

**American Psychological Association**

***Division 54***

*Society of* **PEDIATRIC  
PSYCHOLOGY**



# **BYLAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Society of Pediatric Psychology, Division 54 of the American Psychological Association (APA), hereinafter referred to as the Society.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

- A. The Society is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes and promotes the general objectives of the American Psychological Association.
- B. *Mission statement: The Society aims to promote the health and psychological well being of children, youth and their families through science and an evidence-based approach to practice, education, training, advocacy, and consultation.*
- C. *Vision Statement: Healthier children, youth, and families.*

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

- A. There shall be eight categories of membership in the Society: Fellow, Member, Associate, International Affiliate, Student Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliate, Physician Affiliate, and Allied Health Affiliate.
- B. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of Fellow shall be:
  - A Member nominated to become Fellow in the Society must provide evidence to the Committee on Fellowship of unusual and outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric psychology. Fellows of the Society must be elected as Division Fellows pursuant to the process set forth in APA's Bylaws and Association Rules.
  - Demonstrated interest in and active engagement in practice, research, teaching, administration, and/or study in the field of pediatric psychology.
- C. The minimum qualification for the election to the category of Member shall be:
  - Attainment to the category of Member of APA as defined by the Bylaws of APA.
  - Demonstrated interest in and active engagement in practice, research, teaching, administration, and/or study in the field of pediatric psychology.
- D. The minimum qualification for election to the category of Associate shall be:
  - Attainment of the category of Associate of APA as defined by the Bylaws of APA.
  - Associates of APA, who have earned the right to vote in APA by virtue of five consecutive years as an Associate of APA, shall also have earned the right to vote in the Society.
  - Demonstrated interest in the field of pediatric psychology.

- E. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of International Affiliate shall be:
- A psychologist who is a national in a country other than the United States or Canada and/or is an International Affiliate of APA.
  - Demonstrated interest in and active engagement in practice, research, teaching, administration, and/or study in the field of pediatric psychology.
- F. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of Student Affiliate shall be:
- A student enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, internship, postdoctoral program or a post-baccalaureate trainee working in a psychological setting in a training sequence in a field predominately psychological in nature.
  - Demonstrated interest in the field of pediatric psychology.
- G. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of Psychologist Affiliate shall be:
- A psychologist not included in the membership under one of the previous described categories.
  - Demonstrated interest in the field of pediatric psychology.
- H. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of Physician Affiliate shall be:
- A physician not included in the membership under one of the previously described categories.
  - Demonstrated interest in the field of pediatric psychology.
- I. The minimum qualifications for the election to the category of Allied Health Affiliate shall be:
- An allied health professional not included in the membership under one of the previously described categories.
  - Demonstrated interest in the field of pediatric psychology.

#### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES**

- A. Members, Fellows, voting Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, and Allied Health Affiliates of the Society shall be entitled to the following:
- To attend and to participate in the meetings of the Society;
  - To receive the publications of the Society;
  - To vote in regular and special elections, although only Members, Fellows, and voting Associates may vote for the Society's Representative(s) to the APA Council of Representatives.

- B. Non-voting Associates and Student Affiliates of the Society shall:
- Be entitled to attend and participate in the meetings of the Society and to receive its publications;
  - Not be entitled to hold office nor vote in regular or special elections.

#### **ARTICLE V: RESIGNATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

- A. Termination of membership in the Society may be accomplished in one of the following ways:
- Failure to pay the dues by the membership renewal deadline;
  - Expulsion from the Society for cause by a vote of two-thirds at a meeting of the Board of Directors after due process;
  - Any person whose membership has been terminated in any manner may reapply for membership following 180 days from the date on which termination became effective.

