

## SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES

### MAJOR CHANGES

- Our membership structure has been simplified to Fellows, Members, and Student Affiliates. This new system is easier to understand and “flatter.” This change was motivated by two goals. First, our prior system (5 categories) was confusing for current and prospective members and was likely a barrier to new member recruitment. Second, it seems pretentious that academic members could be “full members” but our many applied and clinical members (curators, educators, artists, and so forth) could not. Our interdisciplinary division values the contributions of our members who are not in academic roles and seeks to expand our membership in those areas. The simplified membership structure is more inviting and reflects our interdisciplinary values.
- To expand student involvement in divisional affairs, we have proposed having 2 Student Representatives instead of 1.

### MINOR CHANGES

- Our bylaws did not specify the length of terms for some positions or when the new officers actually start. We had been benchmarking a lot of things to the annual APA convention, but it is wise to pick a calendar date for when new officers start. We now use August 1.
- We are proposing to no longer hold membership-wide votes on increasing dues. Instead, these decisions will be made by the Executive Committee. (It would cost the Division hundreds of dollars to hold an official vote on raising dues by \$1 for 500 members.)
- We are proposing to raise the dollar limit that the Treasurer can process without Executive Committee pre-approval from \$250 to \$1000 to streamline the role.

### HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES

- We reworked our references to “the” Annual Meeting to a looser and more flexible reference to “official meetings.” This allows us the flexibility to hold off-cycle meetings and to sponsor other events as official meetings of our society.
- We are deleting many “process” things that we don’t, shouldn’t, or can no longer do. Most of them are out-of-date holdovers, like how people join and pay dues, from long ago.
- We are updating some things in light of technological changes, such as the capacity to conduct online ballots.
- Many topics better suited to a “Policies and Procedures” manual (e.g., that the division will publish a quarterly journal) have been omitted for simplicity.

- Finally, many small wording changes were made throughout to simplify the Bylaws and remove sexist and non-inclusive language.

## **BYLAWS**

### **SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY OF AESTHETICS, CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS, DIVISION 10 OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

#### **Revised NEW DATE (via member ballot)**

#### **Article I. Name and Purpose**

1. The name of this organization shall be the Society for the Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts, Division 10 of the American Psychological Association (hereinafter the “Society”).
2. The purpose of the Society shall be (a) to promote research and publication in the field of the psychology of aesthetics, creativity, and the arts; (b) to facilitate the exchange of information and experience among its members; (c) to promote the development of new professional opportunities; and (d) to contribute in general to the advancement of the relationship between psychology and the arts as a means of promoting human welfare.

#### **Article II. Membership**

1. The Society shall have three classes of membership: Fellows, Members, and Student Affiliates.
2. Fellows shall be those persons who achieve Fellowship status in the Society through the American Psychological Association, having made a distinguished contribution to the psychology of aesthetics, creativity, and the arts.
3. Members shall be those persons who are interested in the psychology of aesthetics, creativity, and the arts and wish to aid the Society in the attainment of its objectives.
4. Student Affiliate members shall be persons who are interested in the psychology of aesthetics, creativity, or the psychology of the arts and who are enrolled in a related degree program at the undergraduate or graduate level.
5. Any member may be expelled upon recommendation by a special committee of three members to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society to investigate the particular case. The special committee’s recommendation is to be submitted (a) only after it has accumulated the relevant facts and has given the accused member an opportunity to answer the charges against him or her both in writing and by appearing in person before the committee, and (b) after the committee’s recommendation has been reviewed and approved by a majority (50% plus 1) vote, taken by a secure online or mail ballot, of the Executive Committee of the Society.

6. On all matters calling for action of the Society by the membership, each Fellow and Member shall have one vote, and no proxy voting shall be allowed. The one exception to this is that the elected Representatives of the Society on the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association shall be chosen by and only by the members of the Society who are also eligible voting members of the Association.

### **Article III. Society Officers**

1. The officers of the organization shall be a Society President, a Society President-Elect, a Society Past-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one or more Representatives to the Council of Representatives, as provided for in the Bylaws of the American Psychological Association.

2. The Representatives of the Society on the APA Council of Representatives shall be APA Members and shall be elected by the Society members entitled to vote.

3. The terms of office for the President, the President-Elect, and the Past-President shall be for two years; the terms of office for Society Representatives, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be for three years.

4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to serve ex-officio as chair of the Executive Committee of the Society, and to act for the Society with the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall perform other duties as are incident to his or her office or as may properly be required by vote of the Executive Committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to issue calls and notices of meetings and nominations of officers and members-at-large of the Executive Committee, or to arrange with the APA Central Office for the issuing of such announcements. The Secretary shall keep records of the Society and cooperate with the Executive Secretary of the APA. The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee and ex-officio as a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Membership Committee, and Program Committee. It shall also be his or her function to provide information to members and to other interested parties on Society matters.

