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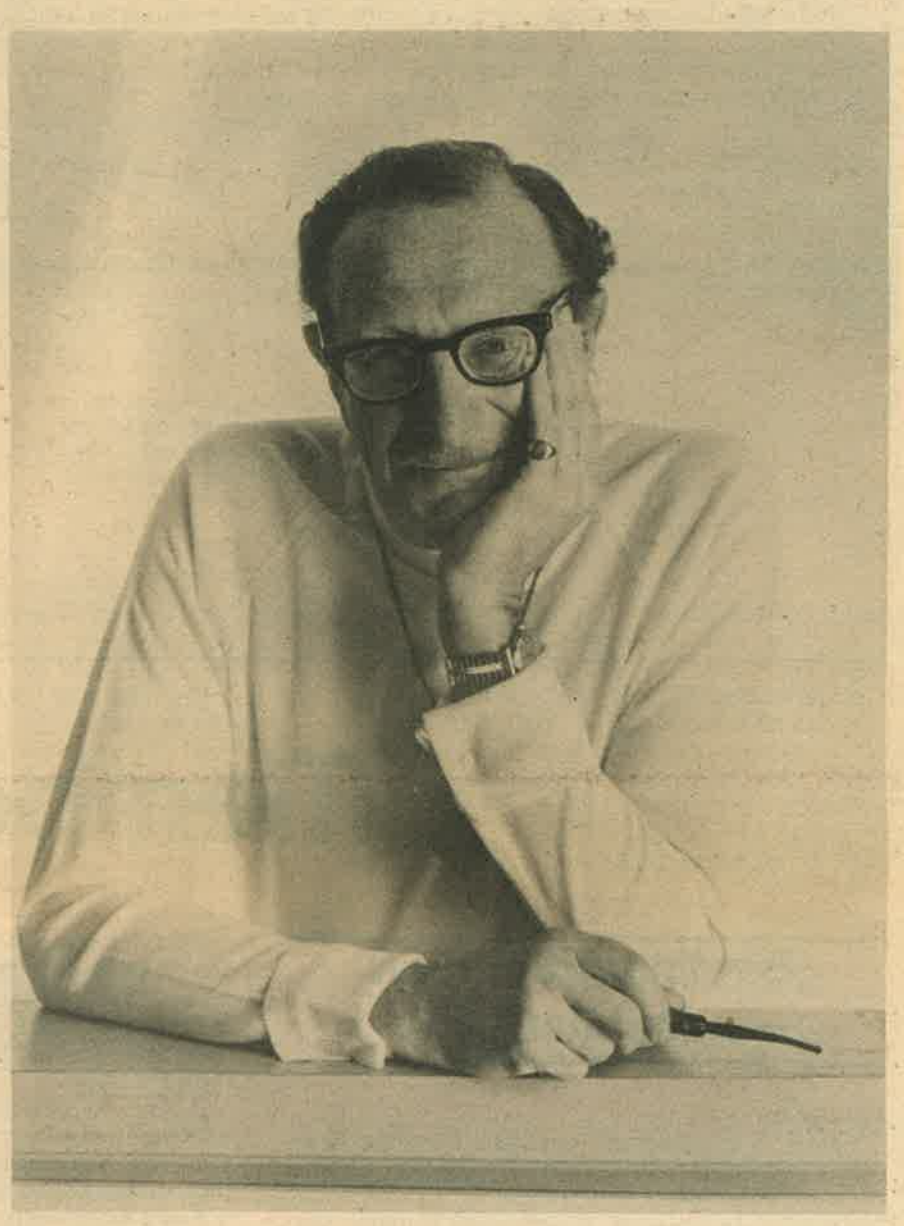



Looking At Grass

by Cyprian St. Cyr

Between his yearly visits to his therapist, Lastborn Snodgrass, the sixth of the twelve Snodgrass children, used to come and talk to R. Horseley, the Sage of the Ozarks.

"Why do you think I've lost my zest for life?" he asked one evening.

"It's because you don't know how to say 'Hello' " replied Horseley.

"Oh, I know how to say 'Hello,' " protested Snodgrass. "I know just how to con people when I say 'Hello,' and everybody likes me."

"Do you know how to look at grass?" asked Horseley.

"Funny you should ask that. Just the other day I was lying in a field and for the first time since I was a little boy I really saw the grass."

"Were you conning the grass?"

"No, that's just it."

"Well, it's just as hard to say 'Hello' as it is to see grass," said Horseley. "Come back in five years, after you've learned to say 'Hello,' and we'll talk about what you do after that."

