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## BUSINESS MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 1984

President Don Hiers called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Larsen presented the financial report to the membership present. Transactions for the period January 1, 1984 to November 5, 1984 (summarized):

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| Cash on Hand, 12-31-83        | \$ 4,900.88       |
| Money Market Checking Account | 3,570.96          |
| Receipts since 1-1-84         | 15,185.15         |
| Disbursements since 1-1-84    | <u>-11,982.95</u> |
|                               |                   |
| Cash on Hand, 11-5-84         |                   |
| Regular Checking Account      | 303.71            |
| Money Market Checking Account | <u>11,370.33</u>  |
| Total Cash on Hand 11-5-84    | \$11,674.04*      |

\*Additional TPA assets include a \$15,000.00 Certificate of Deposit purchased in the name of the Tennessee Psychological Association on 7-2-84. This CD pays 10.5% interest compounded daily.

LaVeta Ligon from Johnson City, Tennessee, representing the Board of Examiners in Psychology reported that the Board has recently moved from the Ben Allen State Office Building to a new location. Dr. Oakley Ray is currently functioning as Chair of the Board. Two new Board members will be appointed; the TPA Executive Board has submitted the names of five candidates for one position and is now in the process of submitting five additional names for consideration. The Board will be moving to a step-wise procedure for the oral examination in order to reduce the redundancy of administration (an estimated 25% of all previous oral exams were given to applicants who did not have the proper requirements or who had failed the written exam). In the future, credentials will first be reviewed for eligibility and then compared to the candidate's written exam score to determine suitability for continuing with the oral examination.

Ted May proposed that TPA send a statement of appreciation to the family of Dr. Bob Cannon in recognition of his contributions to the Board of Examiners and Tennessee psychologists.

President-Elect Wayne Richard announced the previously undisclosed results of the recent election. New officers elected to take office in January, 1985:

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The TPA Board met on November 10, 1984 and the minutes from the May 1984 meeting were approved as follows:

President Don Hiers called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with the following persons present: Wayne Richard, President-Elect; Norman Stephenson, Vice-President - Middle Tennessee; Suzanne Larsen, Secretary-Treasurer; Connie Paul, Tennessee Psychologist editor; John Larsen, Membership Chair; Eric Theiner, Legislative Co-Chair; Gloria Waterhouse, Executive Officer; Martin Polonsky, Ethics Chair; Randy Dupont, Insurance Chair; Marvin White, Continuing Education Chair; Steve Savage, Public Relations Chair; George Nagle, Convention Program Chair; Jerry Matthews, Continuing Education Co-Chair; Evelyn Frye and Leonard M. Miller, Professional Standards Co-Chairs; Peter Watrous, Insurance Committee; Ann McIntyre, Board of Examiners in Psychology.

Minutes of the TPA Executive Board Meeting on January 14, 1984 were adopted as read.

Secretary-Treasurer Suzanne Larsen presented the financial report to the Board. Transactions for the period December 31, 1983 to May 17, 1984 (summarized):

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| Cash on hand, 12-31-83                                      | \$ 4,900.88          |
| Funds transferred from Merrill Lynch Ready Asset Trust Fund | 18,570.96            |
| Receipts since 1-1-84                                       | 11,745.01            |
| Disbursements since 1-1-84                                  | <u>- 4,301.17</u>    |
| Cash on hand, 5-17-84                                       | <u>\$ 30,915.68*</u> |
| *Cash in checking account                                   | 1,780.49             |
| Cash in money market checking                               | 29,135.19            |

Ann McIntyre representing the Board of Examiners in Psychology, reported on the proposed areas of change in the existing Rules and Regulations. Substantive changes will be made regarding license eligibility for applicants without specific programmatic direction. Additional changes will be made to improve clarity and readability. The Board will be moving to a step-wise procedure for the oral examinations in order to reduce the redundancy of administration (an estimated 25% of all previous oral exams were given to applicants who did not have the proper requirements or who had failed the written exam). In the future, credentials will first be reviewed for eligibility and then compared to the candidate's written exam score to determine suitability for continuing with the oral examination.

Nominating procedures/priorities for the Board of Examiners' vacant slots were discussed. It was seen as desirable to have a member of the Board of Examiners present at all TPA board meetings.

Ethics Chair, Martin Polonsky, reported that significant effort continues to be devoted to several major ongoing cases in the Memphis, Upper East Tennessee and Knoxville areas. The primary area of concern consists of persons practicing beyond their designated area of competency. Wayne Richard proposed a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously that TPA make a strong recommendation to the Board of Examiners that a

Randolph Dupont, Insurance Chair, discussed the development of this new committee. He has planned a series of regional committee meetings in order to further the current goals. Specifically, to address the concerns of members regarding third-party payment and related issues; more generally, to provide a unifying focus for issues concerning applied psychologists. In addition to reimbursement issues, state and federal intervention, hospital privileges for psychologists, general health insurance for TPA members, a TPA-initiated program of mental health insurance coverage, and informational/public relations agendas were discussed as possible priorities. Suzanne Larsen proposed that TPA provide financial support to this committee in its efforts. This recommendation regarding funds for regional meetings passed unanimously.

