



OREGON PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Oregon Psychological Association (OPA), incorporated.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Oregon Psychological Association is a statewide, not for profit, service organization that exists to promote the interests of psychology as a science and a profession, through the provision of services to the public and association members.

1. Public services include: education, community initiatives, and consumer advocacy.
2. Member services include: continuing education, networking at a local and national level, legislative action at the state and federal level, and mentoring, consultation, and support.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. The defining characteristics of different membership categories, procedures for applying for membership, for changing membership categories, and for approving membership shall be defined in the Association's policies.
- B. All members shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Candidates for all classes of membership shall be considered not only on the basis of their fulfillment of minimal education and experience requirements but also upon their past and present adherence to acceptable standards of professional practice and ethical conduct.

- C. A member shall be dropped from membership by the Board of Directors: (1) at their request, (2) for non-payment of dues, or (3) for conduct in an unprofessional or unethical manner, as stipulated by Article X.
- D. The Association shall consist of Professional Members (licensed and non-licensed), Life and Honorary Members (active and inactive), Associate Members, Student Members, Out of State Affiliates, Allied Professional Affiliates, and Corporate Affiliates.
- E. The requirements for election as a Professional or Associate member may be waived by the Board of Directors, in special cases, for persons in fields other than psychology who have made continuing distinguished contributions to psychology.
- F. The privileges of voting, being a committee chair, and holding office shall be restricted to Professional Members (licensed and non-licensed), Life and Honorary Members, and the designated student member board representative of the association who live or practice in the State of Oregon. All other members shall be entitled to all other rights and privileges of the Association not specifically denied them by these bylaws.
- G. Members who qualify to change their category of membership shall apply for such change to the Membership Committee. Changes in membership status will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Student members engaged in qualified doctoral studies who also qualify as Associate members may elect either Student or Associate member status.
- H. The categories of membership, their qualifications, and privileges are as follows.

I. Professional Member:

- 1. The minimum standard for election to Professional Member status shall be:
 - a. The receipt of the doctoral degree based in part upon a psychological dissertation, or a doctoral degree based on other evidence of proficiency in psychological scholarship from a program primarily psychological in content and conferred by a graduate or professional school that is regionally accredited, or that has achieved such accreditation within five years of the year the doctoral degree was granted, or one of equivalent outside the United States, with an active license as a psychologist in the State of Oregon; or
 - b. A master's degree in psychology and an active license as a psychological associate in Oregon.
- 2. Professional Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.

II. Professional Member – Non-Licensed

1. The minimum qualifications for Professional Member – Non-Licensed shall be:
 - a. Fellow or Member status in the American Psychological Association, or
 - b. The receipt of the doctoral degree based in part upon a psychological dissertation, or a doctoral degree based on other evidence of proficiency in psychological scholarship from a program primarily psychological in content and conferred by a graduate or professional school that is regionally accredited, or that has achieved such accreditation within five years of the year the doctoral degree was granted, or one of equivalent standing outside the United States.
2. Professional Members – Non-Licensed shall have the privileges of voting and holding office.

III. Life and Honorary Members:

1. A Professional Member qualifies for Life Member status if he or she (1) qualifies as a Life Member of APA, or (2) is 65 years of age or older and has been a Member of the Oregon Psychological Association for 25 continuous years, or (3) is retired from the profession.
2. A Professional Member qualifies for Honorary Member status if he or she (regardless of age or length of membership), has been adjudged disabled and is neither employed nor able to be employed in the profession.
3. Life Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.

IV. Associate Member:

1. Minimum qualifications for Associate Member status:
 - a. Associate status in the American Psychological Association, or
 - b. the master's degree in psychology from a regionally accredited graduate or professional school plus a year of acceptable experience in professional work that is psychological in nature. Candidates for Associate Member status shall be engaged in professional or graduate work that is primarily psychological in nature.
 - c. Associate Members have no voting rights, and cannot hold office or committee chair positions.

V. Student Member:

1. Minimum professional qualifications for Student Member status are as follows: Actively enrolled in a graduate program of studies leading to a Master's or Doctoral degree in psychology.
2. Student Members have no voting rights, and can hold office only as specified in these bylaws.

VI. Out of State Affiliate:

1. An individual desiring Out of State Affiliation must be a member of the psychological association of the state or province in which they reside, and not be practicing in Oregon.
2. Members of the Association who neither reside nor work in the state at least 8 months of the fiscal year shall, if they so request, be granted inactive status for that year. Those on inactive status shall pay dues at a reduced rate.
3. Out of State Affiliate members have no voting rights, and cannot hold office or committee chair positions.

