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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board is pleased to announce the approval by the Lieutenant Governor of an Order in Council appointing Dr. Ray Engel to the Board for a five-year term to replace Dr. Kenneth Carlson who has completed five years on the Board. Dr. Engel is with Peat Marwick and Partners and was formerly a member of the Department of Psychology at the University of Waterloo. His interests are primarily in industrial psychology and human factors.

SPRING EXAMINATIONS

In April the written Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology was held in Toronto, Ottawa and London. The Board is grateful to Mrs. J. Lehto, Professor H.P. Edwards and Dr. Anthony Thompson who served as proctors.

The Board also expresses its thanks to the ten psychologists who were present in Toronto to assist the Board in the oral examination of candidates, which took place in May. They were: Tasso Christie, Director, Anishnawbe Institute; Henry Edwards, Prof. of Psych., University of Ottawa; Ray Engel, Peat Marwick & Partners; Barry Francis, Coordinator, Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital; John Goodman, Chief of Psychology, Children's Hosp. of Eastern Ont.; Donald Posluns, independent practice; Brian Ridgley, Head, Psychology Dept., Sunnybrook Medical Centre; Joan Stewart, Associate Professor at York University, Coun. & Devel. Centre; Norman Thomas, Consulting Psychologist, education and private practice; and Marta Townsend, Psychologist, Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

PERMANENT REGISTRANTS

Following the examinations held in April and May, the Board approved the addition of the following names to the Permanent Register:

Julian Appell	Peter G. Marshall
Ronald E. Black	Peter L. Marton
Milton Blake	William V. McDermott
Dawne Burron	Jeannette M. McGlone
Lenora Butler	Bertha Mook
Lee Cohene	Sister Catherine
Ernest C. Desjardins	Petrimoulx
Kenneth C. Elliott	Jeffrey L. Price
Pamela K. Ennis	Gertruda Rosenberg
Maurice A. Feldman	Mark Schachter
Paul J. Fleming	Barbara Sourkes
Joseph B. Goodman	Marsha L. Stein
Margaret T. Hearn	H. Peter Strauss
Gail E. Hutchinson	Bella J. Streiner
Christopher Knapper	Jerome Travers
Judi Kobrick	Gary M. Weisz
Donna K. Kontos	Arnold Wellman
Umesh Kothare	J. Lynn Wells
M. Keith Lefave	Sandor E. Wiseman
I. Frances MacDonald	H. Diane Wood
	A.G. Worthington

TEMPORARY REGISTRANTS

Since the publication of the 1978 Directory in January, the Board has approved the admission of the following persons to the Temporary Register:

Facharuddin Bachteram	Robert DeVries
J. Garry Baker	A. Jane Faily
Kathleen Berg	G. Anthony Fellbaum
Jerzy M. Celinski	Leslie Gardner-
Charles E. Cunningham	Hammond
Paul Davidson	Howard Granville

Janice M. Hambley	Graham S. Saayman
Adrienne E. Harris	Myra R. Schiff
Paul W. de L. Harwood	George Schlotterer
Barton A. Jessup	Jeffrey S. Sherman
Barbara Killinger	Wesley C. Smiley
Verner J. Knott	Paul Stager
Maureen Lovett	Carey S. Stevens
Rolland Mallette	Henry Tamowski
Janie L. Martini	Sarah Usher
Mary A. McCarty	Robt. van Mastrigt
Syeda S. Omar	Howard Waiser
Geoffrey S. Peruniak	Ronald E. Warner
Kenneth G. Peters	Judith R. Wiener
Christopher F.J. Ross	Sheila Willson
Joanne Rovet	Janet Zarb

STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

On April 20, 1978, over 130 psychologists attended the workshop to discuss the proposed Standards of Practice. In May, the Board met to consider the many useful suggestions made by the participants and by those who sent their comments in by mail.

In view of the attitudes expressed at the workshop on the subject of advertising and announcements, and the position taken by both provincial and federal governments regarding advertising in the professions generally, the Board decided to defer adopting the Sections on advertising and announcements until major revisions could be made. It was agreed that in the interest of informing the public, greater latitude in announcing the services should be permitted. Although the general principle of avoiding misrepresentation or misleading the public will be retained, the Board decided to reconsider the specific interpretations under Principle IV and in Appendix B.

