School Psychology Specialty Council

Bylaws

I. Name

The name of the organization will be the School Psychology Specialty Council, hereafter referred to as the SPSC.

II. Objectives and Functions

A specialty is a substantive area of psychological practice characterized by a distinctive pattern or configuration of professional services to selected problems and populations. A specialty requires advanced knowledge and skills acquired though an organized sequence of education and training in doctoral and postdoctoral programs. The advanced knowledge and skills specific to a specialty are obtained after the acquisition of core scientific and professional foundations in psychology. A specialty is represented by the organizations that represent broadly and provide national leadership to the development and maintenance of education, training, credentialing, and practice guidelines and standards for the specialty.

The SPSC provides a process of governance through joint sovereignty, and consists of those professional groups and organizations that represent the major educational, training, and professional constituencies and stakeholders relevant to the School Psychology specialty in professional psychology.

1. Functions of the SPSC

1. To represent the major stakeholders of the School Psychology specialty to the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology (hereafter referred to as CoS), other professional psychology organizations, and to the public.

2. To develop and establish post-doctoral education and training guidelines relevant to School Psychology. Such guidelines should be in keeping with relevant CoS policies (e.g., the CoS Review of Specialty).

3. To generate and submit the School Psychology Specialty Petition to the Commission on the Recognition of Specialties and Proficiencies in Professional Psychology (CRSPPP) and respond to other requests that come from CoS concerning the specialty of school psychology.

4. To provide an annual report to the CoS providing information regarding the health, relevant activities, and progress of a given specialty. These reports are to be based on existing CoS guidelines and guideline templates regarding such information as Education and Training, Practice, Specialty-Specific Accreditation Guidelines and Self-Study).

5. To maintain the "health" of the School Psychology specialty, both internally (e.g., maintain network of relevant stakeholders) and externally (e.g., serve as the contact organization to CRSPPP).

B. Relationships between the CoS and the SPSC

The SPSC chair will serve as the representative to the CoS. The term of the CoS representative is 3 years with a maximum of two 3-year terms. The representative will attend both the annual meeting of the CoS and phone meetings. The SPSC representative will have one vote on the CoS. The CoS provides a "structure upon which the specialties may build and develop their organization." As such, the CoS maintains a 3-member standing committee of representatives who will function to (a) review the bi-annual reports of each specialty, and (b) provide advice to those specialties experiencing difficulties in becoming established, achieving their goals, or other concerns.

III. Membership and Dues

Each of the major organizations representing the interests of the School Psychology specialty in the United States will appoint a representative to the SPSC. The organizations providing representatives are: Trainers of School Psychologists, Council of Directors of School Psychology Programs, APA Division 16 (School Psychology), National Association of School Psychologists, American Academy of School Psychology, American Board of School Psychology, and Society for the Study of School Psychology. The list of member organizations may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the SPSC member-organization representatives.

A. Terms: Member-organization representatives may serve a maximum of two consecutive 3-year terms. An individual may return as a representative after at least one 3-year absence from the SPSC.

B. Dues: Each SPSC member organization will pay $250 in annual dues to support membership to the CoS, APA hospitality suite, phone meeting costs, and travel for the SPSC Chair to the annual CoS meeting in Washington, DC, CRSPPP Specialty Petition costs, and other expenses that are approved by the SPSC representatives

IV. Officers

A. Number and Election

The SPSC officers will be the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The member-organization representatives of the SPSC may also elect one or more additional officers should the member-organization representatives determine a need to do so. All officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the SPSC held during or close in time to the annual convention of the American Psychological Association by a simple majority of those member-organization representatives present prior to the end of a term and said officers will hold their respective office at the pleasure of the SPSC member-organization representatives for a term of three (3) years beginning in January following election with one renewable 3-year term. Election to SPSC office may extend appointment to the end of service in that office. The total service of a SPSC officer may not exceed seven years.

B. Chair

The Chair will preside at all meetings of the SPSC member-organization representatives, will have the power to transact all the usual, necessary and regular business of the SPSC as may be required and, with such prior authorization of the SPSC member-organization representatives as may be required by these Bylaws, to execute such contracts, deeds, bonds and other evidence of indebtedness, leases and other documents as will be required by the SPSC; and, in general, the Chair will perform all such other duties incident to the office of Chair and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the SPSC member-organization representatives.

C. Secretary

The Secretary will record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the SPSC member-organization representatives and all committees of the SPSC member-organization representatives, will cause notices these meetings to be given, will maintain an official record of officer and member-organization representative terms, and will perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary or as directed by the SPSC member-organization representatives or the Chair.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer will have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all

funds of the SPSC, will deposit such funds in such bank or banks as the SPSC

member-organization representatives may from time to time determine, and will make reports to the SPSC member-organization representatives as requested by the Chair. The Treasurer will see that an accounting system is maintained in such a manner as to give a true and accurate accounting of the financial transactions of the SPSC, that reports of such transactions are presented promptly to the Chair, that all expenditures are presented promptly to the Chair, that all expenditures are made to the best possible advantage, and that all accounts payable are presented promptly for payment.

V. Fiscal Year.

The SPSC fiscal year will run from January 1 to December 31.

VI. Meetings.

1. Rules of Order for Conducting Business.

Keesey's Modern Parliamentary Procedure will be used by the SPSC member-organization representatives for all SPSC actions. A simple majority of board member-organization representatives constitutes a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, no action may be taken. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority vote of the member-organization representatives.

1. Schedule of Meetings.

The SPSC will meet twice per year, at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association and at the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists. If a quorum is not achieved for either of these meetings a phone meeting will arranged in its place. Other SPSC meetings may be called as needed by the Chair.

VII. Public Statements of the SPSC

The SPSC may endorse public statements such as position statements, petitions, applications or other such documents with two-third vote of the member-organization representatives. Any member organization representative may choose to not have their member organization name appear as an endorser of said public statement.

VIII. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-third vote of the member-organization representatives present at any meeting or by a two-third electronic vote of the member-organization representatives, provided a copy of the proposed amendment(s) are distributed to each SPSC member-organization representative seven (7) days prior to said meeting.

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