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The events I spoke of in the last issue are under way, and sub-groups have been formed to bring the ideas to fruition. The Festival Committee is being led by John Graves; James Mackenzie is leading on the Economics and Power Group, and Margaret Novakovic is the lead on the Publications Group which has as its brief the increased availability of *Self & Society* as well as marketing the other publications which we currently have. The next issue of *Self & Society* will, I hope, have a short report from all of these groups. If there is anyone out there who would like to be involved in any of these working groups, or who is willing to offer assistance in admin. tasks, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at 79 Pembroke Road, London E17 9BB.

Now, as they say, for something completely different. The 1996 Annual General Meeting of AHP will be held on 12th April, which the more astute amongst you will realise is during the AHP and AHPP Training Conference at

the University of Leicester. The Committee debated the pros and cons of holding the AGM at the Conference and decided that this year we would give it a try. We have never done so before because we felt it would exclude people who were unable to attend the weekend conference.

University of Leicester however are very flexible around attendance and we are therefore able to offer a day-rate which we hope will suit those of you who could not be present for the whole weekend. Once you have seen the Conference Programme I am sure you will be inspired to attend the entire event! Put the dates in your diary (Conference: Friday 12th to Sunday 14th April; AGM: Friday 12th April) and contact Camilla Sim on 0181 749 6005 or Ian Doucet on 0181 983 1492 immediately if you want to attend. Places are limited and are going fast, so make sure you don't miss out.

Finally, very best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy and peaceful 1996 from all of us on the AHP Committee.

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Whiz Collis

We had a lively and well attended AGM last November, with before it, a useful workshop on issues raised by Statutory Registration led by Eric Whit-

ton. Using a mixture of personal work, brainstorming, and small and large group discussion, we worked on the subjects of ethics and protecting the client, The Nuts

and Bolts of Registration, Who's in and Who's Out. Coming back to the big group we shared conclusions and worries about the subject from each group.

The afternoon meeting was extremely well attended and we also had a tremendous postal vote response. This brought up some queries about the way people had been canvassed by only 'one side' of the argument against registration, whereas those attending the meeting had heard both. The board will discuss this point and report to the next general meeting.

Reports from officers gave a picture of the general good health of AHPP, though there were some worries about our relationship with UKCP and about what has been seen as a desire to centralise power to the governing body and take it away from the sections. Your representatives are fighting this!

Proposals voted on, after much debate, were as follows (somewhat condensed here through lack of space):

1. That AHPP become a sponsoring organisation for the proposed national register of counsellors. This motion passed.
2. That AHPP renounce the policy of pursuing statutory registration. This motion failed.
3. That AHPP commit itself to a policy of discussion and review, to be followed by a referendum on the issue of statutory registration. This motion failed.
4. That AHPP set up a working party to define organisational core beliefs. This motion passed.
5. As 4, only to look into ways of resolving accreditation, complaints and ethical issues. This motion passed.

6. That AHPP set up a working party to establish a national register of accountable therapists working in different ways from UKCP. This motion failed.

There were other proposals and amendments to the complaints procedure and the Constitution.

Officers were elected as follows: Chairperson Whiz Collis; General Secretary Christopher Coulson; Treasurer Michael Preisinger; Ethics Officer Eric Whitton; Membership Officer John Rowan. A new Board was re-elected.

Just because Proposals 2 and 3 failed at the meeting, this does not mean that the matter has gone away. We shall take very seriously the views of those members who are worried about statutory registration for psychotherapists and will be discussing in the board what we can do to address this. I also want to assure those with opposing views that there is no desire to withdraw from UKCP.

Enclosed in this issue of *Self & Society* is the full programme and booking form for the 12-14 April 1996 Conference at Leicester. There are good discounts for early booking, so why not make the decision now to come and join us?

Notice of Expulsion

The Board of the Association of Humanistic Psychology Practitioners gives notice that Charles Bentley of Westminster has been found in breach of Clauses 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 of General Standards and Ethics (1989); and Clauses A1, A2, A3, A6 and C1 of the Ethics for Psychotherapy and Counselling (1989); and his membership of the Association has been terminated.