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LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY AND INSTITUTE
Meeting of the Co-ordinating Council

Time: Thursday, October 10, 1968, 8 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Dr. Vatz, Director of Education. Present were Drs. Bail, Mandel, Ourieff, Rosengarten, Walsh, and Dr. Rollman-Branch as a guest.

1. The minutes of the meeting of September 12, 1968, were approved as distributed. After some discussion of point 4.a. in those minutes the following motion was made:

Motion: m/Dr. Bail, m/c, that the Certification Council will meet every January (instead of every June).

2. Correspondence from Dr. Rollman-Branch:

At the September 12 Co-ordinating Council meeting Dr. Vatz announced that he had asked Dr. Rangell to attend the Pre-Congress Study Group on Supervision as a delegate and that he (Dr. Vatz) would like to serve as the other delegate. Discussion followed concerning the method of appointment, and it was voted to continue this discussion at the October 10 meeting. In the meantime Dr. Rollman-Branch sent a letter to Dr. Vatz concerning this matter, and in addition Dr. Rollman-Branch enclosed copies of correspondence she had had with Dr. Solnit, chairman of the Study Group on Supervision. (This correspondence has been mailed to all members of the Co-ordinating Council and is also on file.)

The discussion was continued, and the following motions were made:

Motion: m/Dr. Walsh, s/Dr. Rosengarten, m/c, that in the future all supervising instructors or analyzing instructors (depending on the nature of the study group) will be asked whether or not they are going to the Pre-Congress of the International Psychoanalytic Association and whether or not they wish to attend.

Motion: m/Dr. Walsh, s/Dr. Rosengarten, m/c, that the names of Drs. Vatz and Rangell, as supervising instructors be approved to attend the Pre-Congress in 1969. Dr. Mandel voted against this motion.

3. Letter from Dr. Futterman:

Dr. Futterman's letter of September 24, 1968, has been distributed to the members of the Co-ordinating Council and is on file.

A letter will be written to Dr. Futterman stating that the Council regrets Dr. Futterman's decision to resign from the Special Projects Committee and hopes that he will reconsider and remain on the Committee.

Dr. Vatz reported on a meeting that he had held with Drs. Atkins and Ekstein on Sunday, October 6, 1968: Dr. Vatz informed Dr. Ekstein that Dr. Ekstein's committee was not formed in order to set up education in San Diego, but rather to study the feasibility of working to this end with the Southern California Institute. Dr. Vatz explained to Dr. Ekstein that any plan for education in San Diego in conjunction with the Southern California Institute had (because of the new By-Laws) to be presented to the faculty for approval before the plan could be implemented. In addition Dr. Vatz reported to Dr. Ekstein the point of view of the American in regard to this matter as expressed by Dr. Arlow: 1) Dr. Orr is the only training analyst in San Diego; the other institute does not have a training analyst in that area. 2) Both institutes should supervise education in San Diego. 3) San Diego has no right to do any training. 4) Dr. Orr was informed by the American that he cannot set up a training school at this time. The American wants the Society/Institute jointly with the Southern California Institute to send instructors to San Diego to give lectures and papers.

Dr. Ekstein stated that had that been made clear to him in the beginning, he probably would not have accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee; however, he likes the work he has been doing, and would like to continue if it proves possible.

Dr. Ekstein wrote in a letter to Dr. Vatz, dated October 7, 1968:

"This is to follow up a letter that I sent to you on July 22nd of this year as well as your own letter to me of September 18th; and also today's conversation with you and Dr. Atkins.

"During this informal conference, we had occasion to review all the different activities, the existing correspondence and minutes of meetings concerning the feasibility of a joint committee of our own Institute and the Southern California Institute, which is to meet the task of developing a training facility in the San Diego area.

"In order to facilitate the decision-making process within the Coordinating Committee and the faculty of our Institute, I wish to submit some general recommendations which grow out of my experience since March 12th of this year when I was invited to chair a committee concerning this program.