VII. Allied Professional Affiliates:

1. Shall be allied professionals who are licensed, registered or certified in their profession in the state of Oregon.
2. Allied Professional Affiliate members have no voting rights, and cannot hold office or committee chair positions.

VIII. Corporate Affiliates:

1. Shall be representatives of a firm or corporation engaged in providing products and services to the profession of psychology.
2. Corporate Affiliate members have no voting rights, and cannot hold office or committee chair positions.

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTER AFFILIATES

- A. To qualify for affiliation, a chapter must be representative of the scientific and professional interests of psychologists in Oregon. Membership must consist of a minimum of 5 OPA members in good standing. Each chapter must have elected the offices of President and Secretary/Treasurer for the chapter, as well as have bylaws and an approved governing structure which are not in conflict with OPA's bylaws.
- B. A chapter shall become an affiliate whenever a petition for affiliation, signed by at least ten OPA members, is approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
- C. The affiliated chapter shall select one representative to the OPA Board of Directors. Representatives must be Professional members of OPA in good standing at the time of appointment and through the duration of their term. Each chapter representative shall serve a one year term with the term of office beginning on July 1 expiring on June 30 of the year the term expires. Chapter representatives are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. This representative will have full status on the OPA Board of Directors, including voting rights, and be bound by the rules that govern directors at large in these bylaws. Chapter representatives shall be the official liaison for the chapter to the Board of Directors, attend OPA Board meetings, and perform tasks assigned by the OPA President or Board of Directors.
- E. Each chapter shall at the end of each year submit a written financial report to the OPA Board of Directors stating the current status of the Chapter at that time. Each Chapter is bound by the bylaws and policies of this Association and must comply with this Association's policy on chapter operations.
- F. A chapter affiliation may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the OPA Board of Directors (1) if the number of OPA members in the chapter falls below five, or (2) if the affiliation is deemed no longer to be in the best interests of OPA.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Association shall be officers of the Board of Directors as well as serving on the Executive Committee. The officers shall be President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. The term for all officer positions is one year and shall begin on July 1. All officers must be a Professional Member in good standing. In addition, the offices of President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer must have served a minimum of 1 year on the OPA Board of Directors within the past 2 elective years.

- B. **PRESIDENT.** It shall be the duty of the President to: preside at all meetings of the Association; to act as Chairman of the Board of Directors; and to exercise general supervision over affairs of the Association. The President serves on the legislative committee and supervises the Association's Executive Director on behalf of the Board.
- C. **PRESIDENT-ELECT.** It shall be the duty of the President-Elect to preside at all meetings of the Association in the absence or disability of the President. The President-Elect shall succeed the President at the termination of the latter's term in this office. The President-Elect shall chair the conference committee as well as perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
- D. **SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep or cause to be kept the records of all annual, special and Board of Directors meetings of the Association; to issue calls and notices of meetings; keep or cause to be kept a proper record of the membership and such records and correspondence as may be necessary to suitably record the activities of the Association; preside at all meetings of this Association in the absence or disability of both the President and President-Elect; plus perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.
- E. **TREASURER.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep or cause to be kept the custody of all funds of the Association and collect dues and other debts due the Association. The Treasurer shall prepare a prospective budget at the start of each fiscal year, and shall keep or cause to be kept a complete record of all funds received and paid out and shall report thereon to the members of the Board of Directors at regularly scheduled meetings. The Treasurer shall report the financial condition of the Association to the membership at the annual business meeting.
- F. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.** It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past President to chair the nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, APA Council Representative (elected by OPA members through an APA ballot), chapter affiliate representatives, 9 directors at large, and 1 student representative that is an appointed position by the board of directors. Officers shall serve a one year term, the APA Council Representative shall serve a three year term, the chapter affiliates shall serve a one year term, directors shall serve for two year staggered terms, and the student representative shall serve for a one year term. All members of the Board of Directors are full voting members. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Directors.

Terms of the Board of Directors shall begin on July 1 and expire on June 30 of the year their term expires. No member of the Board of Directors shall serve more than two successive terms in any elected office or more than seven consecutive years on the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors must at the time of their election or appointment, and throughout their term of office, be Professional Members of the association.

