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MEMO TO: Persons interested in the Harry Benjamin
International Gender Dysphoria Association

FROM: Paul A. Walker, Ph. D.
Chairperson Founding Committee

RE: The Harry Benjamin International Gender
Dysphoria Association

As explained on the attached, we have recently founded the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association. Membership dues are \$60 annually.

The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association will take over the information provision and referral making services of the Janus Information Facility (formerly the Erickson Educational Foundation). The new association will also engage in research (distributing questionnaires, etc. to persons contacting the Janus Information Facility). Also, the new association will co-sponsor the bi-annual meetings of those professionals interested in the study and care of transsexualism and gender dysphoria.

Persons who join the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association prior to June 1 will be considered charter members. As such, they will have the right to vote on the bylaws and constitution of the association and they will also serve as the nominating committee for the first slate of officers. Your membership, prior to June 1, therefore, will entitle you to take part in the formal implementation of this new association.

In time, the new association hopes to produce a periodic newsletter and hopes to maintain an up-to-date bibliography on transsexualism (including legal citations) which will be available to members on request. Other services, as suggested by members, will be considered and every attempt will be made to provide such services as the new association grows and develops over time.

Should you have any further questions regarding the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Your membership is solicited and welcomed.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

At the Fifth International Gender Dysphoria Symposium, held in Norfolk, Virginia on February 10 - 13, 1977, the attendees elected a committee of six mandated to complete two tasks, to wit: 1) to compose and publish a statement on Standards of Care for gender dysphoric patients and; 2) found an international professional society.

At the Sixth International Gender Dysphoria Symposium, held in San Diego, California on February 21 - 25, 1979, the attendees voted to accept the Standards of Care as presented by the "Norfolk Task Force Committee." The attendees of the San Diego conference also voted overwhelmingly in favor of founding a new professional society to be called "The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association."

Those persons elected at Norfolk, Virginia were asked to continue their work and to formulate the bylaws and constitution for the new society. The members of that committee are:

Jack C. Berger, M. D.
Richard Green, M. D.
Donald R. Laub, M. D.
Charles L. Reynolds, Jr., M. D.
Paul A. Walker, Ph. D. (Chairperson)
Leo Wollman, M. D.

In San Diego, a seventh person was elected to that committee. This person represents the consumers of scientific research and service on transsexualism. He is:

Jude Patton

Attached is a copy of the Standards of Care as accepted and approved by the attendees of the San Diego conference. Also attached is an application form for membership in the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association.

Also attached is a list we are asking each of you to complete, giving the names and addresses of all psychologists, psychiatrists, endocrinologists, internists, and surgeons (and persons from other professional groups) known to you who have treated transsexual patients. It is imperative that we distribute copies of the Standards of Care as rapidly and as widely as possible. We will also want to solicit these persons for membership in the new association.

Your cooperation in providing us with names and addresses to contact will be appreciated, as will, of course, your application for membership in the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association.

Persons to receive copies of
the Standards of Care and an application
form for membership in The Harry Benjamin
International Gender Dysphoria Association

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Please return this form to: The H. Benjamin Int. G.D. Association
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