

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine will be held on:

Friday, 28 March 1980 at 4.15 pm

in the

Marcus Beck Library
Royal Society of Medicine
1 Wimpole Street
W1

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last AGM (circulated with Newsletter 14 and completed below).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Report.
5. Reports of the Officers:
 - (a) Secretary
 - (b) Director of Training
 - (c) Treasurer
 - (d) Editor
6. Reports of the Secretaries:
 - (a) Panel
 - (b) Programme
 - (c) Research Group
 - (d) Publications
 - (e) Registrar
 - (f) Referral
7. Election of Council.
8. Any Other Business.

The Continuation of the AGM was held at Cheltenham on Saturday, 6 October 1979. 106 members were present.

In the Treasurer's absence Mrs Raphael presented the accounts. Copies of the accounts were circulated.

The accounts had been completed in May except for the Research Fund. There had been some delay due to inadequate information from the United Sheffield Trust Fund but the Research Account was now complete, with a discrepancy of only £15, which was accepted.

The accounts were passed by the meeting.

Nominations are invited for the Council and should be sent to the Secretary, Dr K Draper, 29 High Street, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent, by 10 March.

Name and address of nominee
who has agreed to serve:

Proposed
Seconded

Secretary's Report

The Council, who elected Dr Blair as Chairman, has met 3 times since the last AGM and the Executive has met 6 times. The work and membership of the Institute continued to expand steadily and this has reflected in the weekend meeting at Cheltenham, organised by the Programme Secretary Dr Barne. The evolution of the duties of the "Secretaries" has caused some confusion among members, and so a full list of Officers, Secretaries, with their responsibilities and addresses was published in Newsletter 14. We are grateful for their help in running the Institute. Dr Backer, who has been Referral Secretary for several years, will be going abroad for a year, and Dr Margaret Gill (10 Peterswood Hill, Ware, Herts, SG12 9NR) has agreed to take over the task of answering letters from enquirers seeking help with sexual difficulties.

It is the responsibility of the Council to fulfil the objects of the Constitution. The way in which the duties to 'run training schemes', 'appoint trainers', 'hold meetings', 'organise research' and 'publish a Newsletter' will all be recounted by those responsible. The object (2) 'to ensure the maintenance of standards' is more diffuse. The Council, which is increasingly concerned with administrative matters, propose that there should be a Scientific Committee which would be concerned with scientific knowledge and work within the Institute. It would be available to advise the Council on therapeutic standards and development; training, programmes and assessment. Dr main was asked to chair the Committee. Object 4 is to 'gain recognition of our training from the Royal Colleges of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and General Practitioners'. After discussions with the Joint Committee on Contraception, which represents both Colleges, they replied that they did not feel that the Institute should be represented on the Committee, but "it acknowledges your importance as a training organisation in this field, values your help, and likes to regard you as a resource body". The status of doctors working in Marital Problem sessions is now recognised by the DHSS and the relevant documents have been reported in the Newsletter. Some Health Authorities are now asking the Institute for names of Members in their area, and we give every encouragement to appointment of qualified doctors to these sessions.

The development of the Institute has led to some amendment of the Constitution at each AGM. Meanwhile the Vice-President is still, according to the original Constitution, a Member of the Council. In fact 3 Vice-Presidents were appointed, to further awareness of our work in other fields. They do not, and are not expected to, take part in the active administration of the Institute. The Council therefore invites the Members to consider the following amendment.

"The affairs of the Institute shall be managed by a Council consisting of 12 Members, elected by Members of the Institute. They shall have powers to co-opt and a duty to appoint a Chairman, Secretary, Director of Training, Treasurer and Editor. Elected Members will not normally serve for more than 3 years, and will stand for election annually. The Secretary and Treasurer shall not normally serve for more than 5 years consecutively. The Editor will not normally serve for more than 3 years consecutively."

After the AGM all the amendments will be written into the original Constitution to make one coherent document, which will be available for any interested member.

- Dr Katharine Draper

Director of Training's Report

1. DHSS

A modest 3 year grant has been promised for the training of leaders nationwide. I have received an invitation to join an informal committee to examine the diverse developments in our field with the various other organisations in the field to explore training and standards and in their words "to avoid re-inventing the wheel". I hope to invite the Chairman and Secretary to join me in this venture.

2. Groups

The Leaders workshop continues and a new one is planned for the north. Advanced groups are at Bromley, Cheltenham, Guildford, London (2) (Harley Street and West London Hospital), Newcastle and Sharpethorn.

Dr Main's Senior Research Group has closed and reconvened with new membership. Basic groups are at Cardiff, Carlisle, Huddersfield, Leeds, Liverpool, Maidstone, London (Middlesex Hospital), Newcastle (3), Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Pontefract, Sheffield, Southampton and Swansea.

New groups in prospect are Bath, Glasgow, Leeds (advanced), Leicester, Sleaford and Stafford.

3. The Court of Advanced Leaders recommended to the Council the accreditation of Dr Roland Freedman to advanced leader.

4. Leaders Weekend Conference

An exploratory conference was held in Birmingham to discuss leadership techniques and problems. It is hoped that some of the DHSS grant will enable this to be an annual event. Various issues were discussed including an attempt at mutual assessment by Leaders and trainees after 2 terms and 2 years.

5. Books

"Contraception and Sexual Life" has been reprinted with an updated preface giving a brief summary of further progress of our work, with the help of a loan from Institute funds to be repaid in 2 years. It is available from the author, FPA or NMGC bookshops and the insets are available as handouts for the work of the Institute.

I was commissioned by the BMA to write a "child's guide" to sexual difficulties for the public, now available "Sense and Nonsense about Sex" in which "where to find help" provided an opportunity to state what we had on offer.

6. In relinquishing the Chair for the Presidency, Dr Main agreed to remain consultant in training and I wish to thank him and my other colleagues for their continuing help and availability for consultation.

My apologies for absence.

Prudence Tunnadine