

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Revised and Adopted April 19, 1951)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization is the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society. It is an affiliate society of the American Psychoanalytic Association and a branch society of the International Psycho-Analytical Association.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Society is to study, promote and advance the science, art and applications of psychoanalysis, as founded and developed by Sigmund Freud, and to disseminate knowledge thereof to the medical profession and others interested therein.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. There shall be four categories of members, namely, Honorary Members, Active Members, Accredited Members and Affiliate Members.

Section 2. Honorary membership may be extended to individuals who have rendered significant service in the field of psychoanalysis.

Section 3. Eligible for Active membership are physicians (Doctors of Medicine) who shall:

a. have completed training in psychoanalysis, in accordance with the Standards established by the American Psychoanalytic Association, or

b. have been regular or associate members in good standing of an affiliate society of the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association.

An Active member of this Society shall be licensed to practice medicine in the state in which he practices.

Section 4. Accredited membership is open to:

a. Physicians (Doctors of Medicine) who otherwise qualify for Active membership but do not have a medical license in the State in which they practice, and

b. Non-medical psychoanalysts who were accepted for training before June 1, 1938 by an Institute recognized by the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association, and whose training in psychoanalysis has conformed to the standards for the training of medical psychoanalysts.

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March 25, 1953

TO ALL MEMBERS:

Kindly make the following changes in your copy of the Constitution:

AMENDMENT 1. Honorary members who practice psychoanalysis in the State of California, shall have the right to vote.

Page 2 of the Constitution, after first paragraph, add a new paragraph - (Article III, Section 4) -

c. Non-medical psychoanalysts who do not meet the requirements of paragraph b above, whose exceptional talent and teaching abilities are deemed to make them eligible for Accredited Membership. Such individuals must be members of the teaching staff of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis.

Page 2 of the Constitution, Article III, Section 7 - add:

"except in the case of those Accredited Memberships designated under Article III, Section 4 c. In such cases, a vote by mail ballot of three-quarters majority of all those eligible to vote will be required.

Lincoln Rubman, M.D.,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Accredited membership shall be conferred only upon such individuals whose formal association with the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society is considered to be to the best interest of the Society and psychoanalysis. In all such cases election to Accredited membership shall be in recognition of exceptional contributions or experience in the field of psychoanalysis or outstanding activity as a member of the faculty of a psychoanalytic training institute recognized by the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association.

Section 5. Affiliate membership may be extended to persons of scientific standing whose interests and professional work are in a field closely associated with psychoanalysis, but who are not engaged in psychotherapeutic practice or the teaching of psychotherapy.

Section 6. Only Active and Accredited members shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

Section 7. Election to any of these categories of membership may be carried out at a business meeting as provided for in the By-Laws, shall be by closed ballot, and shall require a three-quarters majority of the members voting.

Recommendation by the Education Committee shall be required for election to Active, Accredited and Affiliate membership.

Active and Accredited membership in this Society precludes membership in any other affiliate Society of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

Section 8. The adoption of this revised Constitution shall not in any way retroactively alter the membership status of the present members of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society.

ARTICLE IV Officers

The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Councilor (the Society representative on the Executive Council of the American Psychoanalytic Association). They shall be elected by a majority vote in the Annual Business Meeting and shall serve for a term of one year, except the Councilor, who shall serve for a term of two years.

ARTICLE V Meetings

Meetings of this Society shall be held monthly in such a manner that there will be not less than seven scientific meetings in one calendar year. The Annual Business Meeting shall be held in June and notice of this Meeting shall be mailed to the members not less than ten days in advance.

ARTICLE VI The Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis

The Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society recognizes the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis as its training organization which, in addition, may operate a psychoanalytic clinic, sponsor the development of psychoanalytic research and establish such extension divisions as may promote the application of psychoanalysis to related fields.

One year after their election to membership in the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society, all Active and Accredited members shall be recommended by the Secretary of the Society to the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis for membership therein.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in writing by not less than one-fifth of the members entitled to vote, at any business meeting of the Society. The adoption of a proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote at the next business meeting, notice of which shall be mailed to the members not less than twenty days prior to the date of the meeting and shall state the text of the proposed amendment. Adoption of an amendment to this Constitution shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII Rules of Order

In all matters of business for which no provision is made in the Constitution and By-Laws, this Society shall follow Robert's Rules of Order as periodically revised.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Business Meetings

Section 1. The presence of one-third of the members entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Honorary, Active and Accredited members shall be entitled to attend business meetings.

Section 3. The President may call special business meetings whenever he deems necessary, or upon written petition of at least one-fifth of the membership entitled to vote.

Section 4. Notice of all business meetings shall be mailed at least seven days in advance, except in the case of the Annual Business Meeting and of business meetings at which amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws are to be voted upon, as provided for in Article V and Article VII of the Constitution and Article VII of these By-Laws. The notice of any business meeting shall include the agenda of all important business to be transacted.

