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New Dues Structure Approved by Trustees

The ITAA Board of Trustees met at the Winter Congress. Ruth McClendon began her term of office by thanking Bill Holloway for the fine job he had done as President and new officers and members of the Board were welcomed. The mood of the meeting was energetic and productive as the Trustees worked to keep the process constructive and positive.

Below is a summary of the issues discussed and the actions taken. This summary is not meant to be comprehensive, but is designed to give the reader an over-view of what took place at the meeting. To provide a context for the actions taken, brief background information has been added. Further details are available in committee reports in this and future issues. We would like to hear your comments on this presentation of the Trustees' actions.

DUES STRUCTURE

As of January 1, 1978, a new dues structure went into effect. This means that the majority of ITAA members will pay no more than they did last year; $35 will remain the basic dues fee. Those who wish to vote and who can now do so by virtue of the recent by-laws change enacted by the membership meeting in January, will pay $10 more a year to cover administrative and mailing costs. Clinical and Special Fields Members will be paying only $10 more a year than they have during the past three years. Considering inflation, this rise seemed reasonable to the Board. CMs and SFMs with Teaching Member Contracts will pay $10 less than they did last year. The Board recognizes that PTMs are not a separate class of membership (they are actually CMs and SFMs under contract) and that they are already covering the cost of their credentialling process in filing, maintenance and exam fees. Teaching Members are *the only group with a significant dues increase.* They will pay $50 more a year. The Trustees, most of whom are TMs, acknowledge that TMs earn a large part of their income because of their status in the organization and that it is not unreasonable to ask them to pay for this privilege.



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Treasurer Stan Woollams gave outstanding report at New Orleans meeting

Subscription to the *TA Journal*	$ 15.00
Subscriber to the *TA Journal* & *Script*	$ 20.00
Associate Regular Member	$ 35.00
• must have attended an authorized 101 course *or* completed a 101 exam (does not vote)	
Regular Member	$ 45.00
• must have 3 years continuous membership *or* be under contract for Certified Membership (has privilege to vote)	
Clinical Member	$ 60.00
Special Fields Member	$ 60.00
Provisional Teaching Member	$ 60.00
Teaching Member	$150.00

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1976 deficit was $95,000; 1977 deficit was $28,000; 1978 proposed budget would not show deficit and would break even. New two-year budget would allow for paying debts and having slight surplus.



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Shea Schiff elected as Board Member-at-Large to Executive Committee

ELECTIONS: vacancies on Board and Executive Committee were created by 1977 elections. These positions were filled by majority vote of Trustees.

Action Taken: Betsy Schachtner, Paul Ware elected to one-year Board terms; John McNeel elected to two-year Board term; Marilyn Zalcman and Shea Schiff elected as members-at-large from Board to Executive Committee.

TA PRESS: Board agreed on essential worth of concept of TA Press as place where authors could get highly specialized material published. Felt that this was a luxury ITAA cannot afford until financial situation of Association is stabilized. TA Press has been responsible for publishing TA material which is then marketed through Trans Pubs and other book stores and publishers.

Action Taken: The position of Editor of TA Press, now held by Paul McCormick, will be phased out after works in progress are completed (hopefully by June 1).

NON-ENGLISH SUMMARIES IN TAJ: Non-English summaries in *TAJ* have been discontinued (see pg. 2).

NON-US CREDENTIALLING FEE: Many persons in countries other than the US wish to pursue training in TA and find this difficult because of the difference in living standards. Often these same persons cannot utilize such membership services as an English-language *Script* and *TAJ*. These persons may want to take part in the credentialling process, paying full fees, while paying a reduced fee for membership and receiving fewer services.

Action Taken: non-US persons can apply for reduced membership fee which will entitle them to take part in credentialling process (for which they must pay full exam and maintenance fees) while waiving the right to vote and to other usual membership services.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP: An ad hoc committee was created to draw up guidelines and recommendations for organizational membership.

PERMISSION TO CONDUCT EXAMS: The Board decided that organizations accepted as organizational members will not automatically be given permission to conduct certifying exams and to maintain credentialling processes on behalf of ITAA.

Action Taken: the matter was referred to the Organizational Membership Committee which will draw up recommendations on how to decide which organizations qualify for this privilege.

ERIC BERNE MEMORIAL SCIENTIFIC AWARD: The Trustees wanted to assure a fully informed vote on the scientific merit of ideas nominated for the award.

Action Taken: The EBMSA will be given on the basis of the vote of the Certified Membership of ITAA.

TAJ AUTHORS' RIGHTS: The Board has been concerned in the past about individuals "cutting and pasting" together books from *TAB* and *TAJ* articles. In an effort to prevent that, they decided to charge $15 per page for reprint rights. However, this policy did not make provision for the rights of authors to reprint their own material. The new action addresses this issue and allows authors to reprint, without charge, their own material after their application for reprint permission has been approved. Currently ITAA copyrights all material in *TAJ* which has not already been copyrighted. This does not mean that the author cannot copyright his/her own material before sending it to ITAA, nor does it mean that the author cannot use his/her own material. It does mean that ITAA is protecting the material for the author in the instance where the author does not choose to copyright it for him/herself. Current ITAA policy is to not grant reprint rights for material without the written consent of the author of the material.

Action Taken: The author will be given full rights to use, without charge, his/her own material published in *TAJ* and this is a retroactive decision.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Past two presidential elections have required run-offs; this means a late announcement of the results and thus there is little time for new president to assemble an administration in time for January office-taking and confirmation by Board. This new system would allow for greater stability, smoother transitions and continuity. Plan is to be presented in August for vote.

Action Taken: Nominating and By-laws committees were appointed to work out the details of the President-Elect to be elected during years in which President is not elected.

ELECTION PROCEDURES: Letters written on behalf of candidates in 1977 election were considered by some to be unethical. Also some disapproval of members of nominating committee nominating themselves for offices was expressed. At this point there is no policy about such instances.

Action Taken: The Nominating Committee was asked to devise procedures for election and pre-election campaigns.



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Board of Trustees member Kristyn Huige in New Orleans

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Calendar

August 16-20, 1978 ITAA Summer Conference, Montreal, Canada

Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
CM and SFM Oral Exams	April 8, 1978 May 17, 1978 (SFM only) May 18, 1978 May 19, 1978 May 26, 1978 July 2, 1978 August 16, 1978 September 1, 1978 October 12, 1978 October 25, 1978 November 1, 1978 November 12, 1978 November 17, 1978 January 15, 1979	Melbourne, Australia Washington, D.C. Seattle, Washington New York, New York Australia Elsinore, Denmark Montreal, Canada Australia Vancouver, Canada Europe (tentative) Indianapolis, Indiana Sao Paulo, Brazil (tentative) New Zealand Bangalore, India (tentative)	January 9, 1978 February 17, 1978 February 19, 1978 February 20, 1978 February 27, 1978 April 3, 1978 May 18, 1978 June 2, 1978 July 14, 1978 July 27, 1978 August 4, 1978 August 15, 1978 August 21, 1978 October 18, 1978
CM/SFM Written Exams	June 16, 1978		March 16, 1978
TM Exams	August 14, 1978	Montreal, Canada	May 17, 1978 Materials: July 3, 1978
PTM Contract Workshops	May 14-17, 1978 August 12-15, 1978	Seattle, Washington Montreal, Canada	February 15, 1978 May 15, 1978 ($50 deposit due)

All fees are due on or before the deadline for applying for an exam. All exam fees are non-refundable but will be kept as credit in your account if at least 30-days notice is given for cancellations. Otherwise the fee is forfeited. Fees: $75 written exam, $100 oral exam, $25 all filing fees.

