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REGISTRAR

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Barbara Wand as full-time Registrar to the Board. Dr. Wand currently is psychologist in charge of psychological services in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and Assistant Director of Psychology at the Royal Ottawa Hospital. She has had extensive experience in educational and industrial psychology as well. As a consequence of her recent experience as a member of the Board of Examiners she will bring an important perspective to her work as Registrar which will serve the Board well in meeting its growing responsibilities.

Ray Berry will relinguish his responsibility as Registrar on July 1 when Dr. Wand will assume her new duties. The Board has been well served by its three part-time Registrars: Roy Ross who served for the first thirteen years of the Board's existence; Roger Myers who acted as Registrar pro tem following the death of Roy Ross until the appointment of Ray Berry. Mr. Berry has been of great assistance to the Board during the difficult period of transition which on July 1 will culminate in the establishment of the full-time office on new premises.

FULL-TIME OFFICE ESTABLISHED

Over the past two years the Board of Examiners had become increasingly concerned with the difficulty in discharging its

responsibilities under the existing office arrangement. The number of psychologists registered in the Province is now just under 1000 and the number has been increasing at about 7% per year. Routine procedures and business associated with this number of psychologists have grown accordingly. There has been a proportionate increase in problems, including complaints about psychologists, with which the Board is unable to deal as quickly as desirable. The Board office has been open only two and a half days per week and with a Registrar who is available only on call, due to fulltime responsibility elsewhere, it has been quite impossible to keep pace with heightened demand. Consequently, new full time office accommodation has been leased in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education building.

RENEWAL FEES

While the Board has been able to meet its expenditures for the coming year from the current reserves, it will be necessary to request an increase in renewal fees for 1977. Further information on this matter will be communicated in the next Bulletin. With regard to finances, a copy of the audited financial statement for 1975-1976 will be sent to anyone requesting it, as soon as it is available.

HEARING

A hearing of one and one half days was held on May 14 and 15 into allegations that Peter E. Moon, Ph.D. was guilty of conduct unbecoming a psychologist and guilty of malpractice in that he recommended and offered for sale certain materials, namely Early Identification Screening Inventory, Motor Perceptual Diagnostic Inventory and Perceptual Organization Screening Inventory, together with the associated manuals, that do not meet the minimum standards for such materials, namely the A.P.A. Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests and Manuals.

The Board found Dr. Moon guilty as charged of behaviour unbecoming a psychologist, and guilty of malpractice.

The Board decided to suspend the registration of Peter E. Moon, Ph.D. for a period of six months, effective May 24, 1976.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Since March the following have been placed on the Temporary Register:

Ramona M. Carbotte Alec C. Schrader Margaret T. Hearn Melvyn A. Davine Heather A.White Ronald G. Capelle Neville C.S.Doxey Jo-Anne Gardner Naida D.Hyde Frances A.Ricks Ronald J.Samuda Gerald Motz Joan E.Simic Martine Miljkovitch Randolph Chan Henry P. Strauss Julius A.Roehl Allan R.Goebel John C. Weiser

Subsequent to the Examinations held in March and May the following names were added to the Permanent Register:

Robert A.Scheibe Fredric Weizmann Ruth Bray Barbara Bresver Alfred A. Keltner Paula Caplan Shukri Amin Lesley Millar Martha Sanchez-Craig John Armenia Terence Semple Paul Begin Mary M. Beattie Barbara Coomes M. Douglas Brown Arthur Cott Carol C.McMaster Janel Gauthier M. Alan Finlayson Laraine Birnie Mark Thomas Karen Gilmour-Barrett Neville Taylor Gerald Gladkowski

Jerry Willis Thomas Tanski Donald R. Henry Graham Turrall Vera Dalia G. Ronald Getty

Gary K. Mills

The following were retained on the Temporary Register:

> Maurice L. Dionne David Hung Richard Alapack

The following were removed from the Temporary Register:

> Brian Quirt Karen Hosking David G. Tinsley Murray Brown

The following were removed from the Register due to failure to pay renewal fees:

J.A.Armentrout G.P.Beckerle N.I.Brougham G.R.S.Congreve R.W.Dent D.R.Evans O.Fritze H.I.Glazer J.D.Keehn P.M.Legate W.R.Luyendyk R.A.Merrick R.W.J.Neufeld L.M.Newman K.G.O'Bryan B.J.O'Neill J.M.Ricks N.S.Shamberg T.F.Siess F.I.Smallman L.Stead R.C.Stymest S.M. Tobin M.S.Weinstein D.A.Wilkinson P.Wong

F.D.Young

SUPERVISION

Recent oral examinations once again high-lighted some of the problems in supervision of candidates preparing for registration. It is expected that supervisors will act in a tutorial capacity with a candidate and will endeavour to discover and appraise a candidate of weaknesses as well as strengths. It is expected that a supervisor will be able to identify problem areas about which a candidate is unaware so that during the year of supervision corrective action can be taken. When supervisors and candidates do not work in the same location this is a more difficult process so that a candidate, who is being supervised indirectly, is clearly at a disadvantage. While the Board has not specified that direct supervision is mandatory to meet registration requirements, those candidates who do not receive direct supervision have more difficulty in orals, are required more often to serve a second year and more often fail to achieve registration than those who are supervised directly.

If a psychologist agrees to act as a supervisor for a candidate in another setting it is encumbent upon that supervisor to appraise the performance of the candidate in the work setting and to become sufficiently knowledgable about the setting to be able to provide the candidate with an opportunity to achieve an acceptable level of professional activity.

COMPLAINTS

The Registrar continues to receive a number of verbal complaints concerning both psychologists and nonpsychologists. Depending upon the nature of the complaint, there are some which require action whether specified in writing or not. However, in most cases a written statement, presenting information in some detail, is required. In accordance with the Guidelines (section F) it is proper professional behaviour to approach the person believed to be behaving improperly before taking further action. If this proves unsatisfactory, a written complaint should be made to the Registrar who must then assess the complaint and take further action.

Information concerning acceptable practice or assessing unacceptable practice may be discussed with the Registrar but, in almost all cases, it will be necessary for the complainant to make the complaint in writing.

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICES

Psychologists in private practice who use telephone answering services may wish to establish secure procedures in obtaining their messages. It has been reported that, in the Toronto area, an imposter has been intercepting messages and harassing clients.