Connie Paul asked the members of the Board for input regarding fee for advertisement in the Tennessee Psychologist. In response to numerous recent requests, board members were asked to evaluate the feasibility and appropriateness of such a strategy. Paul agreed to look into the practices of other state associations in this regard.

The meeting adjourned with the next regular board meeting scheduled for the TPA convention in November.

Gloria Waterhouse, Ph.D.  
TPA Executive Officer

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Professional Standards Committee has held its meetings conjointly with the Insurance Committee throughout 1984. The Professional Standards Committee and the Insurance Committee unanimously recommend that the Tennessee Psychological Association amend its bylaws so that these two committees can be merged into one committee which shall be called the Professional Affairs Committee. Because the scope of the committee is so large, we recommend a) one chair and two vice-chairs to coordinate the committee. The two vice-chairs shall come from the two areas of the state not represented by the chair, or b) two co-chairs.

It is the consensus of the Professional Standards and Insurance Committees that a peer review proposal be developed for psychological practice within the state and that it be proceeded by the establishment of guidelines regarding professional standards. To facilitate the development of such guidelines the Professional Standards and Insurance Committees have decided to undertake the development of this series of position papers which shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- 1) Quality of psychological practice.
- 2) Continuing education.
- 3) Models from other states and organizations.
- 4) Public advertising of skills and practices.
- 5) Public policy and law regarding professional standards.
- 6) Methods to enhance public access to information regarding standards.
- 7) Graduate training and education.
- 8) Post-graduate training and education.
- 9) Areas of specialization.
- 10) Licensing requirements.

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The interpretation I made as a result of talking to Attorney General Patricia Newton led me to conclude that privileged communication is valid until a judge "revokes" it in given situations. As a result, I intend to in the future record in my running notes the date I see the patient and probably nothing else. Naturally this interferes with the continuing flow of information which I shall be able to recall from one patient session to the next scheduled patient session. That is, I intend to insure psychologist-patient confidentiality by not recording it on paper in the patient's chart.

I was significantly surprised as a result of the courtroom judge's decision, as I had always told my patients that what was told to me would be held in the strictest confidence. I now realize that through procedures beyond my control, I am not able to continue complying with such a promise. I am happy to relate this information to the rest of the psychologists in the state of Tennessee so they might assimilate such facts for their own potential modification of procedures in the psychologist-patient relationship.

--Donald G. Hiers, Ph.D.

## **APA GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT ELECTIONS**

The election committee of APA comprised of Max Siegel, Chair, William Bovan, and John Conger has submitted the following revised guidelines for the conduct of President-Elect elections. Please note that the guidelines now apply to the nomination process for President-Elect.

### **A. Preamble.**

It is the intent of these Guidelines to keep the amount of campaigning and election-eering for the office of President-elect within reasonable limits, and to assist in the maintenance of a spirit of collegiality and essential fairness in such elections.

1. Eligibility and appropriateness of members of the Board of Directors to stand for the APA Presidency. The Board of Directors represents all segments of APA, and since the Board is a representative body, it is only reasonable to expect that one or more members of the Board may be nominated at any particular time. Members of the Board of Directors are eligible to stand for and accept nominations for the APA Presidency.

2. Eligibility and appropriateness of standing for the APA Presidency while standing for another APA office. Individuals serving in the APA presidency cycle shall not hold offices within the Association other than the ex officio positions which accompany that office. Therefore, (a) candidates for the Presidency of the Association shall be restricted from running for any other elective office, such as divisional offices, within the Association while they are candidates for the Presidency, and (b) a person elected to the APA Presidency shall, during the term of President-elect, President, and Past President, be restricted from holding any other office in the Association that is not an ex officio extension of the Presidential office.

3. Length of the statement on the issues facing psychology. The Statement on Issues shall not exceed 2,500 words. The Past President, as chair of the Election Committee, is responsible for enforcing that limit.

4. Appropriateness of a member of the Board of Directors endorsing a particular nominee. Since the Board of Directors is the executive committee of the Association as a whole, it should be viewed as being nonpartisan, and as a matter of protocol Board members should not endorse nominees for the office of President-elect.

d. While it is permissible, as noted above, for an established group to call the attention of its members to a particular candidate or candidates through established mechanisms, it is not appropriate for the group also to distribute this material to other groups or members of other groups, except to its usual mailing list.

D. Procedures for Investigating Possible Irregularities.

1. In the event of allegations or charges of violation of the Guidelines, the Election Committee will conduct an appropriate inquiry.

2. Following such inquiry the Election Committee will report its findings to the Board of Directors with appropriate recommendations.

E. Other Elections in APA.

The American Psychological Association encourages APA Divisions, State Associations, and other groups involved in elections to accept these Guidelines as a model for their own election practices.