Written Exam Update

The standardized, multiple-choice written exam is required of all CM and SFM trainees in the US and Canada prior to oral examination. The ITAA Training Manual contains essential information for trainers and trainees, including application procedures, suggestions for preparation and the Revised Test Content Outline. The latter specifies general areas, topics and concepts that may be covered in the exam. The original Test Content Outline was omitted by error from the Training Manual. It is still being used for item selection and score reporting and can be obtained through Jackie Ward in the ITAA office. The Revised Test Content Outline is in the Training Manual Appendix and is recommended as a study guide. The exam will be converted to the Revised Outline during the coming year.

There are no official study aids for the written exam or publications endorsed for this purpose other than those mentioned above. Specific concerns have been raised about the "676 Clinical and Special Fields Questions" distributed through Trans Pubs. It does not accurately reflect the kinds of questions used in the written exam and contains some inaccuracies. However, trainees have reported that it is useful for practicing how to answer exam questions.

A significant change in exam procedure will occur this year as ITAA takes over setting up locations and personnel for administering the written exam. (Educational Testing Service previously performed these functions. Their services will be retained for test development, scoring and statistical analysis.) Plans are underway for the June exam and we are also looking at the feasibility of offering the exam more than twice a year. (Currently the exam is given in January and June.)

There will be NO changes in procedures for applying for the June, 1978 written exam. The deadline for this exam was March 16, 1978. Any changes in arrangements will be announced in the *Script* and individuals who have applied will be notified by mail. We ask your understanding and cooperation as we make this transition.

We would like to request that persons who are connected to a University or some other place where a written exam could be held with no fee, to contact Jackie Ward, %ITAA office. Please indicate, in writing, details of the proposed site location, the number of non-TA related personnel who would be available to administer the test, and how many people you could accommodate. It is likely that the number of exam sites will be limited due to expense and they will cover regional areas as they have in the past. We will contact those persons who offer sites if we need them.

The Written Exam Sub-Committee of Training Standards wishes to express its appreciation to persons who have written positive comments and raised concerns about the written exam. *We are aware of the shortcomings and will continue to work on improving* the exam. If you want to contribute ideas or volunteer to write exam items, please contact Marilyn Zalcman, 2100 Whiteoaks Dr., Alexandria, VA 22306.

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Special Announcements

Training Notes

We will still be holding oral exams in Atlanta because we have a contractual commitment to honor. In keeping with the new policy of not holding exams in states that have not passed the Equal Rights Amendment, we will schedule future exams (those beginning in 1979) only in those states that have passed the ERA or in countries other than the US.

The Training Standards Committee wishes to make it clear that we neither authorize or support any publications designed to prepare candidates for the written or oral exams.

Translations

Winning With People, Jongeward and James, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, will soon be available in Japanese.

El Libro de Todos (The People Book), James and Jongeward, is published in Spanish by Fondo Educativo Interamericano, S.A.

Translation Summaries to End

At the Winter Congress, Treasurer Stan Woollams recommended to the Executive Committee that French, Spanish and German summaries of articles in the *Transactional Analysis Journal* be discontinued. He estimated that this would save $3,000 over the next two years. Many non-English speaking members have indicated that the summaries are not very useful to them and so on the basis of this combined data, the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation. The final translations appear in the January, 1978 *TAJ.* English summaries will continue.

Licensure Outside the US

The Licensure Committee would like to gather and study information about licensing procedures in countries where this is applicable. Please send such information to them care of the ITAA office. At this point the Committee is dealing with issues of licensure for therapists in the United States, and while this will remain their focus for now, they would like to begin studying licensure procedures elsewhere in the world.

ITAA does not "own" the terms "TA" or "Transactional Analysis"

This is different from the understanding held by some members of the Association in the past. Since these terms are in common usage, they have been judged by the courts to be in the common domain. The Association does own the three-circle logo and the name "International Transactional Analysis Association."

Non-US Script Representatives Needed

Postage costs remain too high to send all non- US copies of the *Script* by airmail. Recognizing that some way is needed to get *Script* information to members outside the US on a quicker schedule, the Board has authorized sending two air-mail copies to each country. If you would like to receive a copy as a representative of your country, please write Robin Fryer, %ITAA, with your mailing address. Each person who becomes a representative is responsible for communicating the important and appropriate information contained in each issue to other members of ITAA who live in that country. Those who do not wish to act as representatives can still take advantage of the special mailing list.

Keeping in Touch

Transactional Analysis in St. Louis (TASL) — Career Counseling Workshops are offered integrating concepts from *What Color Is Your Parachute* and *Where Do I Go From Here, and How To Decide.* Pam Klein has been named Director of the Rape Crisis Center at Southern Illinois University and is compiling research in this area to separate "rape scripting" from the true "victim" in rape. Jackie Holler is teaching school counselors and consultants in the St. Louis school system and there is one school that now begins TA in kindergarten. Pam and Kathy Hallett have completed some training with Kubler-Ross and are integrating her work with TA. Saturday Playshops offer TA to kids under 10. Finally, Southern Illinois University, Webster College and Washington University are allowing students to take courses at TASL for credit and it has been accepted as a practicum center.

Germany — a new non-profit organization **Das Odenwald-Institut fur personale Padagogik** is concentrating on offerings in experiential group work for members of the educational profession (and parents, too!). It began with two 101 groups with Tom Frazier last fall, and this coming year will feature workshops with Tom, Fanita English and other qualified TA trainers. Other offerings seek to integrate the methods of Theme-Centered-Interaction (Ruth Cohn) with TA. Two informal study groups are already in operation. Business director and contact person: Mary Anne Kubel (RM with SFM contract), Tromm 25, D-6948 Kocherbach, West Germany, tel. 06207/3314. All offerings are in the German language.

Ken Wallgren, SFM, participating in The Rule of Law and Third-Party Mediation, a conference on approaches to international conflict. The central agreement of the conference was on the usefulness of an impartial, international agency to provide professional mediative or problem-solving services to assist nations in resolving conflict without violence or coercion. Such an agency could enable parties in conflict to move away from the win-lose or lose-lose competition that predominates in international affairs towards genuinely common goals or a win-win situation. The group will meet again in Washington, D.C. and later in Europe to implement these agreements and to gather support and cooperation for such an international agency. This conference was sponsored jointly by the American Arbitration Association, the Institute for the Study of National Behavior, the Members of Congress For Peace Through Law Education Fund, the National Peace Academy Campaign, Organizational Development Associates, Inc. and by Dr. Bert Balducci, who proposed and coordinated the meeting.

Richard Erskine and Rebecca Trautman spent five weeks in India during January and February. They presented workshops on TA and Gestalt Therapy. Rebecca taught a 101 course to over 60 people and Richard was the key-note speaker at the inauguration of the Transactional Analysis Society of India. Both are investigating the use of Indian massage and psychic-spiritual practices as related to psychotherapy.

Claude Steiner has moved to Ukiah, California, a hundred miles north of the Bay Area, to Round Mountain Ranch. He has made the down payment on a 2500 acre piece of land, complete with sacred mountain, a lake, 80 acres of irrigated bottom land, meadows, woods, barns, sheds and a ranch house, to start the Cooperative Survival Project. The CPS is envisioned as a new-age feminist community, with three cornerstones: cooperation, holistic health, and ecological morality. Claude is looking for a score of people who have some money to buy the land collectively and who have a lot of ideas and energy, to come and join him in this project. For more information and brochure, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and $.30 to: Cooperative Survival Project, 1201 Parducci Road, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Aequalis is a peer group counseling program offering counseling services to McNeil Island (US Penitentiary) residents in the form of treatment groups and biofeedback training. They are now including clients from the mainland in what they call an Inside/Outside Group. For information call Wayne Fulton or Dr. Thompson at 588-5281 or write Jim Lyon, Aequalis, Box 500, Steilacoom, WA 98388.