#### **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

- A. The Officers of the Society [hereinafter referred to as "Officer(s)"] shall be as follows: President, President-elect (who shall also be considered the Vice President), Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative(s) to APA Council of Representatives, Member-at-Large for Membership, Member-at-Large for Student/Trainee Development, Member-at-Large for Continuing Education, and Member-at-Large for Diversity.
- No Officer may run simultaneously for more than one elected Society office or Board of Directors' seat.
  - All Officer(s) may hold two consecutive terms with the following exceptions: (1) There is a three (3) term limit on the Treasurer position; and (2) No individual may hold the office of the Society's President more than once.
- B. The President shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society who has just completed his/her term as President-elect. S/he shall succeed to office at the close of the year after serving as President-elect and shall serve for one year. The President shall preside at all meetings, shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all other usual duties of a presiding officer. The President may not vote, except to break a tie vote of the Board of Directors. If the President is absent from a Board of Directors' meeting, the President-elect shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, followed in succession by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.
- C. The President-elect shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society elected for a term of one year. The President-elect shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall perform

the duties traditionally assigned to a Vice President. In the event that the President shall not serve his/her full term for any reason, the President-elect shall succeed to the unexpired remainder thereof and continue to so serve through his/her own term. The President-elect shall also perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors.

- D. The Secretary shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society elected for a term of three years. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors.
- E. The Treasurer shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society elected for a term of three years. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall perform the usual duties of a Treasurer.
- F. The Past President of the Society shall be the most recently retired President of the Society and shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
- G. The Members-at-Large shall be Members or Fellows of the Society each elected for a three-year term. Each Member-at-Large shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall be available to the President to serve as Chairperson of Standing Committees, Task Force Committees, and special projects.
- H. The Representative(s) to the APA Council of Representatives shall be Members or Fellows of the Society, each elected, under normal circumstances, for a three-year term. The number of Representatives, if any, will be mandated by the APA apportionment ballot. Representative(s) to the APA Council of Representatives shall perform those duties as specified by the Bylaws of the American Psychological Association. The Representative(s) shall be responsible for advising the Board of Directors about significant matters of business scheduled to come before APA Council. They shall also be responsible for informing the Board of Directors of significant actions taken by APA Council of Representatives.
  - If the Society loses one or more of its seats on the APA Council of Representatives as the result of APA's apportionment ballot, and if the loss cannot be offset by the ending of a term or terms of outgoing Representative(s) to the APA Council of Representatives, then the Board of Directors shall terminate the incumbency of the Representative to APA Council of Representatives with the least tenure. If the two Representatives to APA Council of Representatives have equal tenure the person with the most votes from the election remains.
- I. The Officers shall assume their positions on January 1 of each calendar year and shall maintain them as described by the terms set forth in these Bylaws. During the period between their election and the assumption of office, the officers-elect shall be given the title of officer-designate and shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors

without vote. They will be asked to attend the Board of Directors' meeting at the American Psychological Association Convention in August before their term begins.

- J. In the case of death, incapacity, or resignation of any Officer, except the President or the Past President, the vacant office shall be awarded to the defeated candidate for the position who was, at the time of the most recent past election, the runner-up for the office in question. If the runner-up declines to serve or is for any other reason unavailable, the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.
- K. The means for filling a vacancy in the office of President is specified in Article VI, Section C of these Bylaws. In the case of death, incapacity, or resignation of the Past President, such vacancy shall remain through the balance of the year in which it occurs, and the President will assume the responsibilities of that office in addition to those of the Presidency.

#### **ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Society of Pediatric Psychology. Its membership shall consist of the following persons:
- The Officers of the Society as specified in Article VI of these Bylaws and shall have voting privileges;
  - The Editors of the Society journals who are appointed to this position and shall be members of the Board of Directors without a vote;
  - The Communications Manager who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote;
  - The Student Representative who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors with a vote on behalf of student members;
  - The Past Treasurer who shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote for one year after he or she has completed his or her term as Treasurer;
  - The Historian who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote;
  - The APA Program Chair who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote;
  - The SPP Annual Conference Program Chair who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote;
  - The Webmaster who is appointed to this position and shall be a member of the Board of Directors without a vote.
- B. The Editors of the Society journals shall be Members or Fellows of the Society. The Editors shall be appointed to a six-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during the summer prior to assuming the position of Editor-Elect on January 1. The

Editors will be responsible for the total operation of the journals and can only be removed with cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In the case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of either Editor, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.

