

American Society of Adlerian Psychology, Inc.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

To promote the knowledge, training and teaching of Individual Psychology;

To fortify and strengthen the activities, efficiency and development of the professional workers and groups in Individual Psychology;

To establish and maintain standards for the professional activities of its members;

To encourage research and stimulate further scientific development of Individual Psychology;

To establish training centers and institutes of Individual Psychology;

To extend the availability of psychotherapeutic services;

To publish journals, books and pamphlets on Individual Psychology;

To maintain contact with other groups, associations and schools of thought in the field of psychology for mutual interest and benefit.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Classes of Members. There shall be three classes of members:

(A) *Active Members.* To be admitted as an Active Member, the candidate must have at least an M.A. or M.S. degree from a recognized University or College, and must have professional status in the field of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, social science, education, or a profession related or kindred thereto, and must also have a minimum of two years of concentrated training in theory and application of Individual Psychology. Active Members who have been admitted to the degree of M.D. or Ph.D. in psychology may be eligible to "fellow" membership upon completion of a course of study or other activities which may be from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

(B) *Associate Members.* To be admitted as an Associate Member, the candidate must have a B.A. or B.S. degree from a recognized University or College, and must have professional status in education, social work, law, or other related or kindred fields. Associate Members may be advanced

to Active Membership upon fulfilling the requirements set forth in Article II, Section 1 (A).

(C) *Auxiliary Members.* To be admitted as an Auxiliary Member, the candidate must have an interest in Individual Psychology. Auxiliary Members shall be divided into four groups designated as follows:

- (1) Sponsor—Those contributing \$500.00 to the Society.
- (2) Life Member—Those contributing \$200.00 to the Society.
- (3) Contributing—Those contributing \$25.00 per annum to the Society.
- (4) Sustaining—Those contributing \$10.00 per annum to the Society.

For good cause, any of the requirements for membership in any of the classes of members may be waived by an affirmative vote therefore of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors. Only Active Members may vote or hold office or be a member of the Board of Directors of the Society.

Section 2. Election of Members. Members shall be elected by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the membership committee. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors shall be required for election.

Section 3. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing. In such instances, the ex-member shall be entitled to a refund of dues paid for the unexpired period of the year.

Section 4. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, theretofore accrued and unpaid.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held each year in the month of May for the purpose of electing officers, planning of program and conducting its business. It shall consist at least of a one day conference, half of which shall be devoted to a scientific program.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called either by the President, the Board of Directors, or not less than one-tenth of the members having voting rights.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of any meetings of members shall be sent to each member entitled to vote at such meetings not less than five nor more than forty days before the date of such meeting. In case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

Section 4. Informal Action by Members. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the members entitled to vote.

Section 5. Quorum. The members holding one-tenth of the votes shall constitute a quorum at a meeting.

Section 6. Proxies. At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the member.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number and Tenure. The number of Directors shall be nine. Each Director shall hold office for three years, with exception of three, elected at the first Annual Meeting for one year, and three elected for two years.

Section 3. Meetings. A regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the members. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Directors.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretaries or Treasurers as it shall deem desirable. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

Section 2. Election of Officers. One-third of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting, to hold office for a period of three years. Each year the new Directors shall be elected from one section of the United States (East, Midwest, and West). The Board of Directors shall elect its own Chairman and other officers from within its membership.

A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors, shall submit to all Active Members a slate of nominees thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. Ten voting members may propose a candidate for office independent of the recommendations of the nominating committee. The

ballot shall be by mail and shall be presented and counted at the Annual Meeting. Candidates for office receiving three-fourths of the total vote cast shall be duly elected.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, at the recommendation of the Board of Directors may appoint committees consisting of members of the Society to take on special functions.

Section 2. The following committees shall serve:

- (a) The Nominating Committee, to prepare a slate of officers.
- (b) The Membership Committee, to review all applications for membership and recommend for membership to the Board of Directors those persons who fulfill the requirements of the Society.
- (c) The Committee on Standards, to evaluate the quality of professional activities.
- (d) The Arrangements Committee, to arrange for the Annual and special meetings of the Society.
- (e) The Editorial Committee, to publish the Journal of the Society.
- (f) The Affiliations Committee, to act as liaison with other established societies in psychiatry, psychology and related and kindred fields.

Other committees shall be appointed as the needs of the Society arise. The Chairman of each committee shall assist the Board of Directors and with it form the Administrative Committee of the Society.

ARTICLE VII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June of each year.

ARTICLE VIII. DUES

Section 1. Annual Dues. The annual dues for active members shall be \$15.00, for associate members, \$10.00.

Section 2. Payment of Dues. Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of July in each year. Dues of a new member shall be prorated from the first day of the month in which such new member is elected to membership, for the remainder of the fiscal year of the Society.

Section 3. Default and Termination of Membership. When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of

one year from the beginning of the period for which such dues became payable, his membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall act as a screening body for proposed amendments. Any proposed amendment can be over-ruled by two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors. Any voting member in good standing can present an amendment to the Board of Directors for its consideration.

All amendments accepted by the Board of Directors shall be recommended to the total membership for ratification at the Annual Meeting. If an amendment is proposed by petition of one-third of the entire voting membership and not over-ruled by two-thirds of the Board of Directors, it can be presented to the membership at any time and passed by mail ballot by three-fourths of the voting membership.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATIONS

Local groups shall be governed by their own constitutions independent of the Society. The Board of Directors of the Society shall have the right to accept or terminate affiliations upon proper investigation, according to the same consideration which shall govern individual memberships.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

In the event of the necessity to dissolve the American Society of Adlerian Psychology, Inc., all assets and funds of the Society shall be divided on a prorated basis among its affiliated local groups.

It shall be discretionary with the Board of Directors as to whether or not such assets shall be divided in specie or shall first be converted into cash and then divided.

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Requests for membership applications should be sent to: Dr. Irvin Neufeld, 103 E. 86th Street, New York 28, N.Y., Corresponding Secretary.

Suggestions for amendments to the Constitution may be directed to Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, 6 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 2, Illinois, Chairman of Constitutional Committee.