Cathexis India, a teaching and treatment branch of Cathexis Institute, will hopefully open by September 1979. Staff will include both Indians and non-Indians, some of whom have been trained in the United States. Jacqui Schiff, founder of Cathexis Institute, will be actively involved in the India branch. She was recently in India for the inauguration of the Transactional Analysis Society of India (TASI) and gave a workshop there on basic TA theory.

Vince Gilpin, TM, and Rooshikumar Pandya, RM, are giving a Professional Training Program in "Transactional Analysis and Hynotherapy." R. Pandya is also giving a course in "TA in the Classroom" through the University of Sherbrooke.

Developmental Stages course by Pam Levin is a new addition to the Group House activities. The course is didactic and deals with how need cycles develop and how scripts develop in response to needs. Other Group House activities such as playgroups and marathons deal with these developmental stages in an experiential way.

Notes from Brazil — in recent years, with the stimulus of some ITAA Teaching Members, about ten TA-related organizations and training facilities have emerged in Brazil. At this time, informal contact is beginning between the leaders and representatives of these groups. In the past, communications between ITAA and our South American members has not always been clearly understood. One of the most important results of the recent meetings attended by ITAA members from the United States has been to clarify the idea of contractual training and learning as practiced by ITAA members. Dr. William H. Holloway has been a frequent guest in Brazil and has been very involved in the process there. He currently has 11 Brazilians in his training program for clinical PTMs and another 6 in this training program for SFPTMs.

So You Want to Write?

Mark Twain once said, "If I'm paid seven cents for the word metropolis and the word city, and I have a choice of which to use, I'll use city." Moral: paid or unpaid, the short, familiar word that communicates is better than the large, complicated word used to impress.

Changes in Trans Pubs Policies to Affect Membership

The Board of Trustees has decided to retain Trans Pubs as a membership service. It will offer TA books for purchase that might otherwise be difficult to find. For this service to continue, Trans Pubs must operate with sound financial practices. At this point, the margin of profit is very small and we cannot afford to carry accounts on our books or to offer as extensive a discount schedule. However, there is still a 10% discount in effect, books purchased from Trans Pubs are still less expensive than those purchased from retail bookstores, and we encourage members to continue to utilize this service.

Prepaid Orders: effective immediately, Trans Pubs will only accept orders which are prepaid. This is due to the large amount of cash tied up in accounts receivable.

Discount Schedule: the schedule has been revised so that there will only be one rate offered (10%) to members, institutes and bookstores. The 10% discount applies only to prepaid orders of $25 or more.

From Capitol Hill to ITAA for New Administrative Secretary

Before coming to San Francisco, Noël Basch worked in Washington, D.C. for two years, first as a researcher with the Energy Task Force for the Senate Budget Committee, later as a legislative aide on energy matters and finally as an Executive Secretary for Senator Frank E. Moss of Utah. After growing up in Salt Lake City, Utah, she found the Capitol Hill life-style, with its ever-present security guards (whose turf ranged from supermarket patrol to museums), and its rootless politico's groping tenuously for positions of power (in a town that embraces workaholics while doling out high stakes to political "winners") very exciting but not very satisfying. When Senator Moss was not re-elected, she gravitated west again for the contrast of the open, colorful and gay abandonment of California's varied lifestyles. She landed in the Bay Area.

Besides her experiences in Washington, Noël brings to her new position a background which includes organizing recreational programs for handicapped children; traffic managing for a radio station; and a university researcher on solar energy. While earning her B.A. in English and Business from the University of Utah at Salt Lake City, she worked as a psychiatric aide at the first community mental health center in Utah. There she did some individual counseling and also participated as a co-therapist in family therapy. Her other interests fan the spectrum from reading Dr. Suess to metaphysics, to jogging, swimming, skiing, dancing, cooking, music and pottery.



For Noël, the most enjoyable aspect of working in Washington was observing power strategies and game-planning as senators and their staff aides interacted in heated floor battles in the Senate chamber and in closed sessions. From an insider's vantage point, she could see that an expertly coordinated and functioning staff was essential to the effectiveness and influence of a senator. This keen sense of staff teamwork makes her an important addition to our smaller, and therefore necessarily more responsible staff. Her specific duties will combine those formerly covered by two people, including coordination of *TAJ* materials, minutes for all Board and Business meetings, committee liaison work, and administrative secretarial work for the Executive Director and Comptroller. In addition, Noël, along with Bob Anderson, will represent ITAA at the Montreal Summer Conference to answer general questions.

We welcome her to ITAA and look ahead to a mutually stimulating relationship as we serve the membership of the Association.

Members Forum

TA and Systems Theory

Dear *Script:*

In response to your question of the month from the January 1978 issue, I would like to ask some questions of Jack Dusay. In *Transactional Analysis After Eric Berne* he stated, "During the 1950's, Berne was influenced by the cyberneticists. . . . Throughout the 1960's, Berne encouraged semanticists and systems theorists to give presentations . . ."

I have been engaged for about 20 years now in working with some of the most complex computing systems available. During this time I have learned a great deal about how systems work and how they fail. One of the things that fascinated me very much was the realization that many of these complex systems exhibit dysfunctions similar to those of people. It has been only over the past 3 or 4 years that I have tried to find an explanation for this. Thankfully, Transactional Analysis has provided me with a great deal of insight as to why this is. The problem I find myself faced with is that there are very few people available with whom I can exchange these ideas or discuss them to test their value.

I have found, as Berne so aptly stated in *Intuition and Ego States,* that I hesitate to venture as a layman into psychotherapy because of the pitfalls which tempt the uninitiated. In spite of this, however, there are many questions I would like to sit down and ask Jack Dusay and others. Here are a few:

1. Is there still an interest among TA'ers and in the ITAA in the fields of cybernetics, general systems, and the computer sciences?
2. Who are the people with this interest?
3. How do they communicate and exchange ideas?
4. How can a layman get involved in this communication?

I have been a member of the ITAA for a year now and find *The Script* has provided for me an excellent way of learning about both the people in the ITAA and the organization. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
Arnie Miller

Dear Arnie:

As best I can, here are some ideas:

1. After applying communications theory in the 1950s, game theory was born and then a de-emphasis of general systems theory occurred. Of course, computer technology has been increasingly utilized for research. (See Robert Heyer's presentation at the 1978 Summer Conference in Montreal.)
2. Taibi Kahler, Ph.D., TM, Arkansas; Robert Heyer, MD, Sausalito, CA
3. Summer Conferences and regional conferences; the Eric Berne Seminar in San Francisco (please schedule in advance for this by contacting Dan Orphilia or Penny Fields); *TAJ: Script;* and the *TA Research Index* by McGahey and Blair available through Trans Pubs.
4. Local seminars, and others listed above in #3.

Jack Dusay, MD

Editor's Note: A number of people in ITAA are using general systems theory and family systems theories in their work with organizations and in therapy. For example, see articles by M. & G. Goldhaber and L. Randall in Everybody Wins *by D. Jongeward. Additionally, see R. McClendon and V. Joines in* Transactional Analysis After Eric Berne *by G. Barnes.*

ITAA—An Oligarchy?

Dear Editor:

Ruth McClendon is right. The ITAA voting members' recent action regarding RM voting is "more responsible." Like all "try hards", it got better but didn't make it. The ITAA is still not in a responsible position, and will not be until, like other responsible organizations, it stops disenfranchising its members, provides for mail-in ballots, and stops playing politics with economic and training issues. To disenfranchise the members who supply overwhelmingly the money and support for ITAA is elitist, and undemocratic. The American Revolution was fought on such "taxation without representation" basis.