Question: Which is harder, to say 'Hello,' or to see grass?

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Official Proxy Vote Form for Business Meeting

Changes Made in Proxy Procedure

Please note: this is the *official form. Please use it.* Be sure to sign mailing label on reverse side of form and mail to ITAA by July 27, 1979. Due to the large number of voting members, we will no longer be able to accept on-site registration of proxies.

Proxy Vote Form

I, (Please **print** name)_____ ,herewith assign my proxy vote to (Print name)_____ , to be voted at his/her discretion in accordance with my wishes as indicated below, OR the Secretary of ITAA _____ to be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Committee at the Business Meeting of the International Transactional Analysis Association convening on Thursday, August 9, 1979 in Snowmass, Colorado.

Signature _____

Date_____

Use the following space to indicate your wishes on particular issues (attach an additional sheet if needed).

August 1979 Business Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an ITAA Business Meeting to be held Thursday, August 9, 1979 in conjunction with the Summer Conference in Snowmass, Colorado.
Laurie Weiss, ITAA Secretary

Granting of Proxy Votes

The by-laws state that the quorum for conducting business at the Business Meeting is 5% of the qualified voting members. With an international organization such as ITAA, it is often difficult to physically assemble a quorum. To avoid the situation where no business can be done because there is not a quorum, the by-laws have provided for the granting of proxies. Proxies can be appointed in two ways:

A. To another voting member — make sure your proxy choice is actually planning to attend the August 9, 1979 Business Meeting.
B. To the Secretary of ITAA — she will vote in accordance with recommendations made by the ITAA Executive Committee. If they have made none on a given issue, the vote will count as an abstention.

Voting Instructions

1. Fill out the proxy vote form here (or the reprint of it found in the Summer Conference Program Book, not both). Please do not send hand-written letters or other forms.
2. Place your signature across the face of the mailing label on the backside of the form.
3. Place the form in an envelope, stamp, seal and mail it to ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123. It must arrive there *no later than July 27, 1979.*

Members Forum

Binding Arbitration As An Alternative

Dear Editor:

Below is a paragraph reprinted from the Complaint Procedure and Disciplinary Actions Chapter of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Psychiatric Association. It represents a model that I encourage all ITAA members to consider.

"A disciplined member may appeal to the membership by filing notice of such intent with the Secretary within 30 days after notification of the action of the Board. Expelled members shall be denied all membership privileges pending an appeal. All other penalties shall be suspended pending the appeal. Appeals shall be heard at the next Annual Meeting, at a session attended only by voting members and the necessary secretarial staff selected by the President. The member shall have the right to be heard and be represented. If two-thirds of those present vote, by secret written ballot, to reverse the Board's action, the complaint shall be dismissed."

Copies of this have been forwarded to the By-laws Committee and the Ethics Committee.

Sincerely,
John S. Ford, MD, CMT

Alternative Model in Ethics Procedure

Dear Editor:

I am writing regarding two articles in the February, 1979, *Script.* One is about the financial drain on the ITAA and another is from Jacqui Schiff's lawyers.

You, the management, have, I'm afraid, permitted the lawyers to dupe you. They have played their usual "Uproar" and "Let's You and Him Fight" games and you have drained your time and the members' money by permitting them to create a fight situation.

If you do not require members to sign an arbitration agreement, you will end up destroying ITAA by transferring our funds and management time to the lawyers, which is their goal.

Every major institution in America is trying to get out of the clutches of the lawyers and you are going the other way.

I not only will not make any contribution to further support the lawyers, but I would urge all members to withhold any contributions unless and until the Trustees promolgate a binding arbitration provision for adoption. If you do not, I believe the members should require all legal expenses to be met by the Executive Director and the Trustees personally.

If you have independent binding arbitration, you have a way for people to ventilate their complaints. If you don't, you have what you have now — anarchy promoted, aided and abetted by lawyers.

Sincerely,
Gerald Sears

Dear Gerald:

Thanks for your comments on binding arbitration. You'll be happy to know that the ITAA has been insisting for the last two years that a binding arbitration clause be included in our contracts with conference hotels. If an irreconcilable difference develops, both sides agree to take it to the American Arbitration Association.

I have some personal doubts about how our members would respond to such an item on a membership application (or wherever). I would be very interested to hear from members, pro and con, on the principle and on the practical aspects of implementation of such an arrangement.

