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From the President

Saul B. Sells

To: Members of Division 19

During recent years there have been questions as to the rationale for a Division of Military Psychology in a professional and scientific organization of psychologists, one of whose major objectives is the promotion of human welfare. A few abortive attempts were made to eliminate the Division from APA. It is our opinion that military psychology is a valid interest center for professional psychology and that it has been the source of many significant contributions to psychology as a science, in virtually every area of the discipline. At the same time, the Division is inadequately represented among those eligible for membership and fellowship, both among psychologists in uniform and others not in uniform who have interests and responsibilities related to its domain. Further, results of a recent straw vote taken by APA suggest that Division 19 might lose one of its two representatives in APA council unless greater interest is expressed in it as a channel for individual representation by APA members. The coming years will provide a test, not of the importance of military psychology as a discipline, but of its viability as an identification symbol for psychologists. We must all think seriously about this and decide whether we value this identification enough to give active support to building membership and contributing to the program. Where do you stand?

Dr. Edmund E. Dudek

We report with sincere regret the death, on November 17, 1970, of Dr. Edmund E. Dudek. Since 1961, Dr. Dudek had been the Technical Director of the Naval Personnel and Training Research Laboratory, San Diego. In 1966-1967 he served as Research Coordinator for Military Manpower in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. During the past year he was Chairman of the Division 19 Committee on Fellows.

APA Task Force on the Revision of Ethical Standards

The APA Task Force on the Revision of Ethical Standards, chaired by Lee Winder, is currently attempting to collect as much relevant information as possible on ethics and psychology. In view of the fact that some APA members have raised questions concerning the ethical status of military psychology and the continued existence of Division 19, the members of this Division should have a vital interest in the deliberations of the Task Force. President Saul Sells requests that Division members forward to him any comments or suggestions they might care to make on the tasks and problems that the Task Force faces.

Minutes of the Business Meeting for Division 19, APA, September 1970

John E. Rasmussen

1. The meeting was called to order by President J. E. Uhlaner at 2:00 p.m. 6 September 1970 at the Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. There were 34 members present at the opening of the meeting.
2. The Secretary read the minutes of the business meeting of 1969. The minutes were approved as read.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report showing an initial balance in APA accounts as of 31 December 1969 of \$1758.56, income of \$355 from dues, for a total of available operating funds of \$2113.56. Expenses of \$322.21, primarily for postage and printing in the operation of committee business and the newsletter, were incurred during the year. A balance of \$1791.31 remained in the treasury as of 1 July 1970. In addition to funds in the APA account, a balance of approximately \$650 remains in the "Jack Jenkins Fund."
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Program Committee. Dr. Joseph Zeidner reported that technical and scheduled meetings accounted for 22½ hours of program time. This included 15 hours of papers (8 symposia and 1 paper session), and 2 invited addresses. Four symposia were co-sponsored with other divisions. A joint social hour was sponsored with Division 21.
  - b. Election Committee. Dr. J. E. Rasmussen presented the Election Committee report for Mr. Luigi Petrullo, the Chairman. This year's election was confined to the office of President-Elect. Following a survey of the membership, Drs. Gordon A. Eckstrand, J. Daniel Lyons and Walter L. Wilkins agreed to stand for the office of President-Elect. Dr. Eckstrand was elected.
  - c. Membership Committee. A report of the Membership Committee was presented by Lt. Col. Thomas in the absence of the Chairman, Leland D. Brokaw. The Committee reviewed six applications for member status and two applications for associate status during the year, and all of the individuals concerned were recommended for membership. The eight individuals recommended for membership are:

Joseph J. Cowan  
Nancy Guinn  
E. K. Eric Gunderson  
Richard A. Kulp  
Dirk Charles Prather  
Roland W. Radloff

Robert N. Isley and William J. Weiner were recommended for associate status. It was moved and seconded that the above individuals be elected to status as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Committee on Fellows. Dr. E. E. Dudek, Chairman, summarized the work of this Committee including the process of soliciting from existing fellows the names of individuals to be nominated for fellowship status. Nine nominations were submitted to the Fellowship Committee for consideration, of which five were unanimously approved by the Committee. Of three names submitted to the APA membership committee for first-time approval as fellow nominees, two were approved and one was rejected.

