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Minutes of meeting of Committee on Membership
Recruitment and Orientation - NMA

October 17, 1965

Members present: Drs. Garnett Ice, chm., David French, Robert Smith,
Sylvester Smith, Jeanne Spurlock

Dr. Leonidas Berry, NMA president

The meeting was held immediately following a luncheon meeting, jointly sponsored by NMA and Medical Committee for Human Rights. The focus of the Committee's discussion was that of ways and means to recruit new members.

Dr. French suggested that the social revolution activities, sponsored by NMA, may serve as a membership recruiting device. Dr. Berry proposed that students at Howard U. and Meharry Medical Schools be contacted and informed of the need for the continuation of NMA, and that orientation programs be established for students.

The provision of an activity in which members and prospective members can participate was suggested by Dr. Ice. Dr. Robert Smith spoke of the need to emphasize the necessity for NMA in medical schools; suggested a program be worked out through the offices of the respective Deans.

Dr. Sylvester Smith urged contact with interns and residents. This view was supported by Dr. Spurlock; reference was made to the number of house staff who had attended the luncheon and had expressed interest in joining NMA. Dr. Berry pointed to the need for a plan for reduced dues for house staff. He further suggested that the Committee send out a newsletter, concerning this meeting, to the membership. There was unanimous agreement with Dr. Ice's suggestion that an article, re Committee's planning, be submitted to the NMA journal.

Respectfully submitted,

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