Reading in the February *Script,* RMs with contracts are "Members-in-Training." There are still Regular Members, but now all of us paying for TA training are supposedly not members anymore, but training to be members. I hope it's a typographical error, because otherwise I am calling it elephantshit.

My training contract had as its end goal clinical membership. I read in the previous *Script* that the designation is to be changed to "Certified Member." That's not what I and my sponsor and the ITAA entered into our contract for, and I want clarification on the status of members with training contracts when they have passed their exams henceforth.

More and more I see what I call an oligarchy forming in administration of the ITAA; government by a select few, voted on by a select few. This stifles constructive growth and creativity. I think Claude is right when he says the ITAA should self-destruct every 15 years or so. I propose ITAA do that now, and training institutes come alive in various regions of the country, operating independently and creatively like the Gestalt training programs. We would keep Trans Pubs as a clearing-house for TA information, and to publish the *Journal.* It could be subsidized by subscriptions from those who wanted it, and by donations from the regional institutes, if they saw fit.

To me, ITAA is turning into an economic organization "of the few, by the few, and for the few."

Makes me wonder if the money I've spent on ITAA was worth it. I guess I've just made a highly questionable investment.

Rusty Hightower
RM with contract, or whatever

Dear Rusty:

A few items of information:

- The idea of mail-in ballots is a good one. Since Don Cherry, SFM, of Houston proposed it to me in some detail a few months ago, I've been checking on ways to implement it. President McClendon also liked the idea. Our major issues will probably be handled that way from now on.
- "Members-in-Training" does not mean training to be members. It is a short designation (MIT) for "Regular Members with Clinical Membership or Special Fields Membership Training Contracts." Since the latter is such a long phrase, MIT is designed as an optional term. Members-in-Training are definitely Regular Members.
- "Certified Member" does not rule out "Clinical Member." It is an umbrella term invented to replace another umbrella term, "Advanced Member." The Board decided that the latter was elitist. "Certified Member" is a shorthand for "Clinical Members and Special Fields Members."

Rusty, thanks for taking the time to write down your concerns. When people like you voice what you are thinking and feeling it is possible for me to respond and give you the accurate information. That is real communication, and I appreciate it.

Bob Andersen
Executive Director

ITAA and ERA

Dear Jack Dusay, MD:

The following is my reaction to your letter in "Members Forum" (Jan., 1978) opposing the ITAA boycott of unratified ERA states.

I believe we are correct in deciding not to organize ITAA functions within unratified states. You suggest we " . . . express ourselves through creative, positive social action . . . " which I think we do by meeting in all those states which have ratified the ERA. We are then positively stroking those states through our dollars spent.

You write that the boycott is a "questionably effective method." Already the Illinois legislature is receiving pressure from the Chicago Chamber of Commerce because of that city's loss of convention business. Also, press releases reveal losses in Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and Miami, etc. I think it is effective and will be more so as additional national organizations join these efforts.

I disagree with your belief that our Free Child presence during meetings and follow-up parties in unratified states will raise the FC of large groups of people, let alone these people understanding any link to our support of the ERA! It is grandiose to think " . . . we will be abandoning our brothers and sisters who live in these areas . . . " (unratified states) by not meeting within their cities.

Let's continue our support of Adult thinking of such organizations as NOW to bring about ratification of a much needed ERA — now.

Sharon Gourman-Field, ACSW, CM

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to Jack Dusay's letter (*Script,* Jan. '78) in which he expressed the opinion that "we blew it" when we joined hands with the American Psychological Association and with the Association of Humanistic Psychology in boycotting states which haven't ratified the Equal Rights Ammendment.

Even if we agreed with all of Jack's possibly correct and rational arguments, I believe that there is great value in making a public, political statement about our commitment to feminism. Also, our's is an organization heavily peopled by women and when we go to a state like Florida and spend our money in businesses that pay taxes to a state whose legislators don't see fit to allow women their rights (among other outrages), I am not happy.

Finally, I agree with Jack that we should do hundreds of workshops, hold thousands of meetings and teach, teach, teach in Florida and other anti-ERA states. But, I don't want our once-a-year-kick-back-get-down-pow-wow to happen in the midst of those kinds of anti-people vibes.

I commend those who made the proposal and voted for the far-sighted decision to boycott anti-ERA states. ERA Now!

Claude Steiner

Award Category Additions

Dear Editorial Board:

Our present system of awards does not take into consideration three important areas of TA as a (1) science, (2) theory, and (3) practice. I would like to propose that the Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award be awarded only to those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the science of TA. Distinguished contributions to the theory and practice of TA should be honored by other appropriate awards. I would like to propose that ITAA also recognize distinguished contributions to TA as a *profession,* distinguished humanitarian contributions, and distinguished service to ITAA.

I propose the following categories of distinguished contributions to TA and ITAA:

1. Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award for distinguished contributions to TA as a science.
2. Distinguished service to ITAA.
3. Distinguished contribution to the theory of TA.
4. Distinguished contribution to the application of TA.
5. Distinguished humanitarian contribution.

By honoring other outstanding contributions to TA, the Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award can be limited to scientific contributions only.

Regards,
Leonard P. Campos

Building Fund Donations

Dear Members:

Over the years, ITAA has grown to a worldwide membership of around 10,000 people. To house our headquarters appropriately, we purchased, in 1974, a beautiful old dwelling that is not only a pleasant environment for office staff and visitors, but also a bargain and investment for ITAA.

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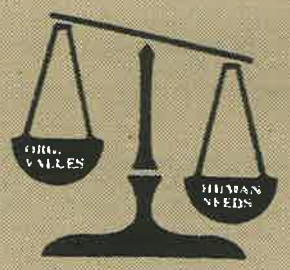

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I am a psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. I am currently an Assistant Professor at USC and have lectured and taught courses for USC, UCLA and the Los Angeles Group Psychotherapy Society. I am past President of the Medical Staff at the Westwood Hospital in West Los Angeles.

DIANE MOMB, R.N., C.P.T.M., Co-Director
I am a Clinical Provisional Teaching Member of ITAA and am a Psychiatric nurse with experience both in hospital work and with office groups. I have taught or assisted with courses for the California Hospital Medical Center, UCLA and the Los Angeles Group Psychotherapy Society.

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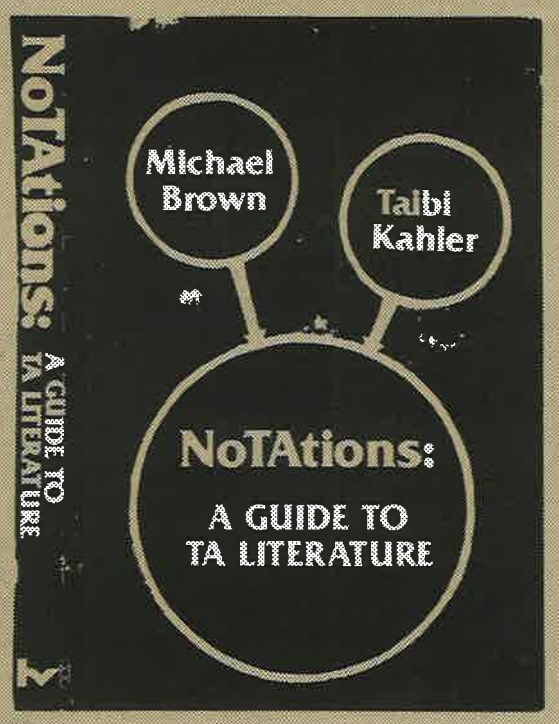

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Several months ago I wrote about "making room for differentness". As I write now I want to share more in that regard. In particular I am thinking about some of the past ways we as an organization have gotten ourselves off course and how we are now moving to make that different.