Dr. Dudek moved that Edwin A. Fleishman and Melvin J. Warrick, who are currently fellows of other divisions, be accepted as fellows in Division 19. This motion was seconded and unanimously accepted by the membership. Dr. Dudek moved that John David Folley, Jr., and Robert R. Mackie be recommended to the APA Fellowship Committee for initial fellowship status. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Report of Newsletter Editor. Dr. William A. McClelland presented a brief report for the Newsletter editor, Dr. Lyons, indicating that one issue was published during the past year.
5. Dr. Stan Bolin presented a report for Dr. A.J. Drucker on activity of the Inter-Association Council on Test Reviewing. Division 19 contributed \$50 to the IACTR for support during the current year. It was indicated that the primary activity of IACTR to date has been directed towards developing one or more prototype alternative test reviews of specific tests that might better meet the needs of review users. If this activity is productive, the next step would be to test the effectiveness of alternative types of reviews on different types of audiences. Some question was raised as to the productivity and contribution of the Inter-Association Council on Test Reviewing.
  6. Dr. Aaron B. Nadel presented a report of the Special Committee on the Roll of Military Psychology in a Transitioning American Society. This Committee, consisting of Drs. Nadel, Bray, Trumbull and Petrullo, was appointed by President Uhlaner as the result of the direct attack on Division 19 from various sections within APA during the 1969 meeting. The primary charge to the Committee was an exploration of the issues involved in these attacks, and recommendations for appropriate Division action. A letter was prepared by the Committee for subsequent transmittal to the APA Council of Representatives urging that each of the professional divisions in APA, including Division 19, conduct a self-study and evaluation of the impact of a transitional society on those professional aspects of psychology with which the division is concerned. The Committee also requested the Chairman of the APA Board of Professional Affairs to organize special sessions at the 1970 meeting for an in-depth discussion of issues of concern to the applied divisions. In addition, committee action led to development of a symposium co-sponsored with Divisions 8 and 14 on the topic "Psycho Technology and its Impact on Psychology, 1970." Dr. Nadel suggested that the letters prepared to the APA Council of Representatives be published in the next issue of the Newsletter, and requested that his committee be discharged.

7. Dr. William A. McClelland presented a report of a special committee appointed by President Uhlaner to review a proposed "Employment Practices Statement" prepared by the Task Force on Conditions of Employment of Psychologists of the APA's Board of Professional Affairs. The committee was appointed because of the fact that several Division 19 members have become uncertain or disturbed about the meaning and application of the draft statement. Dr. McClelland, with his other committee member, Dr. Glen Finch, met with the APA Central Office staff members attached to the Task Force and discussed the issues involved in some detail. It was the conclusion of the committee that Division 19 can live with the statement. The committee further concluded that there is little more that needs to be done at this time, and requested that it be discharged.
8. Dr. Gordon A. Eckstrand briefly discussed the activity at the APA Council of Representatives meeting. During the course of the discussion considerable attention was devoted to the problem of the Division 19 business meeting routinely being scheduled at the same hour as the formal APA Council meetings. It was proposed that action be taken to adjust the business meeting schedule next year so as to avoid this conflict which essentially leaves Division 19 unrepresented at the Council meeting unless alternates are appointed (which was done this year).
9. The Treasurer moved that the unexpended balance of funds in the Division 19 account be retained, in accordance with APA Bylaws, rather than the funds reverting to the general treasury of APA. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
10. New Business.
  - a. President Uhlaner presented a report on a Task Force on Aging which has been established by the APA Central Office during the past year. Dr. Uhlaner, as President of Division 19, currently is serving on the committee. In the immediate future it will be necessary to nominate an individual within the Division to serve on the Task Force. The individual nominated should be a specialist, if possible, in geriatrics. Members of the Task Force will be reimbursed from a Federal Government grant to APA for the time which is spent on Task Force work.
  - b. An unknown individual asked for recognition to address the meeting in connection with a petition on ethical standards in psychology. In a short statement, this individual requested that members of Division 19 consider signing a petition which in essence would lead to a policy whereby the practice of psychology in a military setting or in the furtherance of military missions would be considered unethical.
  - c. President Uhlaner introduced the incoming President, Dr. Saul Sells, and after thanking the Division officers and committee members with whom he had served during the year, adjourned the meeting.
  - d. A total of 72 members were present when the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Council Representation.