Bob Andersen, Executive Director

Dispute Over Written Exam

Dear Members:

Since April, 1978, when I submitted a letter to the Members Forum and which was referred to the Chairperson of Training Standards Committee for a reply, I have been unable to get either reasonably prompt or satisfactory answers. In my original letter in response to Mr. Jacob's assertion that candidates had not come "close to completion," I stated I had worked through requirements of the contract, acquired the benefits of a considerable log sheet, submitted a written essay exam, was working to

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pass my second oral exam, and had asked for exemption from the new written exam. I expressed my indignation that non-US/Canadian applicants may submit a written essay exam.

In her reply, Ms. Reddington (Chairperson of TSC) did not speak to the issue of non-US applicants. She expressed regret that I had allowed my clinical contract to expire with advice to recontract and complete the existing process. I want to know the reasons that ITAA officials can break contract agreements, can use different training standards for non-US candidates, and can then expect trust to deal with integrity in a new contract.

My comment to Mr. Jacob's letter on trust in the November *Script* is that ITAA can begin by honoring past contract commitments. Ethics in the basics builds trust. We need protection to finish what we planned.

I want to recontract. I want ITAA to credit me with the written essay exam I submitted in August 1975. I do not have the time, funds or will to redo what I've given much time, money and energy to do. I invite all those who submitted an essay exam before the training standards change to contact me.

Ellyn Barcus

Dear Ellyn:

I reiterate here my responses given to you previously in our correspondence.

First, the CM contract and requirements are the same for US and non-US candidates as stated in the contract and training manual.

Secondly, ITAA has not broken your contract. The actual form, content and procedure of the written and oral exams are not specified in the contract. The form of both exams has been altered in the past five years. The written exam has changed from an open book, essay type exam to an objective, multiple choice one. It is still a "written" exam. The oral exam has changed from one in which a candidate was examined for competency in general theory, applications and practice to one dealing with application, practice and specific theory related to the taped work brought by the candidate.

Thirdly, you were examined under the early exam procedure and were deferred. At the time you were examined, the written exam was evaluated by the examining board in the same session as the clinical part. The sections were not scored separately. Therefore, you were not given credit for having passed one portion of the exam. Deferred candidates at all levels are not credited with passing a part of the exam, but are required to abide by the procedures in existence at the time of their next examination. Since you had not been certified before Jan. 1, 1976, when the old written form of the exam was used, you are required to pass the current form.

Your objection to a different form of written exam for non-US/Canadian, non-English speaking candidates does not consider the current technical difficulties involved in having a standardized objective written exam for all candidates in every language. There is incredible difficulty in adequately translating the theory into different languages with the precision necessary because of the disparity between the precise meaning of key words.

For non-US/Canadian candidates there is only one alternative at present — an essay type exam (which has been changed and up-dated since 1975 when the US/Canadian exam went into effect) graded by a person competent both in TA and in the candidate's language.

Sincerely,
Marge Reddington
Chairperson, Training Standards Committee

Getting Down in the Muck and the Mire

Dear People:

You can stand around with your whitewashed hands spinning theories of treatment, looking mighty good . . . while you're doing therapy with therapists. But Jacqui Lee Schiff was willing to get down in the muck and the mire and begin doing something that made a difference for the crazies and the sick and the needy. Sure she made some mistakes. We all make mistakes. But because she was willing to stick her neck out and, for the sake of the health of her patients, do some things that were different, it was a lot easier to zap her. The rest of us have been too busy playing it safe and looking good to do anything.

"Oh, yes! We really look good! We're all nice and clean and Jacqui's dirty. She can't play with us anymore unless she takes a good bath." That's the way its always been. And I guess that's the way it will always be. But the real advances in this old world are made by those who really give themselves. And the rest of us are forever indebted, for we reap the benefits of human sacrifice.

If ever the mentally ill may really hope to be well, it will be because of Jacqui Lee Schiff and people like her. As far as I'm concerned she is a saint! The rest of you? May you receive a just reward.

Very truly yours,
Joseph M. Newcomber



In Memoriam
1879-1979

I want to know how God created this world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know his thoughts.

Albert Einstein

Protest Over Selection of John Denver as Guest Speaker

Dear Friends:

I note . . . that John Denver has been selected as our guest speaker for the ITAA Summer Conference. I am writing to protest this selection.

. . . Traditionally, our guest speakers have been thinkers with a reputation in the area of ideas, theoretical or practical. John Denver is a well-known pop singer. I would not object to inviting him to perform in the area of his specialty, for instance, playing at the evening banquet.

