

Montana Psychological Association

Bylaws

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The objects of the Montana Psychological Association shall be to advance psychology as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare by the encouragement of psychology in all its branches in the broadest and most liberal manner; by the promotion of research in psychology and the improvement of research methods and conditions; by the improvement of the qualifications and usefulness of psychologists through high standards of professional ethics, conduct, education, and achievement; by the increase and diffusion of psychological knowledge through meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications; and by efforts through legal and legislative channels and public education to promote the profession of psychology; thereby to advance scientific interests and inquiry, and the application of research findings to the promotion of the public welfare.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- 1) There shall be three classes of membership: Members, Affiliates, Student Affiliates and Special Circumstances.
- 2) Members shall be persons holding any class of voting membership in the American Psychological Association, or who are eligible to hold such membership and who reside in or are employed in the State of Montana. Members shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Association without restriction. Charter Members shall be those persons accepted into membership in the Association prior to April 23, 1960, and who have paid current dues and assessments by June 30, 1960.
- 3) Affiliates shall be persons interested in contributing to the purposes of the Association, but whose present occupation, place of residence, or level of training does not qualify them for admission as Members. Affiliates may not vote or hold office in the Association, but shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association not specifically denied them in these Bylaws.
- 4) Student Affiliates shall be persons currently enrolled in a psychology training program. Student Affiliates may not vote or hold office in the Association, but shall be entitled to all-rights and privileges of the Association not specifically denied them in these Bylaws.
- 5) Special Circumstances shall be persons who are retired, who are disabled, or who request temporary special circumstance designation for financial reasons.
- 6) Application for any class of membership shall be made in writing to the Membership Committee. Persons eligible for admission as Members because of voting membership in the American Psychological Association and persons eligible for admission as Affiliates or Student Affiliates may be admitted by action of the Membership Committee. Others shall be admitted only by vote of the Board of Directors after hearing the recommendation of the Membership Committee.
- 7) Termination of Member status shall be automatic when a Member has left the State of Montana to set up permanent residence elsewhere, and he/she shall be transferred to the status of Affiliate.

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- 8) A Member or Affiliate may be dropped from membership for conduct which in any way tends to injure the Association or to affect adversely its reputation or which is contrary to or destructive of its purposes.

Allegations of injurious conduct shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors which shall have the power to investigate the allegations and to determine whether the accused shall be given the opportunity to resign, whether the charges shall be dropped, or whether other action should be taken. No person shall be dropped from the membership except after opportunity to be heard in person, if practicable, or represented by counsel, and then only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

- 9) Any Member or Affiliate who wishes to resign his/her membership in the Association shall communicate this fact to the Secretary.

ARTICLE III

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, three Members elected by the Association for staggered terms of three years' each, and the Academic/Scientific Affairs Coordinator, the Professional Practice Coordinator, and the Diversity Coordinator who are appointees. All shall be equal voting members of the Board of Directors.
- 2) Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time on the call of the President or the Secretary. A quorum at any meeting shall consist of five members of the Board.
- 3) In the case of disability or resignation of a Director or officer the remaining members of the Board may elect a successor who will serve until the next regular meeting of the Association.
- 4) In the interval between business meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors shall have authority over the affairs of the Association and shall take such actions as are necessary for the conduct of the Association's affairs. The Board of Directors shall make a report of its transactions at each regular business meeting of the Association.
- 5) The President of the Association shall be Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Other persons may be invited to sit with the Board of Directors on appropriate occasions, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

- 1) The officers of the Association shall be as follows: A President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualify.
- 2) The President shall be a Member of the Association who has just completed his/her term as President-Elect and shall serve for a term of two years. During his/her term of office the President shall serve as the presiding officer of the Association and as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. He/she shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office or as may properly be required by vote of the Association or of the Board of Directors.

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- 3) The President-Elect shall be a Member of the Association elected by majority vote of the membership in attendance at a regular business meeting. He/she shall take office as President-Elect at the conclusion of the meeting at which he/she is elected and shall serve for a term of two years. During the term of office as President-Elect he/she shall serve as a member and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors. In the event that the President shall not serve out his/her full term for any reason. The President-Elect shall succeed to the unexpired remainder thereof and continue through his/her own term.
- 4) In the event that both the President and the President-Elect are unable to serve out their terms of office the Association will elect a new President and President-Elect at the next regular meeting to serve out the remainder of the term.
- 5) The Secretary shall be a Member of the Association elected by majority vote of the membership in attendance at a regular business meeting. He/she shall take office as Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting at which he/she is elected and shall serve for a term of three years. During his/her term of office he/she shall serve as Member and Secretary of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records of the meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors; to have charge of the seal; to file and hold subject to call and to direct the publication of such records, reports, and proceedings as are authorized by these Bylaws and by vote of the Association or of the Board of Directors at any duly constituted meeting; to conduct the official correspondence of the Association; to issue calls and notices of meetings; to execute, seal or deliver any contracts, deeds, instruments or other documents which he/she shall be directed to execute, seal or deliver on behalf of the Association. By the Bylaws, vote of the Association or of the Board of Directors; and to perform such other duties as may reasonably be required of him/her by vote of the Association or of the Board of Directors.
- 6) The Treasurer shall be a Member of the Association elected by majority vote of the membership in attendance at a regular

ARTICLE V

CORPORATE SEAL

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

- 1) The committees of the Association shall consist of such standing committees as may be provided by these Bylaws and such special committees as may be established by vote of the Association or of the Board of Directors. Chairpersons of standing committees shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. Committees will perform those functions delegated to them by the Association or the Board of Directors.
- 2) The standing committees of the Association shall be: Legislative Committee; Insurance Committee; Continuing Education Committee; Ethics Committee; Psychopharmacology; and Academic/Scientific.

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ARTICLE VII

AFFILIATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- 1) The Association may establish affiliations with other local, regional and national scientific and professional organizations by two-thirds vote of those present at a regular business meeting, may elect such representatives thereto as are necessary and proper, may authorize the payment of appropriate fees for such affiliation, and may terminate such affiliations.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS

- 1) There shall be an annual meeting of the Association at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. Announcement of time and place of the annual meeting shall be made by the Board of Directors to the membership at least thirty days in advance thereof. The Members present at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum and may transact any and all proper business of the Association except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
- 2) Such special meetings as seen necessary may be called at such time and place determined by the Board of Directors. Announcement of time and place of such special meetings shall be made by the Board of Directors to the membership at least thirty days in advance.

ARTICLE IX

FISCAL YEAR

- 1) The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

ARTICLE X

DUES

- 1) All Members and Affiliates shall pay dues, the amounts to be as determined by vote of the membership in attendance at any duly announced business meeting of the Association.
- 2) Annual dues are payable before March 1. Nonpayment of dues by April 1 is equivalent to resignation from the Association. Membership reinstatement may be accomplished by payment of dues for the current year.
- 3) Members who retire from active professional employment may continue membership under the category of Special Circumstances.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

I. Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated at any meeting of the Association or the Board of Directors and must be referred to the membership at a meeting or by mail ballot. Passage shall require a majority of all Members voting. In case of a mail ballot, polls shall be closed and the votes counted by the Board of Directors thirty days after the mailing