For many years ITAA has been a reactive and somewhat impulsive organization. We have had creative ideals and taken giant leaps to implement our purposes. Our general philosophy has been one of caring for individual members and yet, in some instances, this has actually meant disregarding or taking from the whole. For instance, we have done such laudable things as create a book store (Trans Pubs) to sell books at a discount to individuals and at the same time we have had to tap into the general funds to support the loss on those discounted books. At other times, when staff have been unable to do their jobs, we have hired new staff to fill in the gaps and then humanistically kept the old people around. Thus, we then ended up with 2 persons to do the work of less than one. We have established more and more training regulations to "protect" the consumer and ended up excluding many who are competent. We have charged fees for exams and used that money to pay for everything else. We have called ourselves international and made it close to impossible for non-US persons to participate.

In the past there has been a gap between our philosophy and reality, between our goals and our practice, between our ideals and our pocket-books. We have had good ideas and we have not paid enough attention to the long path between an idea and its successful implementation. It is now time to make some changes in our style of operating. We need to pay more attention to the long range planning for ITAA and to ask the question of how does ITAA fit into the real world around us.

The committees and Board of ITAA are already working in this direction. In New Orleans there was excitement and movement. We developed ideas and plans for internal and external reconstruction and building. The new Editorial Board is implementing its plans for the *Journal* changes; the Public and Professional Information committee is moving ahead with its inter-organizational connections. Many committees, especially Social Action, have developed a new liaison connection with other committees. The Board itself has moved so that we are financially grounded in reality and acting responsibly around our earning and spending. For the first time (in my history with ITAA) there was ample time for the Board to consider NEW BUSINESS and thus move into long range thinking and planning.

This summer in Montreal the Board and committee chairpersons will participate in training workshops to further help us think in relationship to long-term goals; plan in connection with all parts of our organization (i.e. regular membership and certified membership); and act in relationship to the world around us.

Ruth McClendon

More Legislation Indicated:

Confidentiality in Group Therapy Session Upheld By Judgement Rendered in California Superior Court

by Paul Bindrim, PhD

A California Superior Court judgement for $50,000 for libel has been rendered in favor of psychotherapist, Paul Bindrim, PhD, and against defendants: publisher, Doubleday & Co., Inc.; and author, Gwen Davis, best known as the author of *The Pretenders*. The defendants have appealed the judgement. The litigation arose out of the publication of a novel by Gwen Davis, titled *Touching*, in which she allegedly described a nude marathon which she had attended. Although the book had been called a novel, and the name of the therapist and all of the participants had been changed, the jury felt that the main character was identifiable as Bindrim, and that the novelist had painted a distorted picture of what transpired in the therapy session.

The problems encountered in the trial indicate the direction that additional legislation must take to assure confidentiality in the therapy group. The procedures used by the therapist to insure confidentiality (taping the sessions and having the participants sign contracts) proved to be legally effective and demonstrate what can be done under existing legal structure. They also suggest changes in our ethical code which may be necessary.

Our primary concern should be with the ethical problem which has emerged with the increasing use of group psychotherapy. Laws concerning privileged communication between patient and therapist in a one-to-one situation exist because they protect confidentiality. The therapist assures the patient confidentiality will be maintained, that, in fact his license would be revoked if he disclosed what transpired. He cannot in fact even be forced to testify in court. In a group situation, however, when the therapist invites a patient to attend, should he then, inform him that none of these laws apply to other group members, and that they are free to talk or write about anything that transpires? If the therapist says this, he seriously impedes the therapeutic process and acts in the disinterest of the patient. On the other hand, if he does not say this, he himself has created a booby trap for the patient.

To resolve this ethical dilemma, this therapist took two steps. All group participants were asked to sign a contract in which they agreed not to discuss or write about what transpired in the session nor talk about who was present. In the event that they should, they risked civil suit by any group member who was damaged by their conduct. He then openly and with the knowledge of the participants recorded all group sessions and kept these tapes on file.

In the litigation that followed the publication of *Touching*, by Gwen Davis, it was clearly shown that Ms. Davis, had signed a contract, that her description of the nude marathon group reflected what had transpired as recorded on the tape, but that she had distorted events in a libelous manner.

In the opinion of attorneys, proving the allegation of libel would have been much more difficult without the tape recordings. It is significant that these measures proved effective in spite of possible prejudice that some jurors might have toward a therapist who conducts nude sessions. These measures undoubtedly would prove more effective when used to protect confidentiality in more conventional groups.

The value of such measures in deterring other authors from violating the privileged confidentiality of nude marathon sessions can only be assumed. Most certainly, the judgement rendered by the Superior Court of California will act as a deterrent to other novelists and writers and benefit all group therapists and their patients. However, to be on the safe side, it would seem advisable for therapists working with groups to make tape recordings routinely and require signed contracts from all participants. It might even be advisable to require this in our code of ethics.

Since this procedure appears to work well, one might ask, "Why do we need additional legislation?" To establish our case under existing legislation, it was necessary to prove the following three points: (1) That the patients involved had been clearly identified even though their names had been changed. (2) That the description of the patients were libelous. (3) That the patients had sustained damages. The three patients, who filed suit with me dropped their cases during the pre-trial settlement conference, possibly because of the potential difficulty of proving that their identities had been disclosed to others or that the facts revealed about them were false. Most of the facts describing them were accurate although somewhat distorted to portray them as cartoon-like characters. In addition, they might not have been able to prove that they had suffered financial damage. The therapist's case was considerably stronger in that he was the only person nationally known to conduct nude marathons at the time the novel was first published. In addition, he was clearly depicted as a charlatan.

Further legislation is obviously needed. Patients in a therapy group conducted by a licensed professional should clearly have the right to civil action whether the facts disclosed about them are libelous or true. They should not have to prove that they are identifiable by other persons or that they have suffered actual financial damage. When a patient discloses his innermost feelings under the assurance of confidentiality and

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Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee

Co-chairpersons: Virginia Malone
Larry Kokkelenberg

Anyone interested in participating on the by-laws committee and has some parliamentary experience, please contact Ginna Malone, 1800 Vassar N.E., Apt. F, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 (505-255-2354) or Larry Kokkelenberg, 4110 Phyllis Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 (312-564-2260).

Executive Committee

Chairperson: Ruth McClendon

Our by-laws say that "the Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association during intervals between meetings of the Trustees, and any action taken is subject to review and/or ratification by the Trustees. The Committee shall evaluate all committee reports submitted for action by the Trustees and make appropriate recommendations."

The Executive Committee is just another committee with responsibility to the Board. We have open meetings and invite you to communicate as you would with any other committee.

Licensure Committee

Chairperson: George Kohlrieser

The following goals were established at the Winter Congress:

(1) Expanding ITAA members' awareness of the significance of the licensure issues, both for practicing TA therapists and for trainers and trainees.

(2) Collection of information from all the states on current licensure laws and limits on the rights to practice. A comprehensive overview of what the laws are in all the states will be published in the *Script*.

(3) Establish a contact person in each state to monitor licensing law changes. Work with members in states needing direction, information or models of how to be proactive and reactive to the issues of licensure.

(4) Coordinate efforts with other professional organizations dealing with similar licensure interest.

The Board of Trustees acted on the Committee's recommendation that the Training Standards Committee include in CM/SFM/PTM contracts a statement that, in order to meet the requirements of the contracts the candidate has knowledge of licensing laws relevant to the candidate's application of TA.

