

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, February 15, 1962, 7:15 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. There were forty-one members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1962, were accepted as distributed.

2. Membership Committee:

Dr. Sperling, Chairman of the Membership Committee, announced the application for Active Membership of Dr. Seymour Friedman.

Dr. Robert Zaitlin of the Psychoanalytic Association of New York was elected to Guest Membership. Dr. Mandel questioned "Guest Membership" and was advised that this is the usual procedure. The period of one year as Guest Member gives us an opportunity to become better acquainted.

3. Committee on Insurance:

Due to a misunderstanding, Mr. Riback was not present for the planned question and answer period; Dr. Leventhal, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, presided over this portion of the meeting.

Two-year disability payments, as contrasted with five-year disability payments under the County Medical policy was questioned. Protracted payments are desirable.

In response to the complaint that the seventy-years-of-age limit excludes the majority of those who are otherwise uninsurable, Dr. Leventhal said Mr. Riback can give us whatever any other insurance agent can. Exclusion may be based on age, non-insurability, and non-medical status.

The question of coverage for mental and emotional disorders was raised by Dr. Hayman. Hospitalization is covered but not other expenses.

Dr. Sugar pointed out that this is not group insurance but association insurance, which is cheaper than individual insurance but does not have all the advantages of group insurance. To his knowledge there is only one policy that covers mental illness to the amount of \$5,000. Office care is not now covered but is available with higher rates.

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In reply to Dr. Abrams comment that premiums do not rise on renewal date with other policies, Dr. Leventhal said they do.

Dr. Futterman suggested that some members might include this type of insurance to dovetail in with other policies and increase existing insurance while simultaneously aiding other members to come under this plan.

Dr. Walsh asked how this policy compared with the County Medical and the Southern California Psychiatric Society policies and whether there were any advantages. Dr. Van der Heide spoke very favorably of the County Medical policy, pointing out its advantages over the proposed policy of Mr. Riback.

Dr. Malin commented that his insurance was cancelled on an association policy and that larger group and individual policies offer greater advantages. The question of the company's cancelling the policy was then raised. This policy can be converted to an individual policy, if preferred, instead of being cancelled.

Dr. Leventhal stressed the fact that this association policy would help the otherwise uninsurable, and Dr. Van der Heide stated this would not replace the County Medical policy but could be taken in addition.

Dr. Futterman said that all notes of this discussion would be turned over to Mr. Riback.

4. Announcements:

- a. A copy of a letter written on January 26, 1962, to radio station KNX - CBS by Dr. Harrison was passed around. The letter called the station's attention to the inappropriateness of one of their commercials and our objection to it. On January 31, 1962, a reply was received expressing the regrets of the station; and the objectionable commercial has since been discontinued. Dr. Futterman expressed his thanks to Dr. Harrison for his prompt attention to this matter.
- b. Dr. Futterman commented on the summary of the questionnaire on psychoanalytic practice compiled by Dr. Crutcher's Committee on Psychoanalytic Practice. The results show little change; their significance is questioned since the comparison covers a short period of time, but even this lack of change in the type of patients seen in psychoanalytic practice is significant. The results will be filed and used as a basis of comparison for a future survey.
- c. Dr. Futterman announced the death of Dr. Edmund Bergler.
- d. Only one reply was received to the request that names be submitted for nominations for office in the American Psychoanalytic Association. The slate suggested by Dr. Rangell will be sent in as an individual suggestion.

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- e. A letter containing information regarding travel arrangements as well as the program of the forthcoming Latin-American Congress was circulated and may be seen in the office.
- f. Dr. Futterman informed the Society that Dr. Motto had passed his Board-Certification examination in Child Psychiatry.
- g. Dr. Futterman requested photographs of members and candidates to be kept on file in the office to facilitate identification now that our numbers have increased to such an extent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Helen Tausend, M. D.
Secretary

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Agenda

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1962
2. Membership Committee - Dr. Sperling:
 - a. Vote on the membership of Robert Zaitlin, M. D.
 - b. Application for membership of Seymour Friedman, M. D.
3. Committee on Insurance - Dr. Leventhal:
 - a. Mr. Riback will present a report
4. Announcements:
 - a. Letter to KNX - CBS: Dr. Harrison
 - b. Summary, questionnaire on psychoanalytic practice
5. New Business:

SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Time: February 15, 1962, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Speaker: David Rubinfine, M. D.

Subject: "Maternal Stimulation, Psychic Structure, and Early Object Relations"

Helen Tausend, M. D.
Secretary

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