When it comes to ideas, John Denver has a reputation as promoter for Werner Erhard's *est* and so-called Hunger Project. I urge you to read an article on the subject in the December, 1978, *Mother Jones* magazine, available at the public library or by writing to the magazine at its Editorial Offices, 625 Third St., San Francisco, CA 94107.

Of course, the Program Committee is empowered to set up the program to the best of its ability. I would not challenge the presentation of workshops or papers in the context of a Conference. But here we are talking about a guest speaker who presumably presents at a time where members either have the option of not attending at all or being "sitting ducks" for subtle indoctrination by an *est* cultist. Is this what we want at our ITAA Conference?

I respectfully urge the Program Committee to reconsider its invitation to John Denver.

Sincerely,
Fanita English

Dear Fanita:

I was saddened by your letter denouncing the selection of John Denver as a guest speaker at the Snowmass Conference, especially by what I experience as your insinuation in support of what is essentially a political position. The purpose of this letter is to clear up some of the statements you make.

First of all, John Denver is not *the* guest speaker, he is *a* guest speaker, along with Carolyn Attneave, a noted anthropologist, who will deliver the major theme address. Secondly, while our speakers have been thinkers in various areas, they have been selected not for their reputations, but for what they have to say. I see this in the best Bernian tradition of attending to quality, and not to social levels, "expertise," or reputation. Also, John seemed the perfect choice to welcome our members to Colorado.

It is true that John has been a vocal proponent of the Hunger Project, and has also spoken of his high regard for *est* and for Werner Erhard. These are all matters supported by some of our members, opposed by some, and of indifference to others. None of these positions has been shown to be politically undesirable or dangerous, to my knowledge. If John is a proponent of the Hunger Project, *Mother Jones*, which you seem to site as an authority, has been equally vehement in its opposition, with little documentation or data to support its position. One considers the evidence and draws his or her own conclusion.

Finally, I respectfully differ with your description of our members' only option as staying away or being "sitting ducks for subtle indoctrination." I believe our members are sufficiently intelligent and mature to attend, listen, and evaluate John's talk for themselves.

Yours Sincerely,
Ed Gurowitz, Ph.D.
Program Committee Chairperson

Violence in the Forum?

Dear Editor:

Speaking of violence, has anyone read this February's *Script* Members Forum?

While officially we are concentrating on member to client violence, what about member to member violence (gossip, slander, blackballing) and officer to member violence (authoritarianism, rigidity, discounting) that are rampant in certain ITAA circles?

Too frequently there is the game of "Members Forum," a variety of NIGYSOB, where an oversight in a letter becomes a focus for four paragraphs of abuse in the subsequent issue.

If we can't protect our own members from character assassinations, at least change the name from "Members Forum" to "Shooting Gallery."

Sincerely,
Steve Karpman

Dear Steve:

You should see the violence we've edited out! You're right. It's a fine line between allowing free speech and editing out unnecessary or inappropriate comments. We're glad our readers feel that the Members Forum is a place where they can really speak their minds. And, we'd love more letters (like those from G. Sears and J. Ford in this Forum) where members, officers, etc. give each other and the ITAA positive recognition and positive suggestions.

John James, Editor

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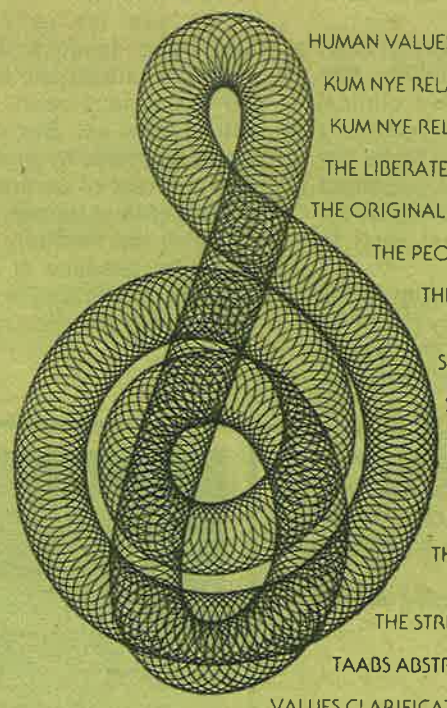

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I am a psychiatrist certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. I am currently an Assistant Professor at USC and have lectured and taught courses for USC, UCLA and the Los Angeles Group Psychotherapy Society. I am past President of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

August 9-12, 1979 ITAA Summer Conference, Snowmass, Colorado
January 13-20, 1980 ITAA Winter Congress, San Antonio, Texas

Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
CM and SFM Oral Exams	April 6, 1979	Birmingham, England	January 5, 1979
	May 25, 1979	Adelaide, Australia	April 23, 1979
	June 22, 1979	Auckland, New Zealand	April 16, 1979
	July 1, 1979	France	April 2, 1979
	August 8, 1979	Snowmass, Colorado	May 10, 1979
	September 28, 1979	Wellington, New Zealand	July 2, 1979
	October 19, 1979	Toronto, Canada	July 23, 1979
	October 26, 1979	Melbourne, Australia	July 27, 1979
	November 8, 1979	Germany	August 13, 1979
	November 10, 1979	Sao Paulo, Brazil	August 13, 1979
	November 28, 1979	Dearborn, Michigan	August 28, 1979
TM Exams	August 8, 1979	Snowmass, Colorado	May 7, 1979
PTM Contract Workshop	August 12-14, 1979	Snowmass, Colorado	May 14, 1979 ($50 deposit due)
Written Exams	September 28 or 29, 1979	To Be Announced	July 3 or 4, 1979

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Training and Exams

Congratulations to the following persons upon successful completion of their exams.

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Group Insurance Plans

Dear ITAA Member:

A number of you have requested that we provide professional liability insurance and also major medical insurance to the membership on a group basis. In order for this to be a possibility, we need to determine the number of members interested in these types of coverage. You can help us, and in the process help yourself, by completing the following questionnaire and returning it to the ITAA office as soon as possible. There is no need to include your name, but if you have any additional comments, they would be welcome.

Bob Andersen
Executive Director

1. Do you currently carry professional liability insurance? Yes _____ No _____
   If yes, what insurance company underwrites the policy?

   _____

   If yes, did you purchase the policy individually or through an association? _____

   If yes, what is your annual premium? _____

2. Would you be interested in participating in an ITAA sponsored comprehensive major medical insurance plan (like Blue Cross)? Yes _____ No _____

   If yes, what insurance company presently provides you with this coverage?

   If yes, did you purchase this policy on an individual basis or through an association? _____

3. What is your profession? _____

Keeping in Touch

New Books

Finding Hidden Treasures: TA Groups in the Church by Lura Jane Geiger will be published soon by Jalmar Press ($5.95). It will tell how to adapt TA teachings to religious organizations.

Translations

TA for Tots (and Other Prinzes) by Alvyn Freed will be published in Denmark by Muksgaard and in Germany by Sensus. Spanish and Portuguese translations of *TA for Tots* and *TA for Kids* have already been published.

Please Note

A letter has recently gone out from Cathexis Institute to some of our members. It begins, "We obtained your name from ITAA as a person who has recently discontinued your affiliation with that organization."

I want to assure our members that the ITAA did not sell a list of discontinued members, nor will we ever do so. What we did through a clerical error, was to release a list of people who were currently inactive (perhaps for late payment of dues). As a result, Cathexis is contacting many of you who are still members of ITAA and causing considerable confusion in the process. The communication is a misrepresentation of the facts.

I ask that members who receive such a letter contact me personally if there is any doubt in their minds about their membership in ITAA.

Bob Andersen
Executive Director



Vince was the guest speaker at the inauguration of the Transactional Analysis Association of Andra Pradesh (TAAAP) and is seen here with the president and some of the members of the executive group.

Vince Gilpin toured India in the Fall of 1978 at the invitation of the Indo-American Society. He taught three-day seminars in Bombay, Bangalore, Madras, Calcutta and New Delhi. He also addressed the membership of the Society in these centers at special evening meetings. The audiences liked the simplicity and clarity of TA concepts and their easy application to family and organizational life. Previous TA teachers had made a great impact and there were a number of groups which had been established for the study and practice of TA.

Call for Examiners — the Canadian Association for Transactional Analysis will hold its annual conference in Toronto, October 17-21, 1979. Oral exams will be held for CM and SFM on Friday, October 19, 1979. Examiners will be asked to be in Toronto on October 18 for the examiners meeting at 8pm. Experienced examiners are particularly needed. If you can help, contact Vince Gilpin, TATC, PO Box 94, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V6 as soon as possible and no later than September 10, 1979.

ITAA Co-sponsors Conference on Competency-Based Certification

"Focus on Competence in Mental Health Delivery" is the title of a national invitational conference co-sponsored by ITAA and the National Center for the Study of the Professions which is planned for April 29-30, 1979 in Chicago, Illinois. Spearheaded by ITAA's Public Information and Professional Relations Committee and its Licensure Sub-committee, the focus of the entire conference will be on the subject of competency-based certification.