Directors shall attend and take part in Board of Directors meetings called by the President or an authorized substitute. Directors shall perform such other tasks as assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

- B. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision over the policies and affairs of the Association, and shall be the final authority in interpreting the meaning and intent of the bylaws. The governance of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors as further provided in these bylaws. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation.
- C. The term of office of the APA Council Representative shall coincide with the term of election to the APA Council. With the consent of the elected representative, the Board of Directors may appoint an alternate to serve in his/her place at any meeting of the Council of Representatives.
- D. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time upon call of the President, or a majority of the members of the Board. A simple majority of the elected Directors shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of four times per year. Board of Directors and Executive Committee business and voting can be conducted by meeting in person, mail, email, fax, telephone, electronic communication methods or any other form of communication at the Board's discretion.
- E. **VACANCIES.** If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of the Secretary, Treasurer, Director, or Student Representative, the President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve for the duration of the unexpired term. In the event a vacancy occurs in a chapter representative position, the chapter shall submit a proposed replacement to serve for the duration of the unexpired term. The replacement is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

If the position of Immediate Past President becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant for the duration of the unexpired term.

If the position of President-Elect becomes vacant, a special election shall be held. In the event a special election is required, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall set the date and provide at least 30 days notice to the membership. The Board of Directors shall nominate at least one person for the position of President-Elect and notify the membership accordingly.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the unexpired term and serve as President for a full term the next year. The President shall not be eligible to serve a second, successive complete term. Should a vacancy occur in the offices of President and President-Elect during the same elective year, the Immediate Past President shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the unexpired term or until a special election is held.

- F. The Board of Directors may employ an Executive Director and/or staff who shall be empowered to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, the hiring and dismissal of all other Association employees, negotiation and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association and fiscal operations of the Association. The Executive Director shall undertake such duties as the Board of Directors shall determine and define in policies, and who shall act under its supervision. The Executive Director shall provide advice and counsel to the Board and its officers but shall not have a vote on any matters to come before the Board or any of its committees.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

- A. In November of each year, or as soon thereafter as practical, the Board of Directors shall select a nominating committee, one of whom shall be the Immediate Past President, who shall serve as committee chair. The nominating committee shall prepare a list of candidates for each position to be filled. The nominating committee shall report its nominations for each position to the Board of Directors of the Association. Not later than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting or as soon thereafter as practical, the Association shall announce the committee's nominations to each member via mail, association publications, email, fax, phone, electronic communication or any form of communication at the Board's discretion and also shall announce that additional nominations may be made by written petition containing the signatures of no fewer than ten voting members. Such nominating petitions must be received by the nominating committee chairman not later than two weeks after the announcement. The chair shall immediately notify each member who has been nominated by petition and ascertain the nominee's willingness to serve if elected. Final election ballots shall consist of all candidates who were either nominated by the nominating committee or by the nominating petition and who have expressed willingness to serve.
- B. The voting members shall be polled by mail or electronic communication ballot. Ballots shall be distributed no later than four weeks before the Annual Meeting or as soon thereafter as practical with the request that they be postmarked approximately one week before this meeting. The nominating committee shall designate an individual to tabulate the results, and prepare and sign a written report, which shall be immediately forwarded to the Board of Directors. A plurality of votes cast will be sufficient to elect for any position, and positions for which the ballot contains more than two nominees shall be voted upon and tabulated by the preferential ranking system (Hare).

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

A. The standing committees of the Association shall be:

1. a Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer of the Association;
2. a Membership Committee
3. a Conference Committee, chaired by the President-Elect of the Association;
4. a Continuing Education Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President of the Association;
5. a Ethics Committee, chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.

The Ethics Committee shall concern itself with matters relating to education and training of the ethical principles and standards of practice of psychology. The activities of the Ethics Committee are designed to improve the quality of services provided by members and shall constitute "peer review" as defined in ORS 41.675. To the fullest extent allowed by ORS 41.675, and state and federal law the written and oral communications of this Committee, and made to this Committee, shall remain privileged and strictly confidential and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative, arbitration or mediation proceeding. This privilege and confidentiality shall encompass all stages of the Committee's work in any given case, including but not limited to initial contact through final resolution. All information concerning members and callers shall be privileged and confidential, except when disclosure of such information is compelled by law.

6. a Political Advocacy Committee; chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.
7. an Executive Committee, comprised of the elected Officers of the Association and the Executive Director, chaired by the President;
8. a Colleague Assistance Committee.

The Colleague Assistance Committee shall concern itself with matters relating to education training and quality assurance relating to impairment issues and clinical concerns, including but not limited to personal or practice related conflicts, stress or any other issues that may arise that may conflict with the ability to maintain an ethical and professional practice of psychology. The activities of the Colleague Assistance Committee shall constitute "peer review" as defined in ORS 41.675. To the fullest extent allowed by ORS 41.675, and state and federal law the written and oral communications of this Committee, and made to this Committee, shall remain privileged and strictly confidential and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative, arbitration or mediation proceeding. This privilege and

confidentiality shall encompass all stages of the Committee's work in any given case, including but not limited to initial contact through final resolution. All information concerning members and callers shall be privileged and confidential, except when disclosure of such information is compelled by law.

