

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY
BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, November 19, 1964, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Dr. Rangell, President. There were 37 members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 20, 1964, were approved with the following correction: Dr. Horowitz wishes the minutes of October 20 corrected to state that there are no definite plans for a charter flight for the 1965 International Congress. Various air lines have tentatively indicated that four different reduced-fare plans might be available. A direct charter flight from Los Angeles is the least likely but if offered, will have to be reserved with an immediate deposit.

2. Membership Committee - Dr. Leavitt:

- a. Drs. Milton Bronstein, Joshua Hoffs, and Morton Shane were elected to Active Membership in the Society.
- b. Dr. Michael Dunn's transfer of membership from the Philadelphia Association for Psychoanalysis was approved. Dr. Dunn was elected to Accredited Membership.
- c. Dr. Phillip Pennington applied for Active Membership in the Society.

3. Report of the Editor of the Society and Institute Newsletter:

Dr. Obler, Editor of the Newsletter, reported that his Committee plans to issue four issues of the Newsletter per year, the first to appear in January, 1965. The Committee welcomes reports from the various Committees of the Society and items of interest from individual members.

4. Announcements:

- a. Dr. Walsh read the telegram sent to Dr. Helene Deutsch congratulating her on her 80th birthday, together with Dr. Deutsch's reply.
- b. Dr. Walsh read the telegram sent to Dr. Heinz Hartmann congratulating him on his 70th birthday.
- c. Dr. Walsh read a letter from Dr. Dorn announcing his election to the Presidency of the Beverly Hills Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Society and asking for the co-operation of all members in his effort to make the Medical Society useful to all.
- d. Dr. Walsh announced the Society Christmas Party to be given at the Reiss-Davis Clinic on Friday, December 18, 1964, from 6- to 9 p.m.
- e. Dr. Walsh announced that our President, Dr. Rangell, has been the recent recipient of two special honors: 1) Dr. Rangell was the guest teacher in a series of two Colloquia, November 12 and 13, 1964, celebrating the inauguration of the Seattle Psychoanalytic Institute on the occasion of its elevation to Institute status. He also led an all-day program of the Extension Division of that Institute on

November 14, 1964. 2) Dr. Rangell has been chosen to write the lead article in a forthcoming volume of the International Journal of Psychoanalysis which will honor Dr. Heinz Hartmann on his 70th birthday.

- f. Dr. Malin announced a series of seminars for teachers currently being held at the Reiss-Davis Clinic and that a lecture in this series will be given by Dr. Ekstein on November 24, 1964, on the subject of the "Training of Israeli Teachers for Kibbutz Schools."
- g. Dr. Rangell announced that the mail ballot concerning the admission of certain lay analysts to membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association had been postponed because of a great many objections and the wish to have more time to discuss this matter at the Societies. From information received, the ballot will be postponed to on or about January 15 so that we now have an opportunity to discuss this at greater leisure.

Dr. Malin read a communication from Dr. Motto in regard to the letter to the members of the American Psychoanalytic Association on this subject recently sent by Drs. Eidelberg, Kaufman, and Sperling. Dr. Motto expressed a wish that this topic be discussed in the Society meeting. Dr. Rangell announced that this topic will be placed on the agenda of the December meeting for discussion.

- h. Dr. Rangell announced that the location of the forthcoming West Coast Psychoanalytic Societies' Meeting, although it had been set for Seattle, was still under consideration.
- i. Dr. Rangell called attention to the mail ballot, which has already been received, concerning the establishment of a Scientific Forum on Psychoanalytic Child Psychology. This is to be mailed in before November 25, 1964.
- j. Dr. Rangell announced a meeting of the Presidents and the Chairmen of Program Committees of all local Societies to be held under the auspices of the Committee on Post-Graduate Development of the American Psychoanalytic Association to discuss scientific activities in the Societies. This meeting, which he will chair, is to be held at the forthcoming Mid-Winter Meeting in New York, Wednesday afternoon, December 2, 1964, at 3 p.m.

5. New Business:

- a. Dr. Gilman, referring to a statement of Dr. Rollman-Branch's, stated that because of difficulty in making commitments for speakers for the Society for the forthcoming year when the administrations change over, that some change in procedure be established, such as possibly that the new Program Chairman take office in January rather than in June immediately after the annual election. He also suggested we consider that the Program Chairman chair the scientific meetings rather than the Society President.

Dr. Sarlin said that this was a matter of administrative procedure which was best left in the hands of the President of the Society and the Chairman of the Program Committee.

Dr. Pollit asked whether a three-month overlap might not be sufficient.

Dr. Rollman-Branch stated that in her opinion a six-month overlap was necessary.

To a question by Dr. Obler as to why the outgoing Program Chairman could not make commitments for speakers in advance, Dr. Rollman-Branch answered that since money has to be committed, this is impossible.

Dr. Sperling stated that the Board of Directors should be responsible for their own appointees and that there are ample funds available for speakers.

Dr. Walsh stated that as a former Program Chairman it was his impression that no real problem of the type referred to by Dr. Rollman-Branch existed. It was his observation that if the Program Chairman worked closely with the President of the Society, commitments for the forthcoming year could be safely made and transmission to the new administration was taken care of adequately by the mechanism of the automatic appointment of the outgoing President to the Board of Directors, which is present standard procedure.

Dr. Pollit suggested that the outgoing Program Chairman announce at the September meeting plans for the forthcoming year for approval of the Society.

Dr. Bird moved that the President appoint a committee to consider the problem of the commitment of speakers in advance by the outgoing Program Chairman. The motion was carried, 19 members for and 18 against.

- b. Dr. Harrison reported on observations made at the American Medical Association Council on Mental Health meeting. The participants at the meeting stressed the following matters: 1) The need for mental health facilities in all communities, 2) consideration of how to convey psychiatric factors to physicians, 3) the urgent need for psychoanalysts to join and participate in the activities of their local medical society.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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