

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

Report from the Program Committee to the Society

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The Program Committee wants to continue the very fine work of Dr. Sarlin and his Committee of last year. Specifically, we want to continue the encouragement of scientific presentations by our own members. We invite papers from all our members for consideration by the Program Committee for presentation to the Society. It is our policy that any first efforts will be accorded a hearing in the scientific sessions of the Society as long as there is available space in our program. We feel that it is particularly worthwhile to have our Society be an open forum for the beginning or first efforts in scientific creative work. A presentation, especially a first presentation, by a member always creates interest in a large segment of the Society membership; and we can further this interest by encouraging official and unofficial discussion by the many well-respected members who do have things to say but who, in the past, have not been expressing themselves at Society meetings. This situation has improved in the past year, and we hope to continue this improvement. We also feel that participation by candidates can be encouraged. The possibility of presentations by candidates is always to be hoped for and encouraged; but, in addition, to have candidates be official discussants, or even the stimulation of the candidate to be an unofficial discussant, is all to the good.

Your Program Committee will also consider some changes in the format of our Scientific Meetings. For instance, we are hoping to have at least one, and perhaps more than one, panel discussion for the coming year. We are considering the possibility of a meeting in which the paper is printed up beforehand and the entire Scientific Meeting is devoted to discussion. A weekend, out-of-town meeting is also under consideration. Co-operation with the Southern California Psychoanalytic Society in the planning of meetings is also being discussed. We plan to continue Dr. Sarlin's excellent innovations of having the papers available for purchase by the membership before the meeting and for having a brief summary of the paper in the announcement of the meeting. A new committee, starting a new year of activity, is always filled with high hopes. So it is with us. We will do our best, and we hope that we will have the co-operation of the membership. You are all invited to contact me or any member of the Committee if you would like to present to the Society or to make any suggestions that might improve the scientific aspects of our Society's activities.

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