Section 5. Voting for election to membership and to office shall be by secret ballot.

Section 6. The President may on any other occasion in his judgment, or upon request of two members, call for a secret ballot. Action on ordinary business shall require a simple majority vote.

Section 7. A member who is unable to attend a meeting may give his or her proxy in writing to another member who is entitled to vote; such proxy to be valid shall not antedate the day of notification of the meeting, and shall be valid for only the announced agenda of the meeting or any designated part thereof.

ARTICLE II Election and Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President may appoint a Nominating Committee who shall poll the membership for their wishes and make nominations at the Annual Meeting. In addition, further nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, properly seconded.

Section 2. Vacancies in any office may be filled by election at any business meeting provided that notice of such election has been included in the agenda.

Section 3. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society. He shall preside when present at all meetings of the Society, shall appoint all committees except the Education Committee and shall, in general, perform such duties as are customary for presiding officers and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Education Committee.

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society, certify official records, maintain a list of names and addresses of all members and issue due notice of meetings to members. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Society. He shall have charge of all funds, collect dues, and pay expenses of the Society.

The Councilor shall be the representative of the Society on the Executive Council of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

ARTICLE III Committees

Section 1. The standing committees shall be the Program Committee and the Education Committee. In addition the President may appoint such other committees as he deems necessary.

Section 2. The Education Committee shall consist of seven voting members of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society, who are training analysts. This Education Committee of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society shall be identical with the Education Committee of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis which is elected according to the By-Laws of that Institute.

ARTICLE IV Fiscal Matters

Section 1. Annual dues to this Society shall be as follows:

Honorary Members -	No Dues
Active Members -	\$25.00
Accredited Members -	\$25.00
Affiliate Members -	\$10.00

Dues for each calendar year shall be payable in January of that year.

Section 2. The fiscal year shall run from the Annual Business Meeting of one year to the Annual Business Meeting of the next year.

Section 3. Proposed expenditures of over \$50.00 shall be submitted to the Society for approval.

ARTICLE V Admission to Membership

Section 1. Candidates of the Los Angeles Institute for Psychoanalysis, upon satisfactory completion of their training, shall after receiving authorization by the Education Committee, present at a meeting of the Society an original clinical paper to be known as the Candidate's Thesis. The Education Committee shall thereupon review his qualifications and if these are approved, recommend him to the Society for membership.

Upon receiving the candidate's application for membership, the Secretary shall announce this at the next business meeting of the Society, at which time the recommendation by the Education Committee shall be heard. The election to membership shall then take place at the next subsequent business meeting of the Society.

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Section 2. An Active, Regular or Associate member of another affiliate society of the American or International Psycho-Analytical Association who wishes to transfer to appropriate membership in this Society, shall make application to the Secretary of the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society, and submit a letter from the Secretary of the other affiliate society which states that the applicant is a member in good standing. He shall also forward to the Chairman of the Education Committee full information about his training and background in psychoanalysis. The Education Committee shall obtain such reports or other information as it may deem necessary. It will then make its recommendation to the Society at the same business meeting at which the Secretary announces the application for transfer. The election shall then be carried out at the next subsequent business meeting.

Election by transfer shall not be valid until the transferee's resignation from his former society has been confirmed.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline

Section 1. In the event of known violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society by a member, or in case of information or belief to the effect that the member has engaged in activity prejudicial to the best interests of the Society or of psychoanalysis, charges may be preferred by any two voting members in good standing of this Society; provided, however, that these charges and the supporting evidence, in affidavit form, shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall announce at the next regular meeting that charges have been made, without giving further details.

A committee consisting of the Education Committee and the officers of the Society shall thoroughly investigate the charges and evidence and shall report its recommendations to the Society. Such report and recommendation may be that the charges were found to be without basis and dismissed (in which case the charges themselves need not be given), or the recommendation may be for warning, censure, suspension or expulsion.

Section 2. Any member so accused shall be given the opportunity to be heard in person both by the investigating committee and by the Society before final action is taken.

Section 3. No attorney employed by the accused member, by the investigating committee, or by any member of the Society shall be permitted to be present at any of the meetings at which the charges against the member are heard or discussed.

Section 4. A three-fourths majority vote of the voting members shall be required to carry out the recommendation of the investigating committee. In case of failure of such recommendation to be carried, the Society shall decide what further action shall be taken.

Section 5. Any ruling of the Executive Council or the Board on Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association affecting a member's status in the American Psychoanalytic Association shall also apply to that member's status in this Society.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed in writing by not less than three members entitled to vote at any business meeting of the Society. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote at the next business meeting, notice of which shall be mailed to the members not less than ten days prior to the meeting and shall state the text of the proposed amendment. Adoption of an amendment to these By-Laws shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members voting.