"My experience with Dr. Gabe and his colleagues, as well as with the collaborators in my own group, was of a kind that gave me, I believe, realistic convictions that such a joint effort is absolutely feasible, and that it is desirable, both from the point of view of the development in the San Diego area and the experience that it will give all of us in this community, and the opportunity it will give us in the collaborative effort.

"I therefore recommend that this project be fully adopted, and that you clarify the ground rules, the basic mandate that the chairman and the committee members of our group will receive. It seems to me that these rules should be flexible, that they should be based on the idea that this is an ad hoc committee, rather than a standing committee. I feel that these rules and the mandate should be constructed for the specific purpose of allowing training in that area to develop, and

"therefore need the philosophy of flexible, authoritative continuity in an enterprise, the long range purpose of which is, of course, a new and independent institute, after a transition phase for which both of our institutes must be responsible as they participate in a well-defined but spontaneous and flexible process.

"I have enjoyed the contact with the colleagues in the other institute, and I am glad to continue helping in any way that is feasible for me.

"If you adopt this proposal, I think it would immensely help if clear and written instructions will be offered. These instructions should include not only the delegation of authority but also define the administrative link of this committee and its chairman to the respective committee or person in our total training organization in order to permit a smooth and efficient transaction of work which would cut down on the communication problems that one always has and increase the possibility of success. I then respectfully ask you to submit this proposal to the respective governing bodies of our Institute."

Motion: m/Dr. Walsh, s/Dr. Rosengarten, m/c, that Dr. Mandel, Chairman of the Special Projects Committee, work out the ground rules for the relationship with the Southern California Institute in regard to the development of education in San Diego.

Dr. Mandel will report back to the Co-ordinating Council.

4. Seminar in Regard to Problems of Analyzing Candidates:

A number of newly appointed Analyzing Instructors had requested that Dr. Vatz set up a seminar in regard to the problems of analyzing candidates. Dr. Vatz reported that Drs. Friedman, Greenson, and Ekstein were willing to present such a seminar. It was decided to start with two presentations; the seminar can be expanded if it is so desired. Dr. Bail will make arrangements for these seminars.

5. Letters from Drs. Bronstein and Grotstein:

Both Drs. Bronstein and Grotstein have appealed to the Co-ordinating Council, in accordance with the by-laws, decisions by the faculty committee that neither are eligible to become senior faculty members until the spring of 1970. Action on these appeals was deferred until the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Council since no member of the Faculty Committee was present.

A note will be sent to the Faculty Committee stating that if the Chairman of the Committee cannot be present for a meeting of the Co-ordinating Council, another member of the Committee should be delegated to attend.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Curriculum Committee - Dr. Ourieff:

Dr. Ourieff stated that he had been approached by Dr. Sperling regarding a course on the philosophy of science, and Dr. Ourieff recommends this idea. The course would have to be taught by someone not on the faculty of the Society/Institute, and this Instructor would have to be paid. It was decided that Dr. Ourieff will determine if funds are available from the Society/Institute treasury or from the Mahon bequest.

b. Special Projects Committee - Dr. Mandel:

Since the Special Projects Committee has been charged by the Co-ordinating Council to gather impressions regarding the functioning of the new organization and since the Committee is also responsible for the bulletin of the Training School, Dr. Mandel wants to attend meetings of the various faculty committees. Dr. Mandel requested all faculty committee chairmen to inform him of the dates of their meetings.

c. Candidates Evaluation Committee - Dr. Walsh:

Dr. Walsh reported that the Child-Analysis Committee wished to graduate Dr. Thomas Mintz even though he does not have all the necessary hours of supervision. This will be taken up at the next meeting of the Co-ordinating Council.

7. New Business:

Dr. Vatz announced that the minutes of the workshop of the Committee on Institutes: "Principles and Practice of Student Progression" will be circularized to the members of the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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