- C. The Past Treasurer shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society and be the immediate past Treasurer. S/he shall serve a one-year term following the conclusion of his/her elected term. The duties include: to facilitate transition of bookkeeping and financial records; to provide technical assistance to the present Treasurer; to substitute for the Treasurer in his/her absence; and to attend all Board of Directors and Business meetings of the Society.
- D. The Communications Manager shall be a Member, Fellow, Associate, International Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliate, Physician Affiliate, or Allied Health Affiliate of the Society. The Communications Manager shall be appointed to a three-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during the summer prior to assuming the position on January 1. The Communications Manager shall be responsible for the coordination of all communication including the Society's website, facebook, twitter, and all other electronic communication and can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the Communications Manager, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.
- E. The Student Representative shall be a Student Affiliate member of the Society, shall be enrolled in an APA-approved graduate program in professional psychology. The Student Representative shall be appointed to a two-year term by the President, President-Elect, and current Student Representative during the summer of even-numbered years and will assume his/her position on January 1 of the next year. The Student Representative can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the Student Representative, the current President shall appoint a successor.
- F. The Webmaster shall be a Member, Fellow, Associate, International Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliate, Physician Affiliate, or Allied Health Affiliate of the Society. The Webmaster shall be appointed to a three-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during the summer prior to assuming the position on January 1. The Webmaster will be responsible for the Society website and can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the Webmaster, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.
- G. The APA Program Chair shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society. The APA Program Chair shall be appointed by the President-elect to a one-year term by a majority vote of

the Board of Directors during the summer prior to assuming the position on January 1. The APA Program Chair will be responsible for organizing and soliciting the APA program and can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the APA Program Chair, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.

- H. The Historian shall be a Member, Fellow, Associate, International Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliate, Physician Affiliate, or Allied Health Affiliate of the Society. The Historian shall be appointed by the President to a five-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors during the summer prior to assuming the position on January 1. The Historian can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the Historian, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.
- I. The SPP Annual Conference Program Chair shall be a Member, Fellow, Associate, International Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliate, Physician Affiliate, or Allied Health Affiliate of the Society. The SPP Annual Conference Program Chair shall be appointed by the President to a one-year term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at least two years prior to the conference that he/she will chair. The SPP Annual Conference Program Chair will be responsible for working together with key personnel on the programming for the SPP Annual Conference and can only be removed with cause by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. In case of the death, incapacity, removal, or resignation of the SPP Annual Conference Program Chair, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor by a majority vote.
- J. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice each year. Additional meetings or teleconferences may be called by the President. All Board of Directors' members are strongly encouraged to attend all Board of Directors' meetings and Society Business meetings.
- K. Board of Directors' meetings shall be open to all members of the Society except at such times as a majority of the Board of Directors may declare an executive session. Any member of the Society may place a matter on the agenda for a meeting. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors, and the Secretary shall act as Recording Secretary. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, following due notice of the meeting. Each voting member present shall have one vote, and no member may vote by proxy. All decisions by the Board of Directors shall require assent by a majority of those voting, except as otherwise noted in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to adopt and publish rules and codes for the transaction of the business of the Society in accordance with these Bylaws.
- L. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors which shall be composed of the President, President-elect, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer.



The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President or of any other three Officers and conduct such affairs of the Society between meetings of the Board of Directors as may be needed to implement policy decisions adopted by the Board of Directors. During the interval between meetings, and should the Executive Committee declare there to be an emergency requiring immediate action, a meeting of the Board of Directors may be held by telephone conference or another appropriate method which will allow a full discussion of the issues.

- M. Any Officer and/or member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office before the expiration of his/her term with cause by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors if it appears that the best interests of the Society are not being served by the person in question.
- N. No Board of Directors' member may simultaneously hold two positions on the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

- A. The Committees of the Society shall consist of such Standing Committees as are provided by these Bylaws and of such Task Force Committees as shall be established by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors. Unless reconstituted for a subsequent year or years, the existence of the Task Force Committees shall terminate at the close of the year in which it has been established. All Committee meetings shall be open to all members of the Society except at such times as confidential matters concerning individual members or applicants are under discussion. In the conduct of Committee business, the Chair of the committee shall cast a vote only in the case of ties.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair of each committee to submit biannual report on its operations and recommendations to the Board of Directors by the time of the Board of Directors meetings.
- C. The Standing Committees of the Society shall be:
  - The Committee on Fellowship, which shall consist of a Chairperson and five (5) members, all of whom shall serve for staggered terms of three (3) years. The Chairperson and Committee members must be Fellows of the Society and shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this Committee to evaluate and recommend applicants for Fellowship to the Board of Directors.
  - The Membership Committee, which shall consist of a Chairperson and three (3) other members. The Committee shall be chaired by the Member-at-Large for Membership. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson and shall serve for terms of three (3) years. It shall be the duty of the Committee to engage in

activities designed to identify candidates for membership in the Society and encourage such candidates to join, and to carry out membership initiatives.