--July 27, 1984

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILES

Dr. Philip Kronk serves as the Coordinator, Children and Youth Services, Helen Ross McNabb Center, Knoxville. He received his degree in 1978 and is licensed in Tennessee. His fields of interest are clinical psychology, psychotherapy, and neuropsychology. He was the founder and director of the McNabb Center's Hyperactivity Screening Clinic and the Creative, Gifted Children's Program.

Dr. Alice Christensen is with the Memphis Mental Health Institute, Adolescent Unit. She received her degree from Peabody of Vanderbilt in 1982 and is licensed in Tennessee. Her field of interest is clinical psychology.

Michael R. Floyd, Ed.D. serves as Coordinator of the Chemical Dependency Unit of the Watauga Area Mental Health Center in Johnson City. Dr. Floyd received his degree from Auburn University in 1982 and has interests in group therapy, hypnotherapy, and biofeedback. He has held several positions in Alabama including Sercy Hospital, Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center, and Talladega College. At the time of application to TPA, he had also applied for licensure in Tennessee. His interests are in assertion with minority students and microcomputer applications in mental health and psychology.

At Vanderbilt University is Volney P. Gay who earned the Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1976. Dr. Gay is an Associate Professor of Psychology and Religion, Department of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt and a Research Candidate at the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institutes. His interests are in clinical psychology, psychology of religion, and psychoanalysis.

With fields of interest in counseling and testing, Sharon E. Napier, M.A. serves as a counselor and registered nurse at Indian Path Hospital, Kingsport, Tennessee. She received her M.A. from Eastern New Mexico University and had a master's internship at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico in alcohol and drug related work.

and practice and independent practice. Additionally four (4) C.E. workshops are being offered on the timely topics of Gestalt Therapy, Forensic Psychology, Computers in Practice and Future Markets for Psychology. The meeting provides an atmosphere which promotes professional and personal interactions among attendees in a pleasant setting. For information and registration materials contact: Suzanne B. Soble, Ph.D., Mid-Winter Convention Coordinator, 1680 Highway A1A, Suite 5, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCES**

The Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine announces the following medical education conferences:

- 1) Recent Advances in Geriatric Medicine: Dementia in the Elderly to be held January 31 - February 2, 1985 at the Holiday Inn at the Embarcadero, San Diego, CA. Tuition fee will be \$210 for physicians and \$140 for allied health professionals, residents and students. T. Franklin Williams, M.D., Director, National Institute on Aging, Bethesda, MD will be the distinguished speaker. For brochure and further information please contact: Office of Continuing Medical Education, UC San Diego School of Medicine, M-017, La Jolla, CA 92093, (619) 452-3940.
- 2) The Cutting Edge-1985: Clinical Applications of Kohut's Theories of Narcissism will be held April 27-28, 1985 at the Vacation Village Resort, San Diego, CA. Tuition fee will be \$275 for physicians, \$175 for allied health professionals, and \$125 for full time non-practicing students. For brochure and further information please contact: Office of Continuing Medical Education, UC San Diego School of Medicine, M-017, La Jolla, CA 92093, (619) 452-3940.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD**

The American Psychological Foundation has established an annual "Award for Distinguished Teaching in Psychology." Nominations of candidates for the 1985 award are now invited. The award includes a check for \$1,000 and an all expense trip to the APA convention.

The Committee will consider nominees who fit one or more of the following guideline areas:

1. Demonstrated influence as a teacher of students who became outstanding psychologists;
2. Development of effective teaching methods and/or teaching materials;
3. Engaged in significant research on teaching;
4. Development of innovative curricula and courses;
5. Outstanding performance as a classroom teacher;
6. Being an especially effective trainer of teachers of psychology;
7. Outstanding teaching of advanced research methods and practice in psychology;
8. Responsible for administrative facilitation of outstanding teaching.

The criteria for selection include: Evidence of excellence in teaching, research and other scholarly activity, mentoring, and professional leadership, as well as relevant contributions to knowledge including empirical and theoretical work in feminist psychology on 1) gender and the sex/gender system; 2) social values, attitudes, interaction processes, and social change; and 3) the self system. Work of an interdisciplinary nature is encouraged.

Five copies of the initial letter of nomination should be sent no later than March 1, 1985 to: Dr. Arnold S. Kahn, Chair, CWS Lectureship Award Committee, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

## FROM THE EDITOR

The Tennessee Psychologist is sent free of charge to TPA members. The newsletter is published six times a year. Deadline for submission of items is the 15th of the month prior to publication. January 15th will be the deadline for submission of articles for the next issue of the Tennessee Psychologist. For the year of 1985 the following submission dates are listed for future reference: March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15, and November 15. Please send items for the newsletter to Connie Paul, Ph.D., 5350 Poplar, Suite 6410, Memphis, TN 38119.

The newsletter is not an automatically forwardable piece of mail because of third class bulk mailing policy. Please be sure to advise Suzanne Larsen, Ed.D. (524 Bardon Road, Knoxville, TN 39919) of any change of address.

What personal information might we include in the Newsletter (e.g., special research interests, employment background, etc.) for a brief sketch introducing new members?

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