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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board is pleased to announce the approval by the Lieutenant Governor of an Order in Council appointing Dr. George Ashman to the Board for a five-year term to replace Dr. Kingsley Ferguson. Dr. Ashman is Chief Psychologist at the Kingston General Hospital and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Psychological Association.

## CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS AFFECTING FEES

On June 1, 1977, a change in the regulations increasing annual renewal and reinstatement fees to \$100 and \$150 respectively, was filed by the government. The new regulation will not affect the fees which were payable prior to May 31, 1977, but only those fees payable following June 1, 1977. Psychologists on the Register who reside outside Ontario and who do not provide psychological services in Ontario will be entitled to a reduction in the annual renewal fee from \$50 to \$25. It should be noted that psychologists who allow their registrations to lapse must renew them within two years, and not ten, if they wish to avoid reapplication.

A change in the regulation increasing the examination fee to \$150 and introducing payment of Board members in some instances for attendance at Board meetings, was approved by the Legislative Committee of the Government on June 20.

Copies of the recently approved changes in the Regulations are enclosed with this Bulletin.

## INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS

The Board's legal counsel, Mr. Ronald Slaght, has kindly contributed the following statement on handling complaints, outlining the procedures followed and the reasons for them:

The number of complaints received continues to increase and the Board thought it might be helpful to briefly describe how it deals with them. As the consequences of a complaint to a person complained about can be the suspension or cancellation of registration, the Board has found it necessary to establish some formal proceedings.

The Statutory Powers Procedure Act of Ontario applies to complaints made to the Board and that Act has the effect of requiring the Board to conduct a formal hearing into charges made if it is the intention of the Board to make allegations of professional misconduct or malpractice. It becomes necessary, therefore, to conduct an investigation of a complaint from the outset with the fact in mind that a formal hearing may result. This requires the investigation to be done in such a way that the person being complained about is aware from the beginning that formal charges could be brought. It is also necessary to investigate in a fashion resulting in evidence being produced that is acceptable and admissible under the rules that apply to a Board hearing.

If the complaint is of such a nature that it cannot be disposed of by the Registrar, the Registrar selects a member of the Board to be an investigating member and to determine what the facts surrounding the complaint are. That is done with the assistance of the

Board's legal counsel and the purpose is to ultimately recommend whether a hearing be held or not into the particular matter. The investigating member of the Board does not sit on the Board at the hearing and none of the evidence turned up in the investigation is admissible unless it is properly proved.

This practice, necessary under the law which governs the Board, has from time to time resulted in feelings by psychologists that the investigations are unduly formal, legalistic and threatening. It is the imposed legal guidelines that make it usually necessary that these be done in a formal way and it is not often possible to dispose of them by an informal or simple procedure.

#### OMISSIONS FROM THE 1977 DIRECTORY

The name of Dr. DOROTHY THORNTON-STIEBEL, of 1206 Osborne Street, Cornwall, Ontario, was unfortunately omitted in compiling the list of Permanent Registrants and that of Dr. BRIAN QUIRT was incorrectly deleted from the list of Temporary Registrants.

#### BOARD OFFICE STAFF

After ten years of valuable service to the Board of Examiners, Mrs. Maude Norman, well-known to most of us, chose to retire in January and has been replaced by Ms. Jacqueline Lehto as Executive Assistant. Holding a degree in Far Eastern Studies rather than psychology, Ms. Lehto is nevertheless prepared to answer most questions regarding the intricacies of registration. She is, from time to time, ably assisted by Ms. Rita Lynham.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dr. Bruce Quarrington has agreed to act as consultant to the Board in the preparation of the Disciplinary Code which the Board has been considering for some time. An initial draft was prepared by members of the Ontario Psychological Association. The revision will attempt to relate the code to a set

of standards and to provide directives which are applicable to psychologists in diverse settings.

Dr. Kingsley Ferguson has undertaken to prepare revisions to the guidelines for supervisors of candidates on the Temporary Register.

It is anticipated that both Dr. Quarrington and Dr. Ferguson will present their recommendations to the Board in September. Following the adoption of the recommendations by the Board, all psychologists will be informed.

#### SPRING EXAMINATIONS

In March the written examination was held in five centres in Ontario, as well as Newark, N.J., and Chicago, Ill. The Board is grateful to Dr. A.Z. Arthur, Dr. D. Bernhardt, Dr. J. Ceraso, Ms. J. Lundberg, Dr. H. McLeod and Dr. G. Stone, 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. These psychologists were: David R. Evans, Asst. Professor at University of Western Ontario; Dvora Levinson, Asst. Professor at the Institute of Child Study; Susan K. London, private practitioner; Samuel R. Luker, consulting psychologist; Hugh N. McLeod, Chairman, Dept. of Psychology at Lakehead University; David R. Randall, Senior Advisor at the Ontario Ministry of Health; David M. Romney, Associate Professor at Laurentian University; James Westcott, President of James Westcott & Associates, and Frances J. Williams, Chief Psychologist at the Vanier Centre for Women.

#### PERMANENT REGISTRANTS

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

Martha L. Breidenbaugh	Anne E. Mellers
Mary C. Brown	Janet Polivy
Ronald G. Capelle	Frances A. Ricks
Randolph M. Chan	Andras L. Robert
Robert B. Cormier	Julius A. Roehl
Catherine T. Dineen	Eric A. Roy
Maurice L. Dionne	Alex D. Schrader
Neville C. Doxey	Arnold B. Slive
Kenneth S. Foley	Donald T. Stuss
Allan R. Goebel	Hermanus I. J.
Jo-Ann L. Hoepfner	Van Der Spuy
Sunaina R. Jain	Henry B. Venema
William E. Lohss	Heather A. White
Robert B. MacIntyre	Marjorie Whitney
Marty J. McKay	Edward Zamble

the psychologists who have been removed from the Permanent Register due to non-payment of fees.

Barbara Wand, Ph.D.  
Registrar

#### TEMPORARY REGISTRANTS

Since the publication of the 1977 Directory in January, the Board has approved the admission of the following persons to the Temporary Register:

Ray Blanchard	Julian Appell
Steven J. Kneeland	Carl V. Helwig
Maurice A. Feldman	Irene MacDonald
Lenora F. Butler	Peter G. Marshall
Robin F. Patchett	Catherine Petrimoulx
Brian H. McLatchie	Alvin U. Segal
Helen D. Wood	Milton Blake
Agha M. Akram	Nancy J. Cohen
Daniel C. Lee	Gilles Desmarais
Marsha J. Stein	Howard P. Jobin
Ernest Desjardins	John T. Kell
Bella J. Streiner	Rudolf L. Kincel
Jennifer L. Wells	Donna K. Kontos
Jayne Patrick	Peter L. Marton
Ronald E. Black	William McDermott
Tun-jen Chou	Jeanette McGlone
Kenneth C. Elliott	Ruth Pike
Pamela A. Ennis	Jeffrey L. Price
Paul J. Fleming	Roy B. Raghunan
Gail E. Hutchinson	Gertrude Rosenberg
Paul C. Jennings	Robert Stewart
Michael K. LeFave	Brian R. Usher
Ezra Nesbeth	Brian J. Wilson
Mark Schacter	Judy B. Kobrnick
Gary M. Weisz	

#### EXPIRED REGISTRATIONS

Those psychologists who have not as yet renewed their registration this year, and still wish to do so, should forward their reinstatement fee of \$75.00 to the OBEP office as soon as possible. The September issue of the Bulletin will list