

JAN 25 1977

bulletin

Ontario Board
of Examiners in
Psychology



Room N353, 252 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario. M5S 1V5

(416) 961 8817

Vol. 2, No. 3. January, 1977

NEW REGISTRANTS

At its meetings of November 19 and December 3, 1976, the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology admitted 40 psychologists to the Permanent Register. The newly registered psychologists are:

Dr. S. M. Abel	Dr. G.J. MacWillie
Dr. R.J. Alapack	Dr. N.E. Morris
Dr. B. Barkow	Dr. R.H. Mueller
Dr. E.J. Beaumaster	Dr. G.M. Nicholl
Dr. E.A. Beharry	Dr. A.C. Ogborne
Dr. J.J. Berek	Dr. P.A. Parry
Dr. A.J. Bergering	Dr. H.A. Price
Dr. T.J. Boniferro	Dr. C. Pryor
Dr. R.M. Carbotte	Dr. M.E. Rice
Dr. J.V. Chiarot	Dr. W.H. Robinson
Dr. L.R. Cousins	Dr. P.J. Russell
Dr. G.A. Curry	Dr. S.E. Scherer
Dr. M.A. Davine	Dr. M. Segal
Dr. P.J. Gamlin	Dr. B.F. Shaw
Dr. D.M. Garner	Dr. W.E. Shepell
Dr. M. Godkewitsch	Dr. D.A. Simonson
Dr. B.S. Grzyb	Dr. H.A. Skinner
Dr. N.D. Hyde	Dr. J.C. Weiser
Dr. S.S. Kazarian	Dr. P.G. Wesley
Dr. J.P. Laroche	Dr. C.S. Yellin

THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION

During the past two years the Board has revised the guidelines for supervisors of candidates for registration and has provided new reporting forms. Although the Board is satisfied that the new materials are helpful to supervisors, it remains concerned that many candidates are appearing for

the oral examinations with little evidence of having profited from their year of supervised experience. This is particularly disturbing as many candidates are working in positions for which they have received little or no training during their graduate study. For some candidates this has unfortunately resulted in an extended period on the Temporary Register.

The presence on staff of a candidate for registration would appear to warrant special planning with some attention to his or her need for special responsibilities and work experience and, particularly for those candidates working in isolated settings, the opportunity to attend workshops or to visit other settings.

The Board continues to concern itself with improving the guidelines for supervisors and welcomes suggestions through the Registrar.

PSYCHOLOGISTS ON THE INCREASE

By the end of December, 1976, 1091 psychologists had received certificates of registration since the creation of this Board in 1969. Of these, 892 psychologists currently maintain permanent registration in Ontario and an additional 81 are listed on the Temporary Register, providing an overall total of 973. Since 1968, the number of certificates issued by the Board has increased from 25 to 76 each year.

FEE INCREASE

With increased public awareness and interest in the profession, inquiries and, as well, complaints have increased vastly in number. The Board has estimated that with the present obligations facing it, and which by law it must meet, for keeping records, holding examinations, providing information to the public, enforcing the legislation, and fulfilling its disciplinary function, the Board will exhaust its accumulated surplus before May of 1978. It is presently operating at a deficit.

Unlike many examining boards in the USA, the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology is not supported out of public funds. Psychologists who may be dismayed by the thought of an increase may wish to consider that, for many years, they have paid annual fees far below those of members of comparable professions. At present in Ontario, dentists pay an annual renewal fee of \$150; chiropractors, \$125; pharmacists, \$110; architects, \$300; registered nurses, \$75; and physicians, \$250 every two years with an additional fee for specialists.

They may also consider that as a result they have been served by Boards which have been forced to restrict their activities to a degree which the present Board considers no longer acceptable if the interests of the public are to be served adequately. Faced with the need for greater involvement and seeing the importance of increased activity in this period of change, this Board feels it has no alternative but to request an increase in the annual fee. A request will be submitted to the Ministry of Health for a change in the Regulations permitting an increase in the annual fee from \$50 to \$100.

DISCIPLINARY CODE

For exactly one year the Board has been studying and discussing a proposal for a Disciplinary Code presented to it in various drafts by a committee of the Ontario Psychological Association. In principle the Board feels that a list of wrongdoings would greatly simplify the Board's task of disciplining members of the profession and is aware that this practice is recommended by the McRuer Commission report. However, the Board sees this as an extremely difficult task which cannot be done hastily.

The Board is concerned to present a disciplinary code which would have universal application to the behaviour of psychologists: to those who are employees as well as to those who are in private practice; to psychologists working in various fields, in schools, in industrial or management consulting, as well as in health.

The Board is continuing its discussion and will announce its decision to all registrants when it is reached. Presently, however, for those in doubt as to the formal bases for its evaluation of acceptable professional behaviour, the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology wishes to inform all psychologists that it makes broad use of the *Ethical Standards of Psychologists, Standards for Providers of Psychological Services, Ethical Principles in the Conduct of Research with Human Participants, and Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests and Manuals*. The documents are published by the American Psychological Association and are available from its offices at 1200 Seventeenth Street N.W., Washington, D.C., or directly from the Board.

Barbara Wand, Ph.
Registrar