

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY  
BUSINESS MEETING

Time: Thursday, December 17, 1964, 7:30 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Rangell, President. There were forty-nine members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 1964, were approved with the following correction by Dr. Sperling of the abbreviated remarks concerning his discussion on page 3:
  - a. The President is responsible for the conduct and administration of the Society and therefore should be the authority for his own appointees. He therefore opposed the suggestion of overlapping the Chairman of the Program Committee in the following administration.
  - b. The claim of the need for continuity of program policy is not a serious one since there is some continuity of membership of the Board of Directors in actual functioning.
  - c. He did not claim ample funds were available for the Program Committee, which, incidentally, he does not believe, but that in the specific case cited by Dr. Rollman-Branch of Dr. Winnicott, he, as President, then stated that she need not feel limited in her budget by the great financial commitment that was made prior to her appointment and therefore this was not in practice a restrictive factor.
2. Membership Committee - Dr. Leavitt:

Dr. Phillip E. Pennington was elected to Active Membership in the Society.
3. Report of the Treasurer - Dr. Atkins:

Dr. Atkins reviewed the financial status of the Society. He announced that a large deficit exists and the entire financial structure of the organization is being reviewed. He also stated that the Board of Directors has asked the President to appoint a Finance and Budget Committee to review the entire fiscal situation of the Society and the financial relationship of the Society to the Institute and to come up with recommendations. The establishment of such a Committee was unanimously agreed upon by the Society.
4. Lawsuit - Dr. Leavitt:

Dr. Leavitt informed the membership that a lawsuit had been brought against the Society and that in all likelihood this was largely a nuisance matter, costs of \$300 had already been incurred and that according to our lawyers as much as \$2000 expenditure might be anticipated.
5. Progress Report from Chairman of the Program Committee - Dr. Sarlin:
  - a. Dr. Sarlin announced that with the exception of Dr. David Beres, who will present a paper at the January meeting; Dr. John Benjamin, who will speak in February; and



Dr. Herbert Rosenfeld, who will speak in April; all other presentations of papers this year will be made by local members. For the fall there is the possibility of a talk by Dr. Anita Bell.

- b. Dr. Sarlin stated that the procedure for selecting papers for presentation is as follows: three members of the Committee read the paper; and if it is approved by two members, it is accepted. Visitors are not required to send papers in advance. Summaries of papers are prepared with the author's approval and published with the announcement and copies of the paper are made available for members.
- c. Dr. Sarlin described a meeting attended by himself and the Chairmen of the Committees on Arrangements and of Postgraduate Education of the Society as well as the Directors of the Institute's Research and Extension Divisions, at which the lines of division between these various arms were clarified. It was also recommended that the Society and Institute consider the possibility of having a psychoanalytic lectureship in residence.
- d. Dr. Sarlin suggested that the Society consider a special meeting to hear Dr. Leo Rangell's paper written in honor of Dr. Heinz Hartmann's 70th birthday.
- e. Dr. Sarlin reported on the meeting of Program Chairmen in New York, Chaired by Dr. Leo Rangell, under the auspices of the Committee on Postgraduate Development of the American Psychoanalytic Association. Among the topics mentioned were the following: a need for meetings of smaller scientific groups, perhaps with an optimum of about twelve members; a wish for fewer formal papers by visiting dignitaries; the problem of discussants; and Dr. Kohut's letter stressing the need for greater activity among analysts in furthering the scientific aspects of our work.

• Reports from the American Psychoanalytic Association:

a. Report of the Executive Councilor - Dr. Futterman:

- 1) Dr. Futterman stated that the report of the Secretary of the Board on Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association shows that 35 members were elected, three deferred, one not accepted. Dr. Arthur Ourieff of our Society was accepted for membership in the American.

Ten research candidates are in training, four of whom have permission to undertake supervisory therapy.

- 2) The Scientific Forum on Psychoanalytic Child Psychology was defeated.
- 3) The Executive Council repealed its action of May, 1964, regarding a vote on a Special Category of Membership and the issue will not be placed before the membership at this time. A new Ad Hoc Committee will be appointed.
- 4) Dr. Futterman announced the election of officers of the American Psychoanalytic Association: President-Elect--Dr. Leo Rangell, Secretary--Dr. Herbert Waldhorn, Treasurer--Dr. Morris Brody, Councilor-at-Large--Dr. David Kairys.
- 5) Additional material may be read in Dr. Futterman's report which is on file in the Society office.

- b. Dr. Rangell explained the background of the action taken with regard to the Bond Committee on Special Membership. The mail ballot was rescinded because it was felt



by the Executive Council that the mandate of the Committee had not been properly met since rather than a Special Category of Membership, its recommendation had been for a new type of Active Membership. A new Committee will be appointed to consider again the problem of membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association for certain training analysts who are not M. D.'s.

c. Report of the Alternate Councilor - Dr. Sperling:

- 1) Dr. Sperling noted the improved communication between the Societies and the American Psychoanalytic Association. He reported that dissatisfaction with programs and meetings in local societies was quite commonly expressed.
- 2) Dr. Sperling reported on his meeting with the Committee on Indexing and Classification which is engaged in an indexing of psychoanalytic publications more extensive than that of Dr. Grinstein; the latter has not been found adequate for research. Dr. Mark Kanzer is Chairman of this Committee.

d. Dr. Rangell named those members of our Society who had participated in various aspects of the scientific program at the Mid-Winter meeting.

7. Announcements:

- a. Dr. Sperling announced that, under the auspices of the Committee on Postgraduate Education, Dr. Beres would present a seminar on Saturday morning, January 23, 10- to 12 a.m., on the subject of the superego.
- b. Dr. Rangell discussed the matter of Business Meetings and announced that in the future some meetings will last one hour instead of one-half hour when indicated.
- c. Dr. Mandel announced the Christmas party to be held December 18 at the Reiss-Davis Clinic.

8. New Business:

- a. Dr. Jack Lomas informed the membership of the dangerous attacks on the Short-Doyle program, even proceeding from within the County Medical Association Ad Hoc Committee. He asked for support for the Short-Doyle program in the form of letters to the President of the County Medical Association.

Dr. Atkins suggested that the Councilor from this district, Dr. Maxwell Andler, be contacted by individual members.

Dr. Leavitt moved that the Society reaffirm its support of the Short-Doyle Act, S/Dr. Futterman, M/C.

- b. Dr. Greenson suggested that members who sympathized with the University of California students in their protest against limitation of free speech communicate with the Chancellor's office, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Maurice N. Walsh, M. D.  
Secretary