- The APA Program Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and such others as are necessary to conduct the business of the Committee for the year. The Committee shall be chaired by the APA Program Chair. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson. The Committee will work closely with the President-elect in order that the program will reflect a thematic content selected by the President-elect for his/her Presidential term. It shall be the duty of the Committee to solicit, evaluate, and select scientific and professional contributions to be presented as part of the Society's annual meeting program, in coordination with the Board of Convention Affairs of the American Psychological Association.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections as described in Article IX, Section A of these Bylaws.
- The Division Honors Selection Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and three (3) other members. The Committee shall be chaired by the Past President, whose responsibilities begin in the fall of his or her office as current President. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson. The Committee reviews the nominations and recommends the winners of the SPP Awards of Distinction. These recommendations will be voted upon by the Board of Directors.
- The Finance Committee, which shall consist of the President, President-elect, Past President, and Treasurer. The Committee shall be chaired by the President without vote. The Finance Committee shall oversee the fiscal practices and planning of the Society and monitor its financial records.
- The Committee on Science and Practice which shall consist of a Chairperson and five (5) other members necessary to the work of the Committee. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President for a term of three (3) years and approved by the Board of Directors. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson and shall serve for staggered terms of three years. It shall be the duty of the Committee to identify and to promote awareness of the scientific basis of pediatric psychology treatments, interventions, and assessments, with the goal of enhancing clinical science, training, practice, and public health in the field of pediatric psychology.
- The International Committee, which shall consist of a Chairperson and at least three (3) other members. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson and shall include the Member at Large for Membership. The Chairperson and members shall serve for terms of three years. It shall be the duty of the Committee to identify and recommend to the Board of Directors activities and initiatives designed to improve collaboration and interaction with international colleagues.
- The Continuing Education Committee (CE), which shall consist of a Chairperson and three (3) other members. The Chairperson shall be the Member-at-Large for Continuing Education. The members shall be the APA Program Chair, the SPP Annual Conference Program Chair, and the Member-at-Large for Diversity. The Committee

will maintain records as required by the American Psychological Association and will guide the SPP Annual Conference related to continuing education credits.

- The Awards and Naming Policy Committee, which shall consist of a Chairperson and four (4) other members. The Committee shall be chaired by the Historian and shall include the APA Council Representative(s), the Member-at-Large for Diversity, the Member-at-Large for Student/Trainee Development and one (1) other member who is appointed by the Chairperson for a three (3) year term and who is not on the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of this Committee to review proposals for awards, grants, or any other SPP activity being named or re-named in honor of a specific individual and to make recommendations regarding the nominated individual's contributions to pediatric psychology service, research, or practice. These recommendations will be voted upon by the Board of Directors.
- The SPP Annual Conference Program Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and such others as are necessary to conduct the business of the Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the SPP Annual Conference Program Chair. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Committee to solicit, evaluate, and select scientific and professional contributions to be presented as part of the SPP Annual Conference.
- The Communications Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and shall include such others as are necessary to conduct the business of the Committee. The Committee will be chaired by the Communications Manager. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Committee to oversee and coordinate all communications of the Society including the Society's website, facebook, twitter and all other electronic communications.

- D. The Board of Directors is empowered to authorize the formation of Task Forces to accomplish the goals of the Society.
- Each Task Force shall have a specific charge for a specified period of time and shall be subject to annual review by the Board of Directors.
  - The number of members, and terms of office of Task Force members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
  - The members and Chair of each Task Force shall be nominated by the President for approval by the Board of Directors.
- E. All persons serving as voting members on Committees or Task Forces of the Society must be Members, Fellows, voting Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, or Allied Health Affiliates of the Society.

#### **ARTICLE IX: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- A. The Committee on Nominations and Elections which shall consist of a Chairperson and shall include such others as are necessary to conduct the business of the Committee.