Only minor revisions were made in the other sections and most were clarifications rather than substantive changes. Until a final printed version of the Standards is available for distribution it would be advisable to note the following changes (insertions are indicated in UPPER CASE lettering, deletions have a line drawn through them):

PRINCIPLE I

Interpretation 2. Where a psychological service unit includes non-psychologists as employees, trainees or members there must be clear assumption of professional authority, responsibility and ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS supervision by a psychologist WHO MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED TO THE CLIENT(S) AS OCCUPYING THIS ROLE.

EXPIRED REGISTRATIONS

Those psychologists who have not as yet renewed their registration for the coming year, and still wish to do so, should forward their reinstatement fee to the Board Office as soon as possible. The next issue of the Bulletin will list the names of those who have been removed from the Register due to non-payment of fees.

It is important that the Board Office be informed of any changes of address. Renewal notices are sent to everyone in April each year. Many were returned because psychologists had moved without notifying the Board of their change of address. Included in the Directory of Psychologists, which is also mailed to all psychologists at the beginning of each year, is a copy of the Act, stating Section 6 of Regulations 698, which specifies that each certificate of registration expires with the 31st day of May each year unless it is renewed. The notices are sent as a courtesy and are not in the nature of an "invoice". The Board is obliged, by virtue of Section 7 of Regulation 698, to charge a reinstatement fee of \$150.00 to all persons who have not renewed their registration by May 31st of each year, and the Board Office staff has no authority to exercise discretion on enforcing any part of the Regulations.

Interpretation 8. A psychologist shall not enter any agreement WITH ANOTHER PSYCHOLOGIST OR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE UNIT, including a lease of premises, pursuant to which the amount payable by or to a psychologist or other member of a psychological service unit, directly or indirectly, is related to the amount of fees charged by the psychological service unit or by any person licensed or registered under any Act regulating a health discipline.

PRINCIPLE V

Interpretation 1. A psychologist shall seek an agreement with a user as early as possible in the relationship as to the GENERAL nature and extent of the services to be rendered.

Interpretation 2. A psychologist shall not claim the utility of a test, device or procedure other than that which can be supported AS GENERALLY ACCEPTED professional opinion.

PRINCIPLE VI

Interpretation 9. A psychologist must not REQUIRE the use of a credit card in payment for services.

PRINCIPLE VII Psychological service units shall maintain and protect records so that THE PRIVACY OF THE client is assured.

Interpretation 3. A psychologist shall make available client information or records, as defined in Appendix C, only to those within the psychological service unit and to those PROFESSIONALS within a sponsoring institution who have a need to know in order to serve the client.

Interpretation 4. Subject to interpretation 3 above, a psychologist shall not release the name of a client or information regarding a client, or records as defined in Appendix C except with the INFORMED written consent of the client or legal representative or guardian of the client except as directed by law.

ENFORCEMENT

Louis Romberg, a Toronto practitioner treating obesity, smoking, alcoholism, theft tendencies and certain phobias through behaviour modification by the use of subliminal stimuli, was fined

\$100 in Provincial Court on June 7, 1978 for holding himself out to be a psychologist, thus violating Section 11(2) of The Psychologists Registration Act, R.S.O. 1970, Chapter 372.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Some preliminary information is available from the questionnaires returned this year from approximately 88 percent, or 832, of the psychologists registered in Ontario. It is interesting to note that, of those answering the question, 12.2 percent are able to provide psychological services in French and 12.5 percent in other languages.

PRIVATE PRACTICE BY GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Board of Examiners has received a number of complaints regarding the psychological services of non-psychologists who, it has learned, are enrolled as graduate students in Ontario universities. Due to the reluctance of witnesses to testify for personal reasons or the care taken by students to avoid representing themselves as psychologists, these cases are difficult, if not impossible, to prosecute.

The Board is grateful to learn therefore that, in its forthcoming calendar, the School of Psychology of the University of Ottawa intends to publish the following policy statement:

In accordance with the policy of the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology, students are not permitted to engage in the independent practice of Psychology for the duration of their academic residence. Violation of this rule leaves the student subject to dismissal from the School of Psychology. Further, the student may in some instances be liable for prosecution under the Psychologists Registration Act of Ontario.

In the interest of protecting the public from unqualified practitioners who are not accountable to any professional body for the quality of their services, the Board would welcome similar statements from departments of psychology in other universities.