

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

Article II Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, as a means of promoting human welfare.

Article III Membership

Section 1. (a) The Association shall be composed of Members, Life-time Members, and Affiliates (i.e., students in Psychology and High School Teachers in Psychology)

(b) Members shall be those individuals:

1. Who meet the requirements for Membership or Associate Membership in the American Psychological Association and who apply in writing for membership in the Association.

2. Were members of the Association as of June 1, 1973

(c) Life-time Members shall be those distinguished senior members who are designated by the Executive Committee for exemplary service to the organization worthy of life-time membership.

(d) Undergraduate or graduate students taking courses in psychology are eligible for participation as affiliates. Affiliates are not members of the Association and may not represent themselves as such. They cannot vote or hold office, but they may attend the annual meetings of the Association.

(e) Teachers of psychology classes in high schools, who are not eligible for APA membership, may become High School Teacher Affiliates. High School Teacher Affiliates are not members of the Association and may not represent themselves as such. They cannot vote or hold office, but may attend the annual meetings of the Association.

Section 2. All classes of membership applications are completed upon notification of acceptance and upon payment of current dues and special assessments to the Treasurer of the Association.

Section 3. Members and Life Members may vote, hold office and serve on committees. Affiliates may serve on committees.

Article IV Officers

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of both elected and appointed members. The elected members shall be the President, President-Elect, the immediate Past President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Archivist, Convention Coordinator, and Program Director. Together these Officers with the chairs of all standing committees shall constitute the Executive Committee. All of the Executive Committee may vote on issues before the Association. Between meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee, by meeting or by mail, shall conduct the business of the Association, including authorization for the disbursement of funds by both the Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2. The President, President-Elect, and Past President shall serve terms of one year each, the President-Elect succeeding automatically to the Presidency upon the expiration of the term or upon the vacancy of the office by the President. To be nominated for President-Elect, an individual must have been a member of the Association for a period of not less than 2 years.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of three years, which term shall not overlap that of the Treasurer.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of three years, which shall not overlap that of the Secretary.
- Section 5. The Historian/Archivist shall be a member of the Executive Committee, nominated by the President, elected by and serving at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The Convention Coordinator shall be a member of the Executive Committee, nominated by the President, elected by the Executive Committee for a term of three years.
- Section 7. The Program Director shall be a member of the Executive Committee, nominated by the President, elected by and serving at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.
- Section 8. No member of the Association may hold two elected offices simultaneously.
- Section 9. Vacancies. Ordinarily, vacancies in elected positions shall be filled by presidential appointment, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. At the Executive Committees option, they may fill the position by a special election. If an office holder is temporarily unable to fulfill a responsibility, the President may appoint a member in good standing to carry out the offices responsibilities.
- Section 10. The standing committees of the Association shall consist of:
- (a) The Executive Committee: President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian/Archivist, Program Director, and the chairs of the Standing Committees.
 - (b) The Election Committee: The Immediate Past-President shall be Chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee. The Past President is responsible for obtaining nominations of candidates for upcoming elections.
 - (c) The Program Committee is chaired by Program Director and shall consist of the Chair of the Diversity Committee, Regional Director for the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, the regional Vice President of Psi Chi, the regional director of the Council of

Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology, the regional coordinator of the Council of Undergraduate Programs, and the Convention Manager(s).

(d) The Diversity Committee.

Article IV Annual Meeting

- Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual business meeting in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the Association at a time and place set by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be publicized to members at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
- Section 3. A quorum will consist of those eligible members present at the annual business meeting.
- Section 4. The terms for officers shall commence at the close of the business meeting of the annual convention.
- Section 5. The fiscal year of the Association and the annual date for closing the books shall end at the close of annual convention with reports made to the membership by the Treasurer and Secretary

Article V Election Procedures

- Section 1. (a) The Election Committee shall solicit nominations for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer at the regular business meeting of the Association.
- (b) A mail ballot of the members shall be used for the election of the Secretary and Treasurer. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the President shall cast the deciding vote; if there are more than two candidates and a tie develops, there shall be a run-off between the two candidates receiving the most votes.
- Section 2. (a) The election of the President-Elect shall be the responsibility of the Nomination and Election Committee. The procedures to be followed are those outlined in the By-Laws.
- (b) A mail ballot shall be used for election of the President-Elect. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie between two candidates, the President shall cast the deciding vote; if there are more than two candidates and a tie develops, there shall be a run-off between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

Article VI
Dues

- Section 1. (a) Annual dues for the fiscal year shall be set by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee to be effective with the beginning of the fiscal year following the vote. If the recommended dues are supported by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, but not by a unanimous vote, a ballot will be sent to the full membership, with the dues being adopted only on a majority vote of those voting within 30 days of the release of the ballot.
- (b) Dues for each fiscal year must be paid prior to the start of the next annual convention.
- (c) Life-time Members are exempt from paying dues, but not exempt from conference registration fees.

Article VII
Amendments

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those eligible voting, providing notice was given at the previous meeting. The Constitution may also be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose, with notice to the membership 15 days prior and a two-thirds vote of the eligible and present membership. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and by that body to the active membership.

Article VIII
Ratification

*This constitution shall be in effect as of June 1, 1973, and as amended
| Revised and approved November 17, 2010~~April 12, 2008~~.*