At present, Ohio TAA is planning with OPGA and other organizations, to take the counseling bill to the House of Representatives in early March. Virginia and Missouri are considering the controversial Hazard Practices Procedures Act which goes beyond licensing the use of title to licensing the process of psychotherapy. TA people in Alabama are working to be included under a counselor licensing bill which is now close to being passed. The Licensure Committee solicits facts, concerns, opinions, and ideas about licensing, including how you think ITAA might respond to questions of licensure. You can forward these to George Kohlrieser (6210 North Main St., Dayton, OH 45415. 513-275-6313). Let George know if you are interested in being a contact person for your state.

Persons having specific information about licensing laws can contact Katrina Seipp (300 Eastowne Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. 919-929-3157). Members of other professional organizations or persons who know of ways to link with other professional organizations can give that information to Nan Gurowitz (RFD, #1 Dorset, Shelbourne, VT 05482. 802-862-6589).

Long Range Policy and Planning Commission

Chairperson: Richard Underhill

The Committee will focus on the following issues during the year ahead:

(1) The extension of the time frame of ITAA planning and functioning so that the urgent does not displace the important. Rather than reacting to crises, we need to plan ahead and decide which direction we want to move in and how to go about that in a deliberate, orderly manner.

(2) The focus of ITAA efforts on results rather than activities in order to evaluate the allocation and redirection of resources in the most effective manner. For example, rather than just focus on selling books, we need to look at the results of having a book store and make decisions based on where we want to move after finding out our current situation.

(3) The maintenance of a balance among the existential needs of ITAA, the achieving needs of ITAA members, and the rationality needs of work and technology in the Special and Clinical Fields of TA application. We need to decide what the Associations's needs are so that we do not end up reacting to the loudest voice or group, but can integrate our response to needs of groups and individuals with the overall needs of ITAA.

The next meeting will be at the Southeast Conference in Atlanta and will be open to all ITAA members. Tentative agenda: (1) The future: What is it? A discussion of what happens when an organization looks at the future as a creation rather than an extrapolation of the past; (2) Do Six Purposes a Mission Make? A look at the implications of what the previous work of the Commission means for ITAA today; (3) To Be or Not To Be? Preliminary work on an international panel to be held during the EATA conference; and (4) Trap or Trap Door? A discussion of the issues raised in Alan Jacobs' paper *The Trap of Large Organizational Participation.*



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Nominating Committee Chairperson Bob Drye enjoying a light moment at Board meeting

Nominating Committee

Chairperson: Bob Drye

Bob Drye - 668 Williams St., Seaside, CA 93955
Ken Everts - 2200 Sacramento St., San Francisco, CA 94115
Rita Justice - 6331 Brompton, Houston, TX 77005
John O'Hearne - 4706 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64112
Emily Ruppert - 501 Boylston, Brookline, MA 02146

Your Committee is now taking suggestions for Board of Trustees nominations. Contact any committee member before May 1. Remember, Regular Members as well as Certified Members (classification requirement: oral exam) are now eligible. Your committee will submit about 25 names for the eight vacancies as nominations in August at Montreal during the Business Meeting. To save time, ask if a prospective candidate is willing to serve. There are currently six Board meetings in a three-year term. The election is next Fall.

Your Committee is beginning work with the by-laws committee to establish a new position of President-Elect. Progress will be reported in the next *Script.*

Public and Professional Information Committee

Co-chairperson: Paul Edwards
Les Kadis

At the Trustees meeting in New Orleans, the charge to the committee was expanded to include the development of working relationships with other professional organizations. This change has far-reaching implications. For the first time, a standing committee of ITAA is responsible for extending the reach of the Association and for encouraging it to actively join the community of respected professional organizations. As a natural consequence of our early development, our relationship to the outside helping community has been guarded and tentative. Our organization is now shifting into an active mode and the potential is exciting and challenging. The question of how to implement our charge is before us.

We are quite expert in integrating different categories of professionals, in training people who are not usually considered mental health professionals to apply psychological principles to their work, and in developing and promoting standards of excellence as well as methods for evaluating competency regardless of previous training. Thus, we do have a lot to offer other professional organizations as we explore the common problems relevant to promoting mental health in whatever setting.

This work has begun already. We are exploring the common boundaries between ourselves and the American Medical Association as we apply to become an organization whose sponsored workshops would be eligible for Category I accreditation for Continuing Medical Education. If our application is approved following a site visit in Montreal, workshops and training program leaders would submit their proposals to the ITAA Committee on Continuing Medical Education. Category I credit would then be available for all physicians attending. This project will serve as a model for other professional groups who need evidence of continuing education for re-certification of their professional licenses.

Part of the requirements will be to document that we indeed meet the continuing education needs of physicians. To do this we need information from the membership, particularly workshop leaders, as to the programs that they have led that have attracted physicians, members or non-members. Please send Les Kadis (PO Box 190, Aptos, CA 95003) copies of brochures or notes as to which presentations you have made where physicians have been present. Include a rough estimate of the number of physicians present at each of these offerings. In the future, ITAA will maintain necessary documentation, but we need this information to get the ball rolling.

This is only one example of the exciting ideas we have to move ITAA to a position of relating to other professional organizations. We are actively developing our connections with organizations that represent social workers, psychologists, marriage and family counselors and nurses while exploring those issues pertinent to our membership when a national health insurance is finally passed. We plan to have a voice in the development of this plan and have many ideas about how to do this. We know, however, that many of you are active in areas that we don't even begin to understand, and we welcome your input. You now know the "master plan" of this committee and you know about committees in other professional organizations to which you belong. Please share your ideas about how to carry out our plans in relation to these other groups.

We are looking forward to an active participation by the membership.

Scholarship Loan Fund Committee

Chairperson: Denton Roberts

The Scholarship Loan Fund was established by action of the Board August 1974. This action caused a $5 per member assessment to be included in the dues as of January 1975 and that assessment accumulates to the present time. As the initial funds were accumulating the fund process and procedures were developed by a committee headed up by Emily Ruppert who was succeeded by Ted Bruce. The current active chair is Denton Roberts.

The fund to date has accumulated just over $100,000 and has granted loans totaling $25,000 as of January 1978. At the August 1977 board meeting the ITTA designated $10,000 of the S.L.F. to be used for grants to minorities. The S.L.F. criterion for evaluating applications for these grants are as follows: (1) Minority status (this does not exclude Whites); (2) Financial need; and (3) Indication that there is mutual benefit for ITAA and the grantee. To date three $750 grants have been approved.

Application for loan fund forms may be made by writing to ITAA offices.

At the October meeting of the Board, a resolution was passed that directed a study of the feasibility of the establishment of a TA Educational and Research Foundation. The establishment of such a foundation could underwrite research and scholarship loans and grants on a permanent basis providing for the growth of both theory and application of TA. The committee solicits input from the constituency. Please send all ideas and comments to Denton Roberts, 822 East 20th St., Los Angeles, CA 90011. Currently a forum is being planned for the summer conference in Montreal.

Ethics Committee

Chairperson: Robert Morriss

Procedures for Handling Ethics Charges Within ITAA

It is recommended that any individual concerned with a possible violation of ethical standards by a member of ITAA approach the individual involved and attempt to work out the problem with them on a local level. If they fail to reach a resolution and wish to file a charge of unethical behavior or conduct unbecoming a professional or a member of ITAA, it is required that the individual inform the person complained against of his/her intention to file a charge of unethical behavior with the Ethics Committee of the ITAA.

