

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY AND INSTITUTE

Business Meeting

Time: Thursday, November 21, 1968, 7:42 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. Atkins, President. There were 34 members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 1968, were approved as distributed.
2. Membership Committee - Dr. Abrams:

Dr. Abrams announced that Drs. Jacques Brien, Richard Migel, Ronald Mintz, and Richard Alexander were elected to Full Membership. He also announced that Dr. Albert Mason was elected to Accredited Membership.

Dr. Abrams announced that Dr. Arthur Burris had graduated from the Training School and has applied for Society membership, and this constitutes a first reading of his application.

3. Announcement of Christmas Party:

Dr. Atkins announced that the Christmas Party will be held on December 12, on a pay-as-you-go basis. He suggested that any honored guests that may be associated with the Institute would be most welcome and might be invited individually by members as their guests.

4. Executive Councilor - Dr. Rollman-Branch:

Dr. Hilda Rollman-Branch mentioned the letter from Dr. Marcovitz which had been distributed to the entire membership. She brought up the fact of the proposed increase of Councilors-At-Large to be elected by the entire American Psychoanalytic Association membership. She also discussed the problem of the Executive Councilor of our Society being limited to a single two-year term. Dr. Rollman-Branch felt that this is somewhat of a problem, since it is only after two years in this particular office that the Councilor starts to really get a feeling of what is going on in the Council of the American Psychoanalytic Association. She suggested that perhaps the Alternate Councilor be elected instead as a Councilor-elect, so that he can attend the meetings for two years on his own and then be the official representative for the next two years when he succeeds to the position of Executive Councilor. This was only a suggestion, and Dr. Rollman-Branch wished for some discussion of the issues.

Dr. Maurice Walsh brought up the fact that the American Psychoanalytic Association, which is of such great importance to the entire psychoanalytic movement, has, through its Nominating Committee, put up only one candidate

for Secretary. Dr. Walsh feels that this is a serious issue and believes that there must be more than one analyst that is available and could function in the office.

Dr. Rollman-Branch pointed out that there can be nominations from the membership through a regular procedure.

Dr. Jack Abrams pointed out that the American Psychoanalytic Association asked us all for suggestions for nominations.

There was continued discussion about the desirability of a single two-year term for the Executive Councilor, as now required by the By-Laws, or changing this rule to allow for more than one term in office.

The whole question of the increased number of Councilors-At-Large to the Council of the American was also discussed, and it was pointed out that this may give more weight to the Northeast section of the country.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Arthur Malin, M.D.
Secretary

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