LOS ANGELES INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Time: Thursday, April 9, 1964, 8:00 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the meeting of June 20, 1963 were approved as submitted.

2. Report of the Treasurer - Dr. Leonard Rosengarten:

The report was presented and is on file. In regard to the assets of the Institute, the Treasurer had noted that it is required by law that the Institute, as an educational institution, maintain total assets of at least \$50,000. The report was accepted: M/Dr. Rollman-Branch, S/Dr. L. Friedman.

3. Reports of Divisions:

a. Training School - Dr. Lawrence J. Friedman, Dean:

The report on the Training School was presented by Dr. L. Friedman and is on file. Upon M/Dr. Rosengarten, S/Dr. Van der Heide, report was accepted.

b. <u>Psychoanalytic Clinic - Dr. Henry Lihn, Director</u>:

After presenting his report, which is on file, Dr. Lihn thanked those members who had participated in the work of the Clinic, particularly in interviewing prospective patients. He then launched a discussion on the possibility of the candidates participating in the Clinic on a voluntary, rather than compulsory, basis. At the present time, some candidates, as well as members, are treating cases on a voluntary basis. Do the members feel this would be detrimental to the purpose and function of the Clinic? Dr. Rosengarten felt that the Clinic should remain as it is now, that such a change might be damaging and might encourage the analytic treatment of non-analytic patients. In reply to Dr. Harrison, Dr. Lihn noted that Clinics in other Institutes function in various ways.

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Dr. L. Friedman thought that a voluntary basis would mean the cessation of the Clinic as it is now. The rules have already been changed so that the first case need not be a Clinic case. At present, we have the lightest Clinic case requirement of any Institute other than one other. Dr. Rollman-Branch remarked that with the decrease of candidates the Clinic may become inactive in any case, and wondered if the members as a whole might consider it an honor and privilege to take on a clinic case voluntarily. Dr. Lihn reiterated that candidates presently are voluntarily. Dr. Lihn reiterated that candidates presently are voluntarily taking on cases, because of their need for such cases. It may be that such cases are easier to find through the Clinic than in private practice. A service is rendered by the Clinic even in the evaluation procedure, although the patient may not be accepted for treatment. Drs. Peterson and Malin felt that the present arrangement puts the community responsibility on the candidates rather than on the members who can more appropriately accept it. Dr. Futterman noted that the time given by the Training Analysts in supervision of Clinic cases should be taken into account and wondered what those who have taken taken into account and wondered what those who have taken Clinic cases feel about their own experience. Many other Clinics are run differently, include members, do not restrict treatment to psychoanalysis per se. The Clinic affords an opportunity for research functions. The whole matter should be explored further and discussed in more detail later. In response to several questions, Dr. Lihn replied that the fees are set depending upon many factors. Presently about 80% of the patients start at a fee of about \$5, the remainder \$5 to \$15. Dr. Gilman thought that a voluntary basis for the Clinic would improve the climate between the candidates and the patients and the candidates would still need to turn to the Clinic for cases, in any case. Dr. L. Friedman reviewed the situation briefly and felt that it had never been anyone's sides that the Climic about first than the residual for the contraction of the co idea that the Clinic should function other than primarily as a service to the community, and secondarily as a source of good cases for the candidates. He also noted that generally Clinic patients are more suitable than those seen privately. Dr. Abrams reviewed the questions that have been raised, and indicated that at the forthcoming American Psychoanalytic Association meetings, in Los Angeles, the Clinic of the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute has invited all the Institutes to discuss these Clinic matters. He suggested that we share in the sponsorship and expense of this meeting, and will recommend this to the Executive Committee for approval. Dr. Lihn noted that the Clinic has been extended to cover child analysis, but that as yet no one is available for this work. Upon the motion of Dr. Sarlin, S/Dr. Atkins, the report was accepted. Dr. Vatz asked that the members help by sending in their opinions and suggestions. If there is a substantial opinion that the Clinic is a responsibility of the membership, then the members might best prove this view by offering their services for psychoanalysis or therapy, and requested serious consideration of such participation.