The problem of licensure, certification and registration for people delivering mental health services is reaching national prominence. Recently people with specific disciplinary interests as well as those with more general concerns have indicated their interest in and a need for some method of determining and acknowledging the competence of those delivering mental health care. There is a general recognition that the procedures of the various specialty boards and licensing organizations neither assure competency nor serve their intended need, i.e., protection of the consumer. While there is a growing body of information available on determination of competency as well as different models for implementing competency-based certification procedures, this information is currently available only from divergent sources.

The purposes of the conference are therefore manifold. They include:

1. Dissemination of information that is available to representatives of those groups who might be interested in this subject,
2. To provide a forum for the discussion of these ideas and,
3. To develop a group which will have some input on a national level in the development of guidelines for certification of mental health professionals.

With these goals in mind, speakers were invited who are representative of organizations or groups actively involved in studying questions around the determination of competency, the measurement of competency and the regulation of workers. They include representatives of legislative groups who are interested in the political aspects of competency and also representatives of consumer groups who have a large voice in the development of health care delivery systems. Major speakers will include Stanley J. Gross, EdD, from Indiana State University on "Broader Social Measures for Protection of the Public," and Connie Larson, President-Elect of the National Commission for Health Certifying Agencies on "National Certification Standards and the Allied Health Professions."

Representing the ITAA will be George Kohlrieser, chairperson of the ITAA Sub-committee on Licensure, Bill Falzett, former member of the Board of Trustees, Marge Reddington, chairperson of the Training Standards Committee, and Les Kadis, chairperson of the Committee on Public Information and Professional Relations who will make the opening remarks at the conference. In addition, President Ruth McClendon will be presenting ITAA's own model of certification (which includes the ITAA's testing procedure for CM, SFM and TM) during a part of the program when various models of competence assessment and alternatives to degrees and licenses for mental health workers are discussed.

Committee Membership

As we might have anticipated, the "basically complete" list of committee members printed in the last issue, remained so for only a short time. Soon, daily, and somtimes hourly, bulletins began arriving from various sources updating committee information. To date, these additions and changes have been made. As more arrive, we will let you know.

By-laws Committee — chairperson, Lois Johnson
Program Committee — Jon Weiss
Publications Committee — Marty Holloway
Social Action Committee — Carla Haimowitz (who will not be serving on the Scholarship Loan Fund Committee).

Social Action Committee

Chairman: Alan Jacobs

This is a request that interested persons contact the chairman with ideas, observations and hair-brained schemes (especially the latter) about direction and action for the SAC. Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact the chairman as soon as possible. We will have a meeting in Atlanta, time and place to be announced.

The "Procedures for Handling Ethics Charges Within the ITAA" are available upon request from the ITAA office.

Examiners Needed
For
Teaching, Clinical and Special Fields
Oral Exams

August 8, 1979 in Snowmass, Colorado
and
November 28, 1979 in Dearborn, Michigan

We need examiners for the 1979 Teaching, Clinical and Special Fields Member oral exams. Please complete this form and return to Jackie Ward, PO Box 3932, San Francisco, CA 94119 by June 1, 1979 if you can help.

If we do not have enough examiners, fewer people will be able to be examined. Please consider participating as an examiner so that we can examine all applicants.

We also need TM, CM and SFM trainees (who are not taking oral exams) to participate in the TM exam process on August 8, 1979 by bringing tapes and training problems for the TM examinees to supervise. If interested, contact Jackie Ward by June 1, 1979.

_____ (TMs only) I will be an examiner for the **TM** exams scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 1979. I will also attend the 8pm Tuesday session to meet with colleagues serving on the same board.

_____ I will be an examiner for the **CM** and **SFM** exams scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 1979 in Snowmass, CO at Summer Conference.

_____ I will be an examiner for the **CM** and **SFM** exams scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 1979 in Dearborn, MI at the Mid-West Conference.

I am aware of the policy establishing examining boards on Tuesday evening and will attend the 7pm Tuesday session so that I can meet with colleagues who will serve on the same board, unless I hear otherwise. I know it is important to keep this commitment to examine and to be at the Tuesday meeting in Snowmass/Dearborn.

I have taken the Examiner Training Workshop at _____

I have served on examining boards _____ times.

I have served as exam board chairperson _____ times.

_____ I would like to serve as an exam board chairperson.

_____ Yes, my room at the hotel may be used for the exams.

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Name (please print) Membership Status

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