

BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY FOR COMPUTATION IN PSYCHOLOGY

(formerly the National Conference on the Use of On-line Computers in Psychology,
Society for Computers in Psychology)

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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Society for Computation in Psychology.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Society is to increase and diffuse knowledge of the use of computers in psychological research, and other professional activities. The Society is a registered 503(c) non-profit organization in the United States of interested researchers.

Article III. Membership

1. The Society shall have one class of members.
2. Membership shall be open to any person who has any academic degree and who is active in scientific applications of computers to psychological research, or other professional activities.
3. Members apply by submitting and/or attending the conference each year.
4. Members of the Society may vote on all matters before the Society, attend general meetings, and submit papers for presentation at meetings. Submissions will be reviewed for content and appropriateness by the Program Committee of the annual Society. (Non-members may also submit papers for consideration by the Program Committee.)
5. Membership may be terminated by resignation, by non-payment of dues (through conference fees) for two consecutive years, and by action of the Steering Committee in instances of violations of generally accepted ethical, professional, or scientific standards.
6. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to someone who: 1) has been a member for at least 10 years; b) who is voted upon for this honor by at least 3/4 of the Steering Committee – as an honor for both distinguished contribution to the field of computation and research methods in psychology and also for active participation in the Society.

Article IV. Steering Committee

1. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Steering Committee consisting of the Past President, the President, the President-Elect, the Executive Director, and nine elected members. The nine elected members shall serve for a three-year term with three new members elected each year, and cannot be elected to two consecutive terms.
2. The Steering Committee shall from time to time appoint sub-committees as required. Membership on sub-committees need not be limited to the membership of the Steering Committee.

Article V. Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall be the Past President, the President, the President-Elect, and the Executive Director. Elected and appointed officers shall assume their offices at the end of the annual meeting.
2. A President-Elect shall be elected by the membership each year. Past Presidents are eligible for re-election as President-Elect after three years of their term as President-Elect.
3. The Executive Director shall be elected by the Steering Committee to serve a term of three years. The Executive Director shall maintain a list of the membership of the Society, collect dues, and make disbursements of funds as directed by the Steering Committee. The Executive Director will initiate and facilitate strategic planning with the Steering Committee, including on issues relating to conference planning.
4. In the second year of service of the current Executive Director, the Steering Committee will canvass the membership for nominations for a new Executive Director. If a new Executive Director is promptly identified, willing to serve, and endorsed by the Steering Committee, then this new Executive Director can initiate their service during the final year of the outgoing Executive Director. This is termed an “overlap year,” in which two effective Executive Directors serve the society. The Steering Committee will aim for one overlap year during Executive Director transitions, though it may not always be possible.
5. An Executive Director may extend their term only through endorsement of the Steering Committee.

Article VI. Elections

1. Once each year, the Executive Director shall canvass the membership for nominations of a candidate to serve as President-Elect and of candidates to serve on the Steering Committee. Each member may nominate up to five persons for the Steering Committee and two persons to serve as President-Elect.
2. The names of the persons nominated who signify their willingness to serve on the Steering Committee, along with a link to additional information to be provided by the

candidate electronically, shall be placed on an election ballot, which shall be distributed to all members. Each member may vote for three persons named on the ballot.

3. The names of persons nominated who signify their willingness to serve as President, along with a link to additional information to be provided by the candidate electronically, shall be placed on an election ballot, which shall be distributed to all members. Each member may vote for one person named on the ballot.

4. Thirty days after the distribution of the election ballot, the election shall be closed, and the ballots counted. The three candidates for the Steering Committee receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected members for a three-year term. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for President shall be elected for a one-year term.

5. Any vacancy occurring among the elected or appointed officers or elected membership of the Steering Committee may be filled for the unexpired term by action of the Steering Committee.

Article VII. Dues

Annual dues are included in the conference fee to cover the cost of advocacy for the cognitive sciences ([FABBS dues](#)), conference guest speaker, refreshments at the conference, and other operating fees. As a non-profit organization, the President-Elect and Executive Director ensure these fees break even with the cost of operating the conference.

Article VIII. Meetings

Meetings of the Society and of the Steering Committee shall be held at such times and places and upon such notice as the Steering Committee may from time to time determine. The Steering Committee may also conduct Society business electronically. Ten percent of members present in person shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Society, and a majority of the elected members of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Steering Committee or for purposes of conducting Society business electronically. The Steering Committee shall determine the order of business at meetings of the Society.

Article IX. Recall

Upon petition of ten percent of the membership, an election will be held on proposals with respect to the recall of members of the Steering Committee, or of any elected or appointed officers. Such recall will be effective upon tabulation of a majority mail vote of all members of the Society.

Article X. Amendment

The Steering Committee may propose to the Society amendments to the By-Laws which have been submitted to each member at least thirty days before the Steering Committee takes action thereon. A proposed amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in person at a meeting of the Society.