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c. Extension Division - Dr. Rollman-Branch, Director:

The report which was presented is on file, and was accepted: M/Dr. Harrison, S/Dr. Abrams, M/C.

d. Research - Dr. Goldberg, Lirector:

This report included the following: There have been three research seminars presenting completed work, rather than those previously presented, which were of on-going research. In June, Dr. Call will present a follow-up on a child observed from birth. Drs. Call and Goldberg have begun to elaborate some research work on a study of differences in reactions of infants relating to early ego states. Drs. Rubin, Wonka and Pollitt have joined in this project. Dr. Van Dam is studying superego precursors involving observations with a family. The report was accepted on M/Dr. Rosengarten, S/Dr. Mott.

4. Reports of Committees:

a. <u>Housing</u> - <u>Dr. Pastron</u>, <u>Chairman</u>:

Dr. Pastron being absent, Dr. Vatz presented a brief report regarding the remodeling of the auditorium to allow for a secretary's office.

b. <u>Public Relations - Dr. Harrison, Chairman</u>:

See report which is on file. After surveying our membership, regarding their participation in various community functions, Dr. Harrison prepared a report which was forwarded to the Public Information Committee of the American, and which will be available to other Institutes and Societies for their information and suggestions. The report was accepted on the motion of Dr. Rollman-Branch, S/Dr. Brunswick.

c. By-Laws - Dr. Leavitt, Chairman:

The By-laws Committee had been directed by the Board of Trustees to present a revision directed primarily toward reconstituting the Board, so as to make the Professional Committee and the Board synonymous by discontinuing lay trustees on the Board, and establishing instead a Board of Advisors. Secondarily, revisions would be made to provide for a Faculty Committee and for certain other minor changes in wording to accomplish these purposes. Such a revision was prepared, but at the time it was presented to the Board of Trustees, the question of a joint committee with the Society to study mutual problems and various other questions relating

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 to the organizational structure of the Institute had come up, raising a question as to whether such a revision was premature and possibly inadequate. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees tabled the revision and instead directed the Director to appoint a Committee on Reorganization, which would include the members of the By-laws Committee, would also serve as the Institute's section of the joint committee, and would study the problems involved at some length, following which recommendations would be submitted for possible action.

Dr. Sarlin inquired into the issues which are involved in this by-laws revision. Dr. Vatz reviewed the current situation and the history of the Board of Trustees, indicating the redundancy of the Professional Committee and the Board in their areas of functioning. As the situation has existed, the Board of Trustees has more or less automatically passed whatever the Professional Committee has acted upon. past, there were various rationales for the participation of lay members. In the early days of the Institute, lay members had been very instrumental in the initial organization of the group; subsequently, they have served in areas of fund-raising, coordination with other fields, legal advice, etc. We should like the full participation of the members in these deliberations, and it is for this reason that the issues have been brought before this membership meeting and suggestions requested. Dr. Futterman wondered why there was such poor attendance at these membership meetings. He noted that this was the first time that an important matter, involving the Education Committee, i.e., the Clinic, had been brought up to the membership in this fashion. Regarding the Board of Trustees, he noted that it is set up at present for legal reasons and for purposes of checks and balances; any revision would alter this balance. The revision which had been tentatively presented by the By-laws Committee, then tabled, would have made a serious alteration in balance, placing still greater control in the hands of the Training Analyst members of the Board of Trustees. In reply to Dr. Rollman-Branch's inquiry, whether the trustees might still act upon this matter, Dr. Vatz replied that legally they might, but apparently it was not their intent at this time. Dr. L. Friedman remarked that the By-laws revision had been presented to the Trustees for discussion and vote but that while there was an quorum at that meeting for action on a motion it was an insufficient quorum for a By-laws revision. He reiterated that the Trustees wished to solicit the membership's opinion and that it was to this end that the Committee was created and the matter brought to this meeting. Dr. Greenson was disturbed at the way the By-laws are presently set up so that the membership does not have a direct vote; the first step in revision should be to make the vote by the membership.