As reported in the APA Monitor, November 1970, the APA Council of Representatives at its October meeting adopted amended recommendations on the restructuring of Council. The restructuring plan will be submitted to the membership in the spring of 1971. If a 2/3 majority of the membership approves of the plan, the Bylaws change will take effect in 1972. Under the proposed Bylaw revision the size of the Council would remain constant (approximately 100 plus Board of Directors and Officers) and its composition would be determined by the following provision: "Each APA Fellow, Member, (or Voting Associate) shall choose the Division(s) or State Association(s) through which he wishes to be represented in the following year." The proposed revision in the Bylaws provides that "A Division or State Association shall receive one Council seat for each 1% of the allocated rates, calculated to the nearest whole percent, as follows:

Less than 0.5%	0
0.5 to 1.4%	1
1.5 to 2.4%	2
2.5 to 3.4%	3
etc.	

The present Council representation is based on the proportion of the total members of the Association who are members of the Division. The formula is:

Less than 1%	1
1% to 1.99%	2
2% to 3.99%	3
4% to 6.99%	4
7% to 10.99%	5
11% to 15.99%	6
etc.	

Division 19 has 2 Council representatives since our appx. 360 members constitute appx. 1.2% of the appx. 31,000 APA members. In the most recent straw ballot (October 1970), in which 1/3 of APA members voted, we received 1.1% (895) of the 79,462 votes, and can thus expect to have only one Council seat if the proposed Bylaw changes are approved by the membership. Given the same total vote we would need 1152 votes to retain two seats; and must have at least 397 votes to have one seat. It thus appears that if the proposed change in the Bylaws is adopted we will have one seat; if it is defeated we will have two seats.

In the October straw ballot, 251 individuals allocated one or more votes to Division 19, as follows:

One Point Votes	96
Two Point Votes	41
Three Point Votes	16
Four Point Votes	11
Five Point Votes	42

Six Point Votes	6
Seven Point Votes	2
Eight Point Votes	2
Nine Point Votes	1
Ten Point Votes	<u>34</u>

Points x Votes 895

If the proposed change is adopted the major shift in Divisional representation will be as follows (assuming no change in voting patterns):

	<u>Present Method</u>	<u>Proposed Method</u>
Div. 1 (General)	4	2
Div. 2 (Teaching)	5	3
Div. 3 (Experimental)	4	6
Div. 12 (Clinical)	6	10
Div. 13 (Consulting)	3	1
Div. 22 (Disability)	3	1
Div. 28 (Psychopharmacology)	3	1

Twenty-one Divisions would lose one or more seats, five Divisions would gain, and three Divisions would be unchanged. Seventeen state associations would have seats, all others could gain representation only through the formation of coalitions. At the present time 28 state associations have individual council representation.

New Military Specification on Personnel Planning Data  
for Navy Systems (MIL-P-28700)

On 1 May 1970 the Navy issued a new military specification on Personnel Planning Data for Navy Systems (MIL-P-28700). The specification, developed by the Personnel Research Division of the Bureau of Naval Personnel in cooperation with the Office of the Chief of Naval Material, establishes requirements for contractors developing Personnel Planning Data during analysis, design, development, test and evaluation of weapon and support systems.

