

See the papers of Hugh T. Carmichael for more on the ABPN.



**AMERICAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY AND
NEUROLOGY (1934-)
ARCHIVES FINDING AID**

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The ABPN is composed of eight psychiatrists and eight neurologists, all of whom are Board certified. Three psychiatrists are nominated by the American Medical Association and five are nominated by the American Psychiatric Association. There are four neurologists nominated by the American Academy of Neurology and four are nominated by the American Neurological Association. Each Director is elected for a four-year term and may be reelected for one additional four-year term.

As of December, 1980, the APA Board of Trustees agreed to nominate three candidates in rank order for each APA nominated vacancy on the ABPN. In March, 1982, the Board of Trustees authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee to provide assistance in identifying suitable candidates for ABPN Director, with the requisite skills, qualifications and experience. These candidates for APA nomination for an initial term as an ABPN Director may be asked to respond to a series of questions related to their potential performance on the ABPN as part of the selection process.

The following guidelines apply to candidates for nomination as Director of the ABPN for reelection to a second term: a) nomination for reelection is not considered automatic; b) the Director's performance should be evaluated informally, giving consideration to participation in committees and activities of the ABPN as well as in committees and activities of the APA; and c) Directors who are eligible for a second term should be renominated by the APA for reelection unless there is some concern about the incumbent's participation in relevant activities. Incumbents may be asked to respond to the questions prepared by the APA for potential nominees to the ABPN.

The Executive Director of the ABPN files an annual report with the Board of Trustees of the APA which is usually published in the American Journal of Psychiatry. A list of those who pass the examination is published in Psychiatric News periodically. APA collects and publicizes information regarding the percentage of APA members who have completed training and are currently certified.

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology was founded in 1934 and currently has 25,628 diplomates.

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The papers of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology came to the Archives of the American Psychiatric Association in two groups: 1971 (meeting minutes 1962-1968) and 1972 (the policy manual, work book, correspondence, and minutes from 1969 to 1970). They were transferred from the Medical Director's Office and were Dr. Barton's copies. He was on the Board during part of his tenure as APA Medical Director.

The collection totals 2 linear feet and is divided into three series. These are: Minutes of Board Meetings (1 lf); Policy Manual and Work book (.50 lf); and miscellaneous papers (.50 lf).

SERIES: Minutes

Archives Box 101276

Folders 1-13 Minutes of ABPN board meetings, 1962-1966

Archives Box 101277

Folders 14-29 Minutes of ABPN board meetings, 1967-1970

The papers of Hugh T. Carmichael have the minutes from 12/1957 to 10/1962.

SERIES: Policy Manuals & Workbooks

Archives Box 101278

Folders 30-32 Policy manual, 1964
BOUND VOLUME
Work book, 1962

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Folder 33 Policies, 1970

SERIES: Miscellaneous papers

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Folder 34 By-laws (May, 1954)

Folder 35 Candidates for examination, 1964
Examination Roster, 1964

Child psychiatrists considered for the committee, 1964

Folder 36 Certifications, 1965 and 1968

Folder 37 Correspondence, 1962

Folder 38 Correspondence, 1963

Folder 39 Correspondence, 1964

Folder 40 Examination questions, 1962-1964

Folder 41 Forms (applications, instructions, brochures, etc.)
1957-1954

Folder 42 Pass-fail charts, 1963 and 1964

MICROFILM ROLL - Diplomates, 1935-1961

ENVELOPE - Booklets: Diplomates 1938 (3rd ???)