic Association and a branch society of the International Psycho-Analytical Association.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society is to study, promote and advance the science and application of psychoanalysis as founded by Sigmund Freud and developed according to scientific principle, and to disseminate knowledge thereof to the medical profession and others interested therein.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be four categories of members, namely, Honorary Members, Active Members, Accredited Members and Affiliate Members.

Section 2. Honorary membership may be extended to individuals who have rendered outstanding or extraordinary service in the field of psychoanalysis.

In addition, there shall be a category of Guest Membership, of one to two years' duration for those wishing to transfer their membership from another affiliate society of the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association, He shall be eligible for active or accredited membership before election to Guest Membership.

Section 3. Eligible for Active Membership are physicians (Doctors of Medicine) who shall

- (a) have completed training in psychoanalysis, in accordance with the Standards established by the American Psychoanalytic Association, or
- (b) have been regular or associate members in good standing of an affiliate society of the American or International Psycho-analytical Association, and shall have been a Guest of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society for a period as specified in Article V Section 2 of the By-Laws.

An Active member of this Society shall be licensed to practice medicine in the state in which he practices, unless he is an Active (or Honorary) Member of the American Psycho-analytic Association or International Psycho-Analytic Association) and has been appointed a Training Analyst of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis.

Section 4: Accredited membership is open to:

- (a) Physicians (Doctors of Medicine) who otherwise qualify for Active membership but do not have a medical license in the state in which they practice, and
- (b) Non-medical psychoanalysts who were accepted for training before June 1, 1938 by an Institute recognized by the American or International Psycho-Analytical Associations, and whose training in psychoanalysis has conformed to the standards for the training of medical psychoanalysts.

Accredited membership shall be conferred only upon such individuals whose formal association with the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society is considered to be to the best interest of the Society and psychoanalysis. In all such cases election to Accredited membership shall be in recognition of exceptional contributions or experiences in the field of psychoanalysis or outstanding activity as a member of the faculty of a psychoanalytic training institute recognized by the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association.

- (c) Non-medical psychoanalysts trained after 1938 but whose training conforms to that of the standards set up by the American Psychoanalytic Association otherwise, and who are exceptionally qualified are eligible for accredited membership.

Section 5: Affiliate membership may be extended to persons of scientific standing whose interests and professional work are in a field closely associated with psychoanalysis, but who are not engaged in psychotherapeutic practice or the teaching of psychotherapy.

Section 6: Only Active and Accredited members, and Honorary members who practice psychoanalysis in the State of California, shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

Section 7: Election to Active and Affiliate membership may be carried out at a business meeting as provided for in the By-Laws, shall be by closed ballot and shall require a three-quarter majority of the members voting. In the case of Honorary and Accredited members three-quarters of the members voting by mail ballot will be required for election

Recommendation by the Education Committee shall be required for election to Active, Accredited, Honorary, and Affiliate membership, as well as for Guest membership.

Section 8: The adoption of this revised Constitution shall not in any way retroactively alter the membership status of the present members of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected as prescribed in the By-Laws. No person shall hold

more than one of the aforesaid offices at the same time. The newly elected officers shall assume office at the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected. They shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 2: The Representative to the Executive Council of the American Psychoanalytic Association and his alternate shall serve for a term of two years. They shall be elected as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

There shall be four classes of meetings, namely: Regular, Special, Interval and Annual.

ARTICLE VI: THE LOS ANGELES INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS

The Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society designates as its training and teaching organization the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis.

One year after their election to membership in the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society, all Active and Accredited members shall be recommended by the Secretary of the Society to the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis for membership therein.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in writing by not less than one-fifth of the members entitled to vote, at any business meeting of the Society. The adoption of a proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote at the next business meeting, notice of which shall be mailed to the members not less than twenty days prior to the date of the meeting and shall state the text of the proposed amendment. Adoption of an amendment to this Constitution shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES OF ORDER

In all matters of business for which no provision is made in the Constitution and By-Laws, this Society shall follow Robert's Rules of Order as periodically revised.

ARTICLE IX: ETHICAL CONDUCT

All members of the Society are expected to observe the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws; to maintain the standards of ethics and conduct as required of a licensed physician and to maintain the highest ethical standards in the practice of psychoanalysis. In the event of violation, disciplinary action may be taken against a member in accord with the provisions of the attached By-Laws.