Requirements and procedures are provided in MIL-P-28700 to ensure that personnel and training research during the development of ships, systems, and equipments will directly support effective manpower planning. The specification requires that:

(a) At each stage of system development personnel requirements are assessed in relation to the characteristics imposed by the mission, environment, and hardware of a given system; and

(b) The information needed for effective selection, classification, and training of a sufficient number of system personnel is provided.

Improvements in the integration of requirements and coordination among Navy planners and contractors resulting from implementation of the specification are expected to lead to tangible cost benefits and improved system performance effectiveness.



Saks vs. Crawford, re: Military Psychology

Ellis B. Page

The comment by Saks (1970) argues against Crawford (1970) for his favorable examination of military psychology, and for his alleged "euphemisms" in its behalf. The style of Saks, himself, would hardly be called passionless or objective: Military psychology reflects "nationalism," and hence "the most destructive kind of ethno-centrism." Saks argues that the practice of military psychology is "clearly in conflict" with the "Ethical Standards" of the profession, and he personally looks forward to a "new generation" of more "moral" scientists. Furthermore, military psychology has as its "chief goal" the transformation of human beings into "more efficient murder machines." Most darkly of all, Saks predicts his own personal persecution, when some "guardian of our freedom" will round him up as a "subversive," and "summarily deposit" him in a "detention camp," just for writing his brave letter.

It is not clear what country Saks imagines himself a citizen of, but his description sounds much more like one of our totalitarian antagonists than it does like the permissive United States, with its elected officials. As for the allegedly murderous role played by military psychology, one must ask what general view he holds of the international scene? That international adversaries will soften, or their threat will disappear, simply because we weaken the effectiveness of our armed forces? We have surely lived through enough history to recognize that weakness, in a rich and favored nation, does not repel aggression, but attracts it. And we should have enough confidence in our own professional skills to believe that military psychology can, and therefore should, contribute substantially to our defense as the most powerful democracy. We would be poor psychologists if we could not help; and poor citizens, if we demanded only national weakness from ourselves, in the face of growing strength in a sometimes-hostile world.

If the Ethical Standards, as currently adopted, seem to bar psychologists from employment in the national defense, then the commission responsible has obviously erred in its concentration upon the clinical and laboratory settings. It should broaden psychology's role to include functions in defense of a representative and usually benevolent government -- surely the most altruistic government, on balance, in mankind's long and troubled history.

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### Division 19 Officer Candidates

The Elections Committee, chaired by Dr. T. Owen Jacobs, has announced the following slate of nominees for divisional offices:

#### For President-Elect:

Julien M. Christensen  
John E. Rasmussen  
Walter L. Wilkins

#### For Representative to Council:

Paul D. Nelson  
H. Wallace Sinaiko  
J. E. Uhlner

The biographical sketches of the candidates which follow consist of a verbatim copy from the APA 1970 Biographical Directory plus available information on APA and Division 19 offices and positions (incomplete).

#### Dr. Julien M. Christensen

Born September 3, 1918. B.S. '40, Univ. of Illinois, M.A. '51, Ph.D. '59, Ohio State Univ. Personnel technician '40-'43, Air Training Command, '43-'45, U.S. Air Force; project engineer '45-'47, section chief '47-'50, assistant branch chief '50-'56, director '56 to present, Human Engineering Division, Aerospace Medical Laboratory, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; lecturer 64 to present, Wright State University. Member, Div. 3; Fellow, Divisions 19 and 21.  
APA Activities: President, Div. 21, '62-'63; Recipient of Franklin V. Taylor Award, Div. 21, 1970; Guest Lecturer, APA/NSF Visiting Scientist Program; Member, Executive Council, Div. 21; Member, Fellows Committee, Div. 19, '70-'71.