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not by small Trustee groups. Dr. Brunswick reminded the members that we must view the situation in its historical perspective. The main purpose of the Institute was originally for training and, for the sake of the Training Division, certain modes were instituted so as to retain the autonomy of that division. While it may well be time for a change, the original purpose should not be misunderstood and the question of autonomy should still be a determining factor. A school function cannot appropriately be democratic in nature.

Dr. L. Friedman stated that these changes involved not merely By-laws' changes, but basic organizational ones, including the elimination of the Professional Committee, a change of categories of membership, the combination of the offices of President and Director, and so on. Under the proposed revision, the President must be a Training Analyst, so there is still less control of the Institute by the membership. He favored major changes in organization, and reminded the members of a proposal for such a change which he had previously presented. He suggested to the Committee the following guide-lines: the governing body should be the Board of Trustees with the elimination of the Professional Committee. The Training School should be independent, and governed by the Education Committee. Non-analyst lay members should be retained. Other members should be without distinction as to their training or non-training status. All Board members should be elected at large except the Dean, who should be elected by the Education Committee. The members should elect the President, Secretary and Treasurer with restrictions as to re-elective terms. The President should not be restricted to a Training Analyst. By-laws changes should be proposed by the Board of Trustees, subject to the approval of the membership. There should be procedures for orderly transfer from old to any new organizational status. and other suggestions, are included in his communication which is on file. Dr. Rollman-Branch inquired as to whether the Faculty Committee is under the Institute rather than the Education Committee. Dr. Vatz again gave the historical basis of this situation (Committee of the Institute, appointed by the Dean). Dr. Rosow noted that the question of legality of the By-laws, which has been raised previously, suggests a need for revision. In the past the membership has been relatively ill-informed regarding Institute matters, and this too reflects a need for a change. Little information has been available to the members generally, perhaps even certain deliberations of the Education Committee should be made available. Dr. L. Friedman clarified that personal matters of candidates are not discussed in the Education Committee, but training status, capabilities, and so on, do come up and require discretion. Information from Training

Analysts of their respective candidates is not admissable, and they do not participate except insofar as having a negative vote in special circumstances, such as graduation.

Dr. Sperling reviewed the status of Dr. Friedman's reorganization proposal and the development of the joint committee with the Society which has developed from that stim-In reply to Dr. Branch's question, he stated that the members of the Committee from the Society are the Board of Directors who are not averse to consideration of ideas of reorganization. Dr. L. Friedman raised a point of order, that we are discussing the organization of the Institute and not the matter of joint reorganization, to which Dr. Sperling replied that this issue had been raised by the preceding speaker, requiring clarification particularly since many of the problems are necessarily mutual. Many of the Institute's difficulties have arisen out of the need to preserve the autonomy of the Training School. This issue now needs review. Similarly the question of autonomy between Institute and Society is inevitably involved.

Dr. Ourieff reminded the members that changes in the By-laws require a two-thirds majority of the Training Analyst and of the Non-Training Analyst members of the Board. bership must show their interest in the functions and organization of the Institute to the Training Analysts and the Board generally. He accordingly moved that the membership go on record as expressing to the Board of Trustees their vital interest in the study of the reorganization of the S/Dr. Greenson. Dr. Van der Heide felt there Institute. was an implication that the Training Analyst members actually blocked changes, but that this has not been so. Dr. Brunswick reiterated that certain Training Analysts are not opposed to such changes so long as the training function remains autonomous. Dr. Mandel encouraged the membership to pass this resolution and felt that it was redundant to simply consider old issues without consideration of joint Society-Institute organization. Dr. L. Friedman underscored that it would be up to the members to bring about changes by the weight of their opinion and the maintenance of their interest and participation. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Maimon Leavitt, M.D. Secretary