

LOS ANGELES PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY AND INSTITUTE
Business Meeting

Time: Thursday, April 18, 1968, 7:35 p.m.

Place: 344 North Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dr. Leavitt, President, There were 26 members present.

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 1968, were approved as distributed.

2. Membership Committee - Dr. Abrams:

Dr. Abrams announced that Dr. Leon Wallace had been elected to Active Membership and that Dr. King Mendelsohn had graduated from the Training School and has been recommended for Active Membership by the Membership Committee.

3. Election Committee - Dr. Abrams:

Dr. Abrams urged petitioners to submit their petitions for office. Dr. Leavitt reviewed the petition procedure. He stressed the change in philosophy of this organization; i.e., that individuals interested in running for office should take the initiative in their own behalf and let it be known through petitions.

4. Executive Councilor - Dr. Rollman-Branch:

Dr. Rollman-Branch made it known that the Councilors always work under the pressure of lack of information: from The American regarding issues to be discussed and from the Society/Institute members regarding their points of view.

Dr. L. Friedman raised the question, to be taken up at the Council meeting, of the number of national meetings for our Councilor. He reviewed the history of the growth from one meeting per year to two. This involved primarily the raise in administrative needs, and their encroachment on scientific sessions, rather than in the amount of scientific activity.

Motion: m/Dr. L. Friedman, s/Dr. Brunswick, that either The American have one meeting per year or one meeting be restricted to scientific sessions. After some discussion and agreement from the Executive Councilor that the administrative aspects, in her opinion, could be satisfied on a yearly basis, the motion was passed.

5. Annual Meeting:

Dr. Leavitt announced that the Annual Meeting will be held on June 20, 1968, at the Bel-Air Hotel, the Mulholland Club, or in a similar place. Dinner will be paid for by the Society/Institute but drinks will not. Dr. Leavitt requested the names of non-members who might be invited as Honored Guests. Mr. Lippet and Dr. Reynolds had been suggested by the Board.

6. New Business:

Dr. Harrison read a position statement regarding psychoanalysis and the community mental-health movement which he planned to submit to the Committee on Social Problems of The American (it is on file). It raised considerable debate. Dr. Horowitz was concerned with the general nature of the statements, particularly the participation of the Society/Institute as an organization instead of analysts participating as individuals. Drs. Stoller, Atkins, Tausend, and L. Friedman spoke about the historic tradition of the psychoanalyst and community affairs as well as the controversy this tradition aroused. Dr. Walsh felt the position statement was too broad and suggested that it be restricted to selected issues in community affairs authorized by the membership. The position statement was approved when it was pointed out that it was not binding but would serve only as an indication to the appropriate committee of The American that, in principle, the Society/Institute approves of The American's studying ways in which psychoanalysis can function in this area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

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Secretary