#### Dr. John E. Rasmussen

Born May 28, 1925. B.S. '47, M.A. '49, Northwestern Univ.; Ph.D. '61, American Univ. Clinical Psychologist '53-'56, head of Clinical Psychology Section, Bureau of Medicine '56-'59, head of Neuropsychiatric Division '59-'61, director of Behavioral Science Department '61-'64, Naval Medical Research Institute; scientific liaison officer '64-'67, Office of Naval Research London; special assistant, Medical and Allied Sciences '67-'69, Naval Medical Command; consultant to the director '69-'70, director Human Affairs Research Centers, '71-present, Battelle Memorial Institute. Captain, MSC, USN (Ret.). Member, Div. 12; Fellow Div. 19.  
APA Activities: Chairman '63-'64, Member '64-'68, Div. 19 Ad Hoc Committee on Psychologists in Uniform; Member, Div. 19 Program Committee, '68-'69; Member APA Board of Scientific Affairs, '70- ; Secretary-Treasurer and Representative to Council, Div. 19, 69- .

Dr. Walter L. Wilkins

Born July 11, 1907. B.A. '28 Loyola Univ; M.A. '31, Ph.D. '33, Northwestern Univ. Psychologist '41-'46, U.S. Navy; professor '45-'49, University of Notre Dame; professor '49-'59, St. Louis University; scientific director '59 to present, U.S. Navy Medical Neuropsychiatric Research Unit. Member, Div. 10; Fellow, Divs. 7 & 19. Captain, USNR (Ret.).  
APA Activities: Representative to Council (Missouri); Chairman, Membership Committee, Div. 19; Chairman, Div. 19 Ad Hoc Committee on Identification of Psychological Activities in the Military; Div. 19 Representative to APA Task Force on Aging, '70-'71.

Commander Paul D. Nelson

Born Sep 20, 1932. A.B. '54 Princeton Univ.; M.A. '55, Ph.D. '61, Univ. of Chicago. Research assistant, Board of Examiners, Univ. of Chicago, '54-'56; research psychologist, U.S. Navy School of Aviation Medicine '56-'58; psychologist, CANVANTRA, Corpus Christi '58-'59; psychologist, Navy Medical Neuropsychiatric Research Unit, '60-'66; head of Human Effectiveness Research, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Dept. of the Navy, '66 to present. Member, Div. 8; Fellow, Div. 19.  
APA Activities: Chairman, Div. 19 Program Committee, '70-'71.

Dr. H. Wallace Sinaiko

Born Sep 12, 1924. B.A. '46, M.A. '47, Univ. of Minnesota; Ph.D. '54, New York University. Teaching assistant, Univ. of Minnesota, '46-'47; assistant employment manager, L. Bamberger Co. '47-'49; research associate, College of Engineering, New York University, '49-'52; research psychologist, Naval Research Laboratory, '52-'57; research assistant professor, Univ. of Illinois, '57-'60; consultant ONR CINCPAC study, '60; technical staff RCA, '61; liaison scientist, Office of Naval Research London, '67-'68; psychologist, Institute for Defense Analysis, '62 to present. Fellow, Divs. 19 & 21.  
APA Activities: Member, Program Committee, Div. 19; Member, Executive Committee, Div. 21, '70-'71.

Dr. J. E. Uhlaner

Born April 22, 1917. B.S. '38 CUNY-City College; M.S. '41 Iowa State University of Science and Technology; Ph.D. '47, New York University. Ford Motor Company '39-'40; research assistant, Iowa State College Experimental Station, '40-'41; fellow to research associate, New York Univ. '41-'42; psychologist, Office of Defense Transportation '42-'44; aviation researcher, U.S. Air Force '44-'46; instructor, Univ. of Miami, '45; assistant director of research and training, New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, '46-'47; from research psychologist to director, Behavior and Systems Research Laboratory, Office of Chief of Research and Development, Dept. of the Army, 1947 to present. Fellow, Divs. 5, 14, 19, and 21.  
APA Activities: Committee member and Chairman, Div. 19 Program Committee; Committee member and Chairman, Div. 14 Public Relations Committee; President, Division 19, '69-'70; Consulting Editor, Journal of Applied Psychology, 1970--.