LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

TIME: Thursday, December 18, 1958, 7:30 P.M. PLACE: 344 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Friedman. There were 41 members present.

- 1. The minutes of the meeting of November 20, 1958 were accepted as circulated.
- 2. Dr. Henry Spitzer was unanimously elected to membership in the Society.
- 3. Dr. Greenson reported as Dean of the Training School that two applicants, Dr. Morton Shane and Dr. Simon Horenstein, have been accepted; two applications have been rejected; one application has been withdrawn; and there are seven applications in process (one a reapplication). The Faculty and Pairing Off Meeting is January 29, 1959. Dr. Henry Spitzer has successfully completed Colloquium II and has graduated. The Education Committee established general policy regarding first year courses if less than three candidates are ready to begin the first course, no courses would be offered until the following fall. All pre-seminar candidates are required to take a course on "The Normal Development of the Child" prior to beginning first year seminars. "The Normal Development of the Child" series will be given by Dr. Ekstein, beginning Monday, January 5 and continuing on alternate Mondays through June 15, 1959. The Curriculum will be revised to cover a four-year period.
 - Dr. Stuart Miller of Stockbridge has been invited to give a series of three lectures on Metapsychology: Early and Intermediate, either in fall of 1959 or mid-June of 1959. Arrangements are progressing for Anna Freud's visit: there will be two formal lectures, two case presentations, an official reception, etc.
- 4. Dr. Crutcher reported for the By-Laws Committee. Dr. Friedman read a letter from the attorney to Dr. Crutcher concerning the incorporation of the By-Laws. Dr. Crutcher moved that the By-Laws as revised be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rangell and passed unanimously. Dr. Crutcher was authorized to contact the attorney and take all further steps, to complete the incorporation of the Society.
- 5. Dr. Dorn reported for the Student Loan Committee. Steps which have been tentatively worked out are as follows: (a) Moneys are to be made available to individuals who will be applying to the Institute for training. This Loan Fund is not to be confused with the Candidates Emergency Fund of the Institute. The Student Loan Fund is set up for the purpose of assisting well-qualified psychiatrists receive psychoanalytic training who are interested in pursuing post-graduate research and/or academic careers who would not otherwise be able to do so for financial reasons. The Committee feels that the moneys made available should be in the form of long-term low interest-bearing loans.

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6. Dr. Friedman reported on the action taken in regard to the income tax litigation. Since the last meeting a letter was written to Dr. Kenworthy stating that the arguments presented in the legal action in behalf of the candidates for tax deductibility of training analysis are unacceptable to the membership of our Society, and that the representatives of the Society to the Executive Council of the American Psychoanalytic have been instructed to urge the Council and membership of the American Psychoanalytic Association to reject and repudiate the arguments presented by the legal counsel to the Court and to seek by every possible legal means to withdraw the pending legal action in order prevent a legal decision based on the arguments of the legal counsel.

Dr. Friedman talked with Dr. Robbins, Secretary of the American Psychoanalytic Association expressing the views of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society. Dr. Friedman also consulted with a local attorney regarding any further action our Society might take. The attorney advised that no legal action be taken at this time.

The meeting was interrupted at 8:00 P.M. for the scientific program and then resumed at 10:15 P.M.

- 7(a) Dr. Greenson reported on the meeting of the Board on Professional Standards which discussed the matter of tax deductibility for candidates.
 - Dr. Rangell presented his report as Executive Councillor to the American Psychoanalytic Association.

Both of these reports indicated that the Board on Professional Standards and the Executive Council have decided to allow the attorneys to present the case as indicated in their briefs.

- (b) Dr. Greenson reported that the Survey Committee's interim report was essentially a statistical report and did not describe or discuss the problems that were uncovered in their findings, which will be incorporated in a book to be published in the fall. Dr. Van der Heide supplemented this report: the Fellows to the Board on Professional Standards were asked to report to the Societies and Institutes that it seems to be impossible to establish a separate board for psychoanalysis. It has to be a sub-specialty of the Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and only those who hold certificates in psychiatry or neurology would be eligible for membership. The committee which is studying this problem indicates that the standards of this board of psychoanalysis will be lower than the requirements for the American Psychoanalytic Association membership. It was urged that this matter be brought up to the Societies and Institutes for further study and recommendations.
- 8. Dr. Sperling discussed the possibility of reduction of dues from the present \$120, and recommended that the dues be reduced to \$100 per year. Dr. Sperling made a motion to this effect which was seconded by Dr. Rangell. The motion was carried.
 - A motion was made by Dr. Rosow that members of the Society add \$20 to the statement for membership dues to be used for the Psychoanalytic Assistance Fund. This should be marked as optional. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dorn and was passed.
- 9.. Dr. Friedman announced the tragic death of Dr. Hans Lampl and the severe injury of Dr. Lampl de Groot in an automobile accident. A letter was written to the President of the Dutch Psychoanalytic Society expressing our sympathy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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