

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, March 21, 1963, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dr. Sperling, President. There were thirty-two members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 14, 1963, were approved as distributed.

2. Membership Committee:

Dr. Evans reported the Committee's unanimous recommendation of favorable consideration for election to Active Membership of Robert Zaitlin, M. D., which will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

3. Announcements:

a. Action for Mental Health:

The discussion of this question will be the principal subject at the next regular Business Meeting, April 18, 1963. Dr. Futterman noted that the report of the Joint Commission, relevant abstracts thereof, and certain committee reports are available at the Institute. A committee of The American Psychoanalytic Association has evaluated the recommended program and issued a report which, while generally favorable, incorporates certain reservations regarding the psychoanalytic aspects of the program. The endorsement will be published in the forthcoming Journal of The American Psychoanalytic Association. Appropriate committees of our Society are studying the matter; and since it is felt that it would be most desirable to have a general discussion and expression of opinion by the members, a forthcoming meeting has been arranged. Dr. Sperling noted that there is additional information in the recent American Psychiatric Association Mail Pouch and emphasized the importance of our evaluating and implementing this extensive program so far as the role The American Psychoanalytic Association should play. Dr. Lawrence Friedman noted that President Kennedy's report is based on the "Action for Mental Health," which practically neglects psychoanalysis in relation to prevention and treatment of mental disorders. Further discussion was referred to the next Business Meeting, and the members are referred to the materials noted that are available in the library.

b. Psychoanalytic Dictionary:

Dr. Eidelberg has requested that members who have introduced psychoanalytic terms into the literature and common usage forward to him their definitions of these terms. For further details see posted letter.

c. Request for papers for the West Coast Psychoanalytic Societies' Meeting:

Dr. Weinshel has written, announcing the date of the combined West Coast Psychiatric and Psychoanalytic Meetings and requesting the submission of

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psychoanalytic papers. This notice is available in the Society office.

- d. A letter has been received from Dr. Stephen Fleck of Yale University regarding the recent death of a candidate, Dr. Robert Towne, and the survivor's fund which has been established for his family. Dr. Lawrence Friedman spoke of Dr. Towne and of the need in this situation, noting that contributions for this purpose, but made out to the Psychoanalytic Assistance Fund are tax deductible. For further details, see letter posted on the bulletin board.
- e. Dr. Sperling reminded the members of the request from The American Psychoanalytic Association for nominations for the forthcoming elections.

4. New Business:

Dr. Horowitz reported for the Committee on the History of the Society that the photograph album is presently being completed. After discussion with the Housing Committee, the former committee is requesting the memberships' approval to obtain more and larger pictures for hanging in the Society offices. In order to complete the project an additional \$240 is required, of which it is anticipated the Institute will provide one-half. The request for an additional appropriation of \$120 was moved by Dr. Horowitz, S/Dr. Sarlin, M/C.

5. Report of the By-Laws Committee:

Dr. Sperling noted that the need for certain changes in the Constitution and By-Laws has arisen, and such changes, having been recommended by the By-Laws Committee, although not as yet considered by the Board of Directors, are open for preliminary discussion. Dr. Ourieff discussed the recommendations which consist essentially of three changes:

- (1) Provision for a President-Elect to permit continuity and in-service training for the succeeding President. This will permit an opportunity to observe and be active in the administration and permit increased rotation of the office. As is the case with the current Vice-President, he will be a member of the Board of Directors. This change has been urged by previous Presidents and the wording has been taken from the By-Laws of The American Psychoanalytic Association.
- (2) At the suggestion of Dr. Van der Heide and others, a provision for Life Membership, similar to that of The American Psychoanalytic Association, is recommended. Such members would be Active Members without paying dues. The question was raised whether it should be automatic, honorary, time-limited, require a minimum prior membership period, etc. As the membership rules stand presently, in the event of transfer of membership, one must be a Guest Member before becoming an Active Member, so there will be automatically a period of prior membership. There is also the possibility of provision for Honorary Life Membership by action of the Board of Directors.
- (3) The provisions for Guest Membership are clarified in this recommendation.

These recommendations will be discussed further and voted upon in the next Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

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