In order to file a complaint with the Ethics Committee, a person must make such a complaint in writing and supply the committee with substantiating evidence. Any such complaint and all such accompanying information shall be kept confidential by the complainant. The Ethics Committee will decide if, in their opinion, action is warranted. If so, the Ethics Committee will notify the subject of the complaint made against him/her including the specifics of the complaint. In cases where possible, the committee will suggest a preferred response which would conclude the case. This course of action may be accepted or rejected by the subject member. Where the recommendation of the committee is accepted, the action of the committee will be placed in a sealed file and kept with the Ethics Committee in case of future complaints against the same individual.

If the committee's recommendation is rejected, the committee will set a date for a hearing before the committee which both the complainant and the subject member will be requested to attend. At this hearing the subject member will be accompanied by counsel. The committee will hear both parties, review evidence, and make a recommendation to the subject member as to the course of action which would be acceptable to the committee. If this recommendation is accepted, records of this action will be placed in a sealed file which will be kept with the Ethics Committee in case of future complaints against this individual.

In the event that the recommendation is not accepted, the committee will consider the response and if unable to resolve the differences will refer the case to the Executive Committee of ITAA for a hearing and review. Those present at this hearing will be the Executive Committee, the chairperson of the Ethics Committee and/or representatives of the majority and minority opinion within the Ethics Committee, and the subject member (who may be accompanied by counsel if he/she chooses). Legal counsel for ITAA may also be present at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The ruling of the Executive Committee will be final and binding.

All of the proceedings, findings and actions of the Ethics Committee will be confidential, provided however that the complainant be notified in general terms of the decision and that appropriate action has been taken and provided further that the complainant be notified of the confidentiality of that information. Cases will be reviewed only by the Executive Committee unless suspension or expulsion is being considered in which case the Board of Trustees will be notified. If suspension or expulsion is decided on by the Ethics Committee and/or the Executive Committee, this action must be approved by the Board of Trustees. The exception to the rule of confidentiality is any case in which a member is either suspended or expelled from ITAA. In such cases, the membership may be informed of this action only with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

In the instance where a complaint is filed by a nonmember of ITAA, the Ethics Committee shall be responsible for pursuing the matter from the basis of the evidence supplied.

When an individual charged with an ethics violation is under contract for advanced membership of any form, notice that an ethics charge has been filed against him/her shall be sent to that individual's sponsors when it is received, and said sponsors shall be encouraged to pursue the matter.

The findings of the Ethics Committee with regard to a case shall become a part of that person's file to which his-her sponsor and the Training Standards Committee will have access.

Ethics Notice:

"Once a member of ITAA decides to charge another member with unethical behavior, professional ethics require that he/she not discuss this publicly. Charges of unethical behavior, like all other Ethics Committee proceedings, are confidential."

Question of the Month: what do you think is the biggest challenge facing the ITAA at this time?

Publications Committee

Chairperson: Muriel James

At the ITAA Winter Congress, Muriel James, EdD was appointed Editor of the *Transactional Analysis Journal.* Paul McCormick is interim Editor of the April and July 1978 issues of *TAJ.* The articles in the April and July issues were chosen by the former Editorial Board.

The new President and the Board of Trustees have requested that the interim Editor and the Managing Editor publish as many unconditionally accepted articles as possible from those already on file. A backlog of almost 200 articles and a lack of space may cause some compression of articles in these issues. The new Editorial Board has started to review new manuscripts for the October 1978 and subsequent issues.

New Editorial Board members are:

Kenneth Everts, MD
Louis H. Forman, MD
J. Herbert Hamsher, PhD
Alan Beigel, MD
Joen Fagan, PhD
Virginia Blacklidge, MD
Martha M. Holloway, BS
Gisele Richardson, BA
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John McNeel, PhD
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Mary Goulding, MSW
Otho Hesterly, PhD
Leslie B. Kadis, MD
Roger Blakeney, PhD
Lyman Peterson, MEd
Rebecca Troutman, RM
Elizabeth Dunn, MSW

Criteria for Selection of Journal Articles

Sometimes people have sound ideas and can write them up. However, they may not know the Editorial Board's criteria for deciding **what** to publish and **when** to publish specific articles in the *TAJ.* The follcwing review form is a new one to be used by the new Editorial Board. It will help answer questions of "what" and "when." It is printed here so that potential authors can refer to it for guidance.

Date Reviewed_____

TO AUTHORS WHO SUBMIT *JOURNAL* ARTICLES:
Paper # _____ Title:

We appreciate your interest in the *TA Journal* and the fact that you submitted an article. Following are comments for your attention:

AREAS TO BE EVALUATED (check the appropriate rating)	*Excellent or High*	*Good*	*Fair*	*Low or Poor*	*Not Applicable*
Degree of general interest					
Clarity of Idea					
Clarity of Writing					
Level of Sophistication					
Conciseness					
Originality					
Validity of Conclusions					
Use of References					
Usefulness					
Appropriate Research Design					
Accuracy of Data Analysis					
Quality of Table and Figures					

RATING: On the basis of the above factors and your overall impression of the paper, please rate it numerically on a scale from 1 (unacceptable) to 10 (outstanding): _____.

RESEARCH: 1. Does this paper involve complicated statistics or material? Yes_____ No_____. 2. If Yes, shall we send it to an expert for further check on the statistical presentation? Yes_____ No_____. I am familiar with the information or statistics used. It seems accurate and well presented_____.

RECOMMENDATION: What do you recommend? ☐ Accept unconditionally, ☐ Accept conditionally with minor revisions, ☐ Major rewrite needed before resubmission, ☐ Reject.

If you recommend acceptance, what priority would you give it? _____High _____Medium _____Low.

CONDENSED OR REVISED FORMS. If this paper contains interesting ideas but does not seem to meet the criteria for a regular article, would you recommend that we ask the author to shorten it and submit it as a _____Brief Communication, or _____Letter to the Editor.

OTHER COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:

Training Standards International Committee

Chairperson: Bill Holloway

As I have begun my new responsibilities for monitoring the activities outside the USA as regards training and certification, I am actively involved in establishing changes which will facilitate matters for colleagues in the ITAA.

A major problem area is that of certifying examinations. At the level of CM/SFM oral examination, we have extended time-limited authorization to some colleagues to arrange for examinations in their geographic region. Thus far this applies in Europe, India and Australia. In the rest of the world it is necessary that all examinations be arranged by request through the Training Standards Committee. Because of many complexities, it is necessary that requests to schedule examinations must be received at ITAA offices at least nine months prior to examination and all the financial requirements for such examination must be completed seven months prior to the scheduled date. At the present time it is required that there always be a representative of the Training Standards Committee present to assure that examinees are trained and as a consultant. The expenses of that representative must be guaranteed by the requesting agency or person. It is acceptable that the examinees share the costs of the representative's expenses. In some instances where there are insufficient local examiners available there may be additional expenses for examiners.

Another area of concern is around the essay-type written examination. It is required that the examination be reviewed by the sponsor prior to sending it to the ITAA appointed evaluator. The ITAA must be able to complete its evaluation at least 90 days prior to the intended oral examination. Actually it is desirable that the written examination be evaluated 6 months before oral examination.

We are in the process of preparing the examination questions in the language of the candidate and also to have it evaluated by a TM or PTM familiar with that language.

Regarding TM examinations we have some very special problems. The administration of such an examination outside the USA will require that specific arrangements as to who will examine be completed six months prior to the examination. Until some future date when there are sufficient trained TM examinees residing in a geographic region, we must use as examiners only persons who have demonstrated their ability.

Another topic which we are studying is the feasibility of providing trainees with contracts written in the language with which they are familiar.