9. a Professional Affairs Committee; chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.
10. a Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President of the Association.
11. an Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners (OBPE) liaison; chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.
12. a Diversity Committee, chaired by a member of the Board of Directors. The Diversity Committee's Consultation Committee, and any sub-committees thereof, shall concern itself with matters related to assisting and educating OPA members and the community about matters of diversity as it relates to the practice of psychology. We aspire to preserve the integrity of the profession, support OPA members' pursuit of the highest level of culturally competent practice, and assist and educate the public consumer on diversity issues as they relate to the practice of psychology. The activities of the Diversity Committee's Consultation Committee shall constitute a peer review as defined in ORS 41.675. To the fullest extent allowed by ORS 41.675, and state and federal law the written and oral communications of this Committee, and made to this Committee, shall remain privileged and strictly confidential and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative, arbitration or mediation proceeding. This privilege and confidentiality shall encompass all stages of the Committee's work in any given case, including but not limited to initial contact through final resolution. All information concerning members and callers shall be privileged and confidential, except when disclosure of such information is compelled by law.

The President can appoint committees at any time with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee

- B. DUTIES. Committees shall have such duties as their titles indicate and as are determined by the adoption of committee policy documents by the Board of Directors or assigned to them by the President. All actions of committees shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. APPOINTMENT AND TERM. Subject to the policies developed for the committee's purposes and structure, committee chairs shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. All committee chairs shall be Professional Members (licensed and non-licensed), or Life and Honorary Members of OPA in good standing; and committee members must be members of OPA in good standing. The chairs of each committee shall serve for a term as designated by the committee and the committee's

work, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, with a maximum of four (4) consecutive years. The chair shall report to the Board of Directors as needed, or at the request of the Board of Directors. All committee requests for finances or policy approval must be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval. All committee appointments are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and can be removed from their committee appointments by the Board of Directors.

- D. Additional special committees and subcommittees or task forces may be formed on an as needed basis by the President with the same requirements and criteria outlined in Article VIII, section C. Members on all committees shall be approved, discharged, and serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE IX - POLICIES

- A. Annually, within 45 days of their taking office or as soon thereafter as practical, each incoming Board of Directors shall adopt a set of written policies which shall establish the detailed procedures to be followed for decisions under the general principles of these bylaws. The policies shall address the role and activities of the Association.
- B. Adoption and changes in policies shall require approval of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - ETHICAL CONDUCT

- A. The Association adopts the current provisions of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, published by the American Psychological Association, as the standards that will be applied to members of this Association and adopts such revisions of such standards as may be made in the future by the American Psychological Association, unless the members, after notice given of a request to amend such standards, shall, by a two-thirds vote, adopt other standards.
- B. There shall be a standing Ethics Committee, consisting of at least three members, appointed by the Board of Directors. The terms of office of these members shall be established by the chair of the Committee and shall be overlapping. The appointees shall not be Directors at the time of their appointments. The chair of the Ethics Committee shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors as a director at large.
- C. The Ethics Committee shall, after findings of violations of ethical standards or sanctions by a licensing board or governing body, report to the Board of Directors its findings and recommendations for suspension or revocation of membership. No member shall be suspended by less than a three-fourths vote on a secret ballot of the Board of Directors.