6. The Treasurer will have custody of all funds and property of the Society and shall collect any special dues that may be voted in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of these Bylaws. The Treasurer shall be authorized to make disbursements for the Society, except that for amounts larger than \$1,000.00 authorization of the Executive Committee is required unless it is a recurring and expected expense of the Society. The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

7. It shall be the duty of the Society Representatives to perform the duties and responsibilities specified in Article III of the Bylaws of the American Psychological

Association. The Representatives shall also serve as members of the Society Executive Committee.

8. In case of the death, incapacity, or resignation of any of these officers (excepting the President) the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint a successor to serve until the next Executive Committee Meeting. If the President is unable to perform any or all of his or her duties, the President-Elect shall take the President's place until he or she takes office.

#### **Article IV. Executive Committee**

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Society consisting of the Society President, the Society President-Elect, the Society Past-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Society, the Representatives on the Council of Representatives of the Association, three members-at-large, two elected student representatives to the Executive Committee, an elected international representative to the Executive Committee, and the journal editor(s). (The editors shall serve on the Executive Committee without vote.) A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the Executive Committee.

2. The members-at-large shall serve for terms of three years each. The International Representative shall serve for a term of two years. The student representatives shall serve terms of one year each.

3. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, performing the duties and abiding by the limitations specified in these Bylaws. If a majority of the Executive Committee decides that an issue requires a membership vote, an action of the Committee will be subject to approval by a majority vote of the members voting at an official meeting or by special mail or electronic ballot.

4. The journal editor(s) shall be selected by vote of the Executive Committee. The Publications Committee will solicit nominations, review and interview candidates, and submit a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The journal editor(s) shall serve a six year term.

#### **Article V. Other Committees**

1. The Committees of the Society shall consist of the following standing committees: Awards, Fellows, Membership Recruitment, Nominations and Elections, Publications, and the Program Committee. Special ad hoc committees may be established by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee.

2. Standing and ad hoc committees shall serve for the term of the Society President unless otherwise provided for. All Committees shall consist of at least three members appointed by the President.

3. The chair of the Nominations and Elections committee shall be a past or present member of the Executive Committee and shall be asked by the President to chair the Committee. In addition, the Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of the Nominations and Elections committee. It shall be the function of this Committee to conduct and supervise the elections of the Society as provided in these Bylaws.

4. The Program Committee shall consist of the President-Elect of the Society as chair and of at least two members of the Society appointed by him or her. In addition, the President may choose further members of the Society to assist the Committee in the preparation of the program for its meetings. For the annual APA Convention, it shall be the duty of the Program Chair to make arrangements for the Program and the Business Meeting of the Society in accordance with these Bylaws and to coordinate the program with the assistance of the APA Convention Office.

5. The Awards Committee shall consist of at least three members who have received one of the Division's awards. This committee will solicit and evaluate nominations and select the award recipients.

6. The Fellows Committee shall examine the qualifications of Members to become Fellows of the APA and shall recommend to the APA Fellows Committee those members who meet the Fellowship requirement. The Fellows Committee shall consist of at least three members and be chaired by a member who has been awarded Fellow status.

7. The Membership Recruitment Committee shall encourage and facilitate the growth of the Division's membership, including students, early-career scholars, and international members. The chair of the Fellows Committee shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Membership Recruitment Committee.

## **Article VI. Nominations and Elections**

1. The officers of the Society and the members-at-large of the Executive Committee shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Membership.

2. The Committee on Nominations and Membership shall ascertain from as many candidates as are required to fill the slate their willingness to serve and forward these nominations to the APA Election Committee on forms provided by the Election Office at the time necessary for inclusion on the election ballot issued by the Association in accordance with the APA Bylaws.

3. The Society will seek to have at least two nominees for each elected position.

4. Officers shall assume office on the first day of August that follows the announcement of the election results, and they shall hold office until their successors are elected and assume office in their stead. If an officer fails to accept election, the President shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy in consultation with the Executive Committee.

## **Article VII. Meetings**

1. The Society will hold an annual meeting during the annual convention of the Association, and in the same locality, for the transaction of business, the presentation of scientific papers, and the discussion of professional matters in the field of the Society's interests. The Society shall seek to coordinate its program with, and participate in, the program of the Association.

2. All official meetings of the Society will be announced at least three months prior to the meeting and will have a business meeting, open to all members, to discuss the Society's business and affairs. Members entitled to vote and present at a Business Meeting of the Society shall vote by simple majority, but it shall be the prerogative of the presiding officer to table a motion if in his or her judgment it does not do justice to the importance of the matter to be decided.

## **Article VIII. Dues**

1. Changes in annual dues and assessments of any special dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

## **Article IX. Amendments**

1. By vote of two-thirds of the voting members present at any official meeting or by a majority vote of the members of the Society voting in a mail or electronic ballot, the Society may adopt such amendments to these Bylaws as have been (a) presented at the preceding annual meeting or (b) mailed to the last known post office address of each member, e-mailed to the last known email address of each member, or published in the journal of the Society two months prior to the final vote on the proposed amendments. The voting period shall be 60 days.