Letters will soon be received by TMs and PTMs who are sponsors of trainees residing outside the USA. We have found instances where it is evident that sponsors are not maintaining their responsibility and as a consequence candidates are being insufficiently trained and evaluated as to readiness for certifying examinations. This, of course, creates real difficulty when a candidate discovers at examination that they lack the skills and knowledge necessary for certification after a sponsor has endorsed them.

Any person who is contemplating submission of a request for examination is urged to correspond with me as soon as possible to obtain details.

Board Summary (continued from page 1)

SUMMER CONFERENCE INCOME: Last year's budget was based on a projection of substantial income from the summer conference. This income did not materialize. The decision was made in August that all departments and activities of ITAA would be self-funding as much as possible in the future. Therefore, the summer conference will not be expected to produce income other than that needed to cover conference expenses.

Action Taken: Board reaffirmed intent not to make large profit on summer conference and to set fees accordingly to cover entire conference expenses, but not to produce major income for ITAA. However, any surplus above expenses will go into the general operating fund.

1979 SUMMER CONFERENCE THEME: "Networks and Systems."

1979 CONFERENCE SITES: Winter - Snowmass, CO; Summer - San Diego, CA

1980 CONFERENCE SITES: Winter - San Antonio, TX; Summer - San Francisco, CA

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: By-laws currently state that committee appointments be made in January for one year. Change in by-laws will allow greater use of talents and expertise of program Committee members.

Action Taken: A by-laws change is being written to allow long-term, mid-year appointment of Program Committee Chairperson.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Sub-Committee on Continuing Medical Education from PPI Committee is pursuing ITAA becoming a sponsoring organization for Category I Continuing Medical Education for Physicians. This is seen as an important step in maintaining and increasing our credibility with the medical community and as a model for developing our professional identity with other professional organizations.

Action Taken: Board endorsed the initiation of necessary moves to obtain approval for continuing education. They also approved payment for a Medical Education inspection team from AMA to do an on-site visit at Montreal conference.

SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND REPAYMENT: Due to financial situation in 1976, $37,000 was borrowed from scholarship loan fund for use by general operating fund.

Action Taken: $37,000 will be repaid to scholarship loan fund when funds are available.

TRANS PUBS DISCOUNT AND CASH SALES: Trans Pubs sales limited to cash only; members' discount limited to 10% for orders of $25 or more; 30% discount to institutes discontinued (see pg. 3).

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION: This new committee is comprised of members of the Scholarship Loan Fund and Research Committees. It will include people acquainted with such things as University Trust Fund functioning. It is to determine whether this new foundation should exist and if so, it will define the function, structure and format the Foundation might take.

Action Taken: Denton Roberts was approved as chairperson of the Educational and Research Foundation Committee.

SCRIPT EDITOR: John James was approved to be Editor of the *Script*.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: The ITAA could save money by paying off debts on headquarters building and property. Money for this purpose can and has been contributed to special building fund. Since $5 is no longer taken from membership dues and automatically put into scholarship loan fund (as was previously done with US and Canadian membership dues), these monies will have to come from voluntary contributions.

Action Taken: voluntary contributions to building fund and scholarship loan fund will be solicited on membership billing statements.



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Trustee Saroj Welch of India

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: new membership directory will be printed in new format on newsprint to save money.

MAILING LIST: The assumption has been that by restricting sale of ITAA mailing list to non-profit organizations, the membership would be protected from offensive mailings. The Board decided this was not a valid assumption.

Action Taken: The decision is to allow for the sale of the ITAA mailing list to profit as well as non-profit companies, and to leave this to the discretion of the Executive Director.

SCRIPT ADS: Under original guidelines for Post Script, book ads were not acceptable and placement of all ads was restricted to Post Script section.

Action Taken: Permission was given managing editor to place ads visually and graphically throughout *Script* and book ads are now allowed.

QUESTIONS FOR TRAINEES TO ASK: Purpose is to assist people who are thinking about getting training to know the kinds of questions they might ask before they sign contracts.

Action Taken: The Trustees approved the printing in the *Script* of questions for perspective trainees to ask perspective trainers and also that they be sent out in the packet sent to all new members.

LICENSURE: The Association wishes to give support to those members who reside in areas where they are barred from professional activities as Transactional Analysts, not because they are incompetent, but because they have not attained some specific requirements such as a particular academic degree.

Action Taken: The Trustees support the Licensure Committee's stand on competency-based licensure and have returned the issue to committee for a more detailed philosophical statement which will take in a representative cross-section of the membership's position on this issue.

ETHICS CODE: The Ethics Committee was charged some time ago with the task of developing a code of ethics.

Action Taken: The Trustees reaffirmed its support of the Ethics Committee developing a set of ethical principles for the edification of the membership and to satisfy by-law requirements.

TASK FORCE: Norman James was appointed to chair the Task Force charged to further study the ethical, moral and scientific issues involved in the therapeutic techniques for the treatment of emotional disorders as they specifically relate to the use of physical and psychic pain in that process.

GAY RIGHTS: The Trustees endorsed a letter stating, in part, that "We, as members of the ITAA, convened at the 1978 Annual Winter Congress, support you in your work toward the establishment of civil rights for the gay and lesbian people in the United States of America."

COMMITTEE LIAISON ACTIVITIES: In the past, committees have largely operated independently. This led, at times, to the situation where Board time was taken to deal with one committee's objection to another committee's recommendation. If committees work more closely with each other, these problems can be ironed out during committee meetings rather than waiting until the issue comes before the Board. This is also an attempt to see that committees take into account the overall picture of the ITAA and the long-term effects of their recommendations.

Action Taken: Liaison activities between committees is a legitimate activity, and it is resolved that all committees are charged to have liaison with other appropriate committees.

COMMITTEES: all committee appointments were reviewed with incoming administration. All appointments are for one year according to by-laws. Currently appointments are still open.

Action Taken: Appointments approved (list will be printed in future *Script*).

Editor's Note: our thanks to those members who took the time to let us know (most often graciously and gently) their displeasure at our decision to put the Resource Form on the back side of the Prescott Survey in February 1978 *Script*. It was done that way to leave the rest of the issue intact for those who wished to save it for reference. We figured that anyone who wished to fill out both the Survey and the Form could find a clever way to xerox or otherwise duplicate one or the other. HOWEVER, we have heard your anguished cries and we will not do it that way in the future. We reget any inconvenience and are glad to learn from the experience.

Confidentiality in Group Therapy (continued)

then picks up a paperback at the local newsstand in which he recognizes himself as a grotesquely cartooned comic character, he is liable to be severely traumatized. Nothing could be more damaging therapeutically. It is well known that disclosing to a patient the way in which he presents himself or behaves is an extremely sensitive matter calling for the most exquisite timing. Even if no one in the world reads the book and recognizes him, the knowledge that it exists, his own recognition of himself, and the sheer dread that someone else might recognize him is flagrant injury in itself and should be covered by law. A signed release is designed to give the patient full control over his own right to confidentiality while at the same time permit the use of material for scientific purposes. Legislation that will expressly extend the right to confidentiality as it now exists in individual sessions, to therapy groups, is sorely needed.

The Group Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, realizing the importance of this matter has formed a committee to attain these objectives through legislation and by collecting funds to finance the appeal of this case. They are asking other professional organizations and all interested persons to join with them in this effort. If you wish to participate, please contact Harry Seagal, MD, 10640 Santa Monica Boulevard, LA, CA 90025, (213) 474-3996 or reach him at home, (213) 271-3124.

Editor's Note: *Although confidentiality in one-to-one therapy is basically protected, there are a few serious gaps. One of these gaps was discussed in the December 1976 issue of* Script *in an article titled, "Court Rules Doctors Must Warn Persons Threatened by Dangerous Mental Patients."*

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