The Committee shall be chaired by the Past-President. The members shall be appointed by the Chairperson. The Committee shall be responsible for implementing the policies required for the nomination and election of Officers. All aspects of nomination and elections for positions on the Board of Directors shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the Bylaws of APA and shall be completed by the dates specified by APA and/or by the provisions of these Bylaws.

- B. The Committee on Nominations and Elections shall post a call for nominations on the Society listserv and on the Society website. All Fellows, Members, voting Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, or Allied Health Affiliates may nominate individuals for office.
- C. The nominations shall be tallied by the Committee on Nominations and Elections. The name of any member who is willing to stand for election shall be placed on the ballot if nominated by at least ten members of the Society. There shall be at least two candidates for each position to be filled in a given year. In the event there are an insufficient number of nominees who have received any nominations, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall use their discretion in nominating candidates for any remaining spaces.
- D. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Fellows, Members, voting Associates, International Affiliate, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, and Allied Health Affiliates on a mail ballot, an email ballot, or a secure web-based ballot. The election is conducted by the APA Office on Elections.

#### **ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

- A. The Society shall hold an annual scientific and professional meeting at the time and place of the annual convention of the American Psychological Association for the presentation of scientific papers and the discussion of professional matters in the field of interest of the Society. The Society shall coordinate its program with, and shall participate in, the program of the American Psychological Association.
- B. There shall be at least one membership meeting of the Society that shall be held in conjunction with and in the locality of the annual convention of the American Psychological Association. The purpose of such meetings shall be to provide an opportunity for a personal exchange of information and perspectives about matters of mutual concern between the general membership and the members of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Society shall have the right to place a matter on the agenda of a meeting for the Society by directing the matter to the Secretary or the President at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time.

- C. Other scientific, professional and/or business meetings of the Society may be called by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- D. All scientific, professional and/or business meetings of the Society must be announced in advance to the membership as to the date, time and place of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XI: FINANCES**

- A. Membership dues for all members of the Society are set annually by the Board of Directors.
- B. The assessment of any additional or special membership fees beyond those specified in Article XI, Sections A of these Bylaws shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and must be ratified by the membership. Any additional or special assessment, once ratified by the membership, shall remain in force each subsequent year unless changed by the Board of Directors and membership in accordance with these Bylaws. A request for such a change may be initiated by any member of the Board of Directors. In addition, a petition signed by three (3) percent of the Members, Fellows, voting Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, and/or Allied Health Affiliates of the Society shall mandate the holding of a referendum on the assessment.
- C. The Treasurer, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, shall prepare an annual budget of anticipated income and expenditures.
- D. Disbursement of funds of the Society shall be made as follows:
  - The Board of Directors shall authorize disbursements within the amounts of the approved budget for purposes which are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Society or of the American Psychological Association, nor with the recorded actions of the membership.
  - The Treasurer, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee is authorized to reallocate unexpended funds from one category of the approved budget to another, provided only that the total expenses for the year are not exceeded.
  - Once a budget has been approved in accordance with Article XI, Section C, disbursements of any amount for items not contained in the approved budget but for purposes harmonious with the objectives of the Society may be authorized by the Finance Committee provided only that such expenditures will not require an increase in the approved assessment during the fiscal year in which it shall be made.
- E. The Treasurer directs the disbursement of funds duly approved under the provisions of Article XI, Section D of these Bylaws. In the event of the incapacity of the Treasurer, or a vacancy in that office, the President is authorized to serve in his/her stead.

- F. All contracts and other financial documents, other than checks, necessary to undertake programs approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws shall be executed by the President and the Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

- A. An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition of three percent (3%) of the Members, Fellows, Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, and Allied Health Affiliates of the Society presented to the Board of Directors. After an amendment has been reviewed by the Board of Directors, each voting member shall be notified of the amendment by either a mail ballot, an email ballot, or a secure web-based ballot within sixty (60) days. The ballot will contain statements which specify the arguments for and against the proposed changes. Ballots shall be counted sixty (60) days after distribution, and the voting period shall then be considered closed. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Members, Fellows, voting Associates, International Affiliates, Psychologist Affiliates, Physician Affiliates, and Allied Health Affiliates of the Society returning their ballots shall be required to ratify the amendment which shall then go into effect.