Committee on Ethics

Insertion, "Principles of Ethics"  
(Approved 12/84)

IX. Confidentiality and Disclosure

All information and records pertaining to a charge of unethical conduct shall be held in confidence, except that:

1) A decision relating to a charge of unethical conduct which has been ratified by the Executive Council:

(a) shall be reported, including the name of the charged member, to the Meeting of Members, in the "Proceedings of Meeting of Members" and in the "Bulletin" of the American Psychoanalytic Association when the decision has resulted in the suspension, separation from the rolls, or expulsion of the member;

(b) shall be reported, to the Meeting of Members, in the "Proceedings of Meeting of Members" and in the "Bulletin" of the American Psychoanalytic Association when the decision has resulted in the censure of the member, but the name of the charged member shall be included in such report only in the discretion of the Executive Council;

(c) shall be reported, to the Meeting of Members, in the "Proceedings of Meeting of Members" and in the "Bulletin" of the American Psychoanalytic Association when the decision has been for dismissal of the charges or for exoneration of the charged member, but the name of the charged member shall be included in the report only at the request of such member.

2) The Committee on Ethics may, in its discretion, report decisions or refer to matters brought before it provided that the identity of the parties involved is not revealed.

3) The Committee on Ethics shall provide information, including the name of the charged member, concerning a charge of unethical conduct to the Membership Committee and to the Certification Committee when those groups consider an application from a person who has been subject to a disciplinary sanction for unethical conduct.

4) The Committee on Ethics may, in its discretion, provide full information to an Affiliated Society, Study Group, or Institute at the conclusion of an investigation of a charge of unethical conduct made against a member of that Affiliated Society, Study Group, or Institute when the local group has been unable to investigate the charge.

5) The Committee on Ethics may, in its discretion, disclose a decision concerning a charge of unethical conduct to other appropriate ethical bodies or, when required by law, to appropriate governmental bodies.
X. Resignation

The American Psychoanalytic Association shall be under no obligation to accept a resignation offered by a member when there is a charge of unethical conduct against him. An offer of resignation, whether accepted or not, shall not require the termination of an investigation of a charge of unethical conduct, nor prevent the rendering or disclosure of a decision on such a charge.

XI. Indemnification

As a condition of membership in the American Psychoanalytic Association, each member agrees to cooperate with the work of the Committee on Ethics, on request, and agrees to release, hold harmless and indemnify the American Psychoanalytic Association, its officers, agents or members of the Committee on Ethics from any and all claims:

(A) arising out of the instituting and processing of ethical matters in respect to said member, and the imposition or disclosure of sanctions as a result of said proceedings;

(B) with respect to any third party action or proceeding brought against such member based upon, relying on, arising from, or with reference to the ethical standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association or any ethical proceeding conducted by the American Psychoanalytic Association involving such member.

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