- D. If allegations of conduct in violation of the ethical standards are made against any member of the Board of Directors or the Ethics Committee, that individual cannot participate in any way in the actions of the Committee or the Board with regard to that case. A member of the Ethics Committee or Board of Directors must disqualify themselves in the event of any conflict of interest or personal involvement in a case or with the individuals involved in the case. If charges of conduct in violation of the ethical standards are made against a member of the Board of Directors, the chair of the Ethics Committee shall not participate in the inquiry of the charges, but shall appoint a special chair, who need not be a member of the Committee, to conduct the investigation. In such cases, the regular chair does not participate or vote as a member of the Board of Directors if the case should come before it.
- E. A person who has been dropped from membership or permitted to resign under the conditions described in Sections A through D of this article, may reapply for membership only after 5 years have elapsed from the date of the termination of their membership and upon showing that they are ethically as well as technically qualified for membership. Any reapplication shall be considered first by the Ethics Committee, which shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors who will determine membership eligibility.
- F. Upon the initiation of the Board of Directors or receipt of a complaint that a member has committed violations of ethical standards; been sanctioned by a licensing board or another governing body; violated policies, rules or bylaws of the organization; been convicted of a crime; or any other behavior that the Board of Directors deems unbecoming a member of the organization the Board of Directors may direct the President to form a special investigative committee to investigate the matter. Special investigative committee members shall not be in direct economic competition with the Member who is the subject of the investigation. Special investigative committees shall be formed in accordance with Article VIII, Section B, and Section C. As soon as practical after the conclusion of the investigation the chair of the special investigative committee shall report the findings of the committee to the Board of Directors.
- G. If the Board of Directors determines that a member has: committed violations of ethical standards; been sanctioned by a licensing board or another governing body; violated policies, rules or bylaws of the organization; been convicted of a crime; or any other behavior that the Board of Directors deems unbecoming a member of the organization; the board may vote for a suspension or revocation of membership. No membership shall be suspended or revoked by less than a three-fourths vote on a secret ballot of the Board of Directors.
- H. If three-fourths or more of the Board of Directors votes for a suspension or revocation of a member's membership the member may request a hearing in accordance with the Association's Fair Hearing Plan. If a hearing is conducted, upon the adjournment of the hearing the Hearing Panel shall send a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may affirm, modify, or reject the Hearing

Panel's findings and recommendations by a majority vote of the Board of Directors this shall be considered the final decision of the Board of Directors and shall become effective immediately.

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- A. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on July 1.
- B. Expenditures on behalf of the Association shall be made only upon authorization of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - DUES

- A. Dues structures and assessments for all categories of membership and affiliation shall be set by the Board of Directors and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Board of Directors. Prior to consideration of a dues change, the Board must notify the membership and allow a minimum thirty (30) days response time for written response. All written responses shall be submitted to the Board of Directors a minimum of seven (7) days prior to consideration by the Board of Directors.
- B. The dues year shall be assessed on an individual anniversary dues year.
- C. Thirty (30) days after the anniversary date, a member who has not paid current dues shall be sent a warning notice, and, if remaining delinquent another thirty (30) days after their anniversary date may be dropped from membership in the Association.

ARTICLE XIII - MEETINGS

- A. An annual meeting shall be scheduled each year. The place and date shall be determined by the Board of Directors and announced at least one month prior to the date of the meeting.
- B. Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the Board of Directors. Meetings must be called by the Board of Directors on the request of five percent of the members in good standing who have filed with the Secretary a request for such a meeting, together with the reasons therefore. Such meetings must be called within sixty (60) days following the date of request and thirty (30) days written notice must be given to the members.
- B. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct an annual or special meeting. A quorum shall consist of ten (10%) percent of the members of the Association in good standing. If a quorum is not present at the place and date properly announced for the annual meeting, then

no annual meeting need be held in that year. However, on the motion made, seconded and passed by voting members present and in good standing, at a meeting where less than ten (10%) percent of the members are present, final action on any main motion must be taken by mail ballot. Such motion shall be privileged over all others.

ARTICLE XIV - BYLAWS AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

- A. **BYLAW AMENDMENTS.** Amendments may be initiated by a majority vote from the Board of Directors or by a petition presented to the Board of Directors with twenty-five (25%) percent of the total member signatures. Notice (notice may be via mail, association publications, email, website, fax, phone, any form of electronic communication, or any type of notice at the Board of Director's judgment and discretion) of proposed amendments shall be made available to all voting members thirty (30) days prior to the date of voting. A ballot will be sent to all voting members thirty (30) days prior to the date of voting. All returned ballots will be counted by 5:00 p.m. on the day of voting. The bylaws shall be amended by a majority vote of the voting membership.
- B. **DISSOLUTION.** Upon dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors, after approving and releasing funds for the payment of obligations, shall distribute any remaining assets to one or more nonprofit, tax exempt organizations of its choice.

ARTICLE XV - PUBLIC INFORMATION

- A. **OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.** Official statements of the Oregon Psychological Association may be issued subsequent to a majority vote of either those responding to a mail ballot to all members, a majority of those present and voting at an official business meeting of the Association, or a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such statements constitute an official position of the Association at large and shall be so represented to the general public.
- B. The Board of Directors may issue public statements on matters of importance to psychology or on which psychology can make an important contribution. Such statement of the Board of Directors may be issued upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

It is the responsibility of the members of the Board of Directors to make its public statements known to the members of the Association, together with such background information as it may deem necessary to explain the reasons for such statements.

ARTICLE XVI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- A. **ROBERT'S RULES.** Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be recognized as the authority governing all meetings and conferences when not in conflict with the bylaws of the Association.

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