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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board is pleased to announce the approval by the Lieutenant Governor of Orders in Council appointing two new members to the Ontario Board of Examiners in Psychology: Dr. Laura Rice of the Department of Psychology, York University and Dr. Doris Roche of the Department of Psychology, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Dr. Rice is replacing Dr. Bruce Quarrington who completed five years on the Board in May and Dr. Roche is replacing Dr. Barbara Wand who resigned from the Board in June.

ADVERTISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of the first tasks of the new Registrar was to approach individuals and firms improperly listed in the Yellow Pages of telephone directories in Ontario. The response was prompt and positive and generally expressed a willingness to comply with the Guidelines. One firm which did not respond is being contacted by the Board's solicitor.

A more general problem has arisen regarding advertising and announcements resulting, no doubt, from the increasing number of psychologists offering services privately to individuals and groups and, as well, from the association of some psychologists with firms in which other members are not psychologists.

Throughout the Spring and Summer the Board has given considerable thought to an acceptable set of guidelines for use by psychologists in making known their availability to the public. Behind any set of guidelines lie a number of general ethical principles from which behaviours may be inferred.

Psychologists, in common with members of other self-governing professions, hold a personal responsibility toward their clients and most statements of ethical principles are based on this underlying general principle. The APA Ethical Standards for Psychologists adopted by the Canadian Psychological Association, the Ontario Psychological Association, and by this Board as well, state in Principal 10 that "a psychologist adheres to professional rather than commercial standards in making known his availability for professional services."

A number of queries received by the Board have suggested doubt in the minds of some psychologists regarding their responsibility for announcements made by their firm. In the opinion of the Board, membership in a firm does not relieve the individual psychologist of responsibility for the manner in which his services are announced or provided to the public.

INCORPORATION

The question of personal responsibility for standards of professional services has reference to questions the Board has received in regard to the propriety of incorporation for a psychologist. The Board holds a similar view in this instance - that incorporation is acceptable only insofar as it applies to the "housekeeping" details of the firm. The psychologist remains personally responsible for the quality of the professional services provided and the manner in which they are announced.

EXAMINATIONS

Thirty-nine candidates for registration in Ontario wrote the Fall examinations on October 2, 1976 and as many as fifty candidates are expected to be asked to appear for the oral examinations in November, 1976. In addition to the five members of the Board, the following psychologists have agreed to serve as oral examiners in November :

Dr. Helen M. Doan
Dr. David R. Evans
Dr. Lorna A. Gendreau
Mr. Samuel R. Luker
Dr. Hugh N. McLeod
Dr. David L. Randall
Dr. Vivian L. Renner
Dr. David M. Romney
Dr. John C. Sawatsky
Mr. James W. Westcott
Mrs. Frances J. Williams

Women and men appear to be proportionally represented among those who are self-employed in their principal area of work. However, a smaller proportion of women (31 per cent compared with 56 per cent of the men) report activity in a secondary area of work and hence are represented in a smaller proportion among those "self-employed" in secondary areas of work.

Barbara Wand,
Registrar.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PSYCHOLOGISTS IN ONTARIO

By the end of May, 1976, 1,069 certificates of registration had been issued to psychologists in Ontario. Since 1960, 25 registrants have died, 82 psychologists living outside the province and 93 resident in Ontario have cancelled their registration or allowed it to lapse. Of the 869 psychologists currently maintaining registration in Ontario, 69 per cent are men and 31 per cent are women. Information regarding their present professional activities has been received from 790 or 91 per cent. Eleven per cent of the respondents indicate they are self-employed in their primary area of work and an additional 21 per cent indicate they are self-employed in a secondary area. Although most psychologists are employees, roughly one third of the respondents are working at least part-time on a "self-employed" basis.