

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY

BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, January 16, 1964, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Sperling, President. There were thirty-six members present.

1. The following corrections were added to the minutes of the meeting of December 19, 1963, by Dr. Lawrence J. Friedman: 7.d: "Dr. Lawrence J. Friedman reported from the Board on Professional Standards regarding its study of the Pittsburgh Institute and in general of university-affiliated institutes. Dr. Friedman was much impressed with some of the institutes" 7.d., second paragraph, substitute the following two sentences for the original first sentence: "Dr. Friedman also reported briefly on the activities of the Committee on Institutes, one of the functions being routine and regular periodic visits to all Institutes. He also stated it is planned that the Los Angeles Institute will be visited during the week prior to the Annual Meeting in May." 7.e., last sentence: "He also stated that the Chairman of the Child-Analysis Committee has been invited to regularly attend the meetings of the Education Committee, since there is no training analyst on the Committee on Child Analysis."

Dr. Samuel J. Sperling made the following correction: 8.a., second paragraph, first sentence: ". . . . if a minority of more than one-third of the training-analyst members of the Board of Trustees"

Dr. Abrams moved that the minutes with these changes be accepted, s/Dr. Walsh, m/c.

2. Ladies' Auxiliary Ad-Hoc Committee - Dr. Pastron:

This Committee (Drs. Pastron, Chairman; Barnard; and Casady) has recommended that a women's auxiliary be formed and run by its own membership. The Committee would explore the interest of the wives in such an organization, which, it is felt, could function in the areas of community mental health, fund raising, and social activities. Dr. Pastron reviewed the advantages that could accrue in these areas and also some of the objections which have been raised. The Committee recommends the appointment of a Society member as co-ordinator to work with the auxiliary if and when it is formed.

Dr. Ourieff questioned whether the wives have indicated an interest. Dr. Pastron replied that interest has been expressed informally, Dr. Sperling adding that in the past interest has been discouraged. Dr. Sperling commented further that the relation of such an auxiliary to the Society would need to be further explored. Dr. Furniss objected, stating that if the only reasons for its creation are those noted, there are already sufficient opportunities and activities in each of these spheres. Dr. Futterman moved that the Society go on record favoring the development of a women's auxiliary, s/Dr. Ekstein, m/c. Dr. Sperling will appoint a committee to undertake such action.

3. By-Laws Committee - Dr. Ourieff:

Dr. Ourieff brought up for additional discussion the two issues presented at the previous meeting relating to quorum and dues delinquency. Dr. Horowitz again noted that efforts should be directed to increasing attendance; for example, the scheduling of Business Meetings of sufficient length to allow adequate discussion and also raised the question of whether the voting privileges of non-attenders should be revoked. Dr. Ourieff replied that when meetings are called specifically for business purposes, these are the most poorly attended. Dr. Bird was against changing the quorum and suggested calling off a meeting when there is insufficient attendance. Dr. Sperling noted the need for quorum changes, since business may not be accomplished if a quorum call is made and there is not sufficient attendance at the time; but Dr. Ourieff stated that the By-Laws specifically state that if there is a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, all business may be transacted. Further discussion was postponed.

4. Announcements:

Dr. Barnard announced that a new Director of the State Mental Hygiene Department has been appointed and suggested we send a letter of welcome and encouragement, which was so directed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Secretary

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