

# BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

(as Amended to 1989 and 2001)

## ARTICLE I (Name)

The organization shall be known as the Society of Experimental Psychologists.

## ARTICLE II (Object)

The object of the Society shall be to advance psychology by arranging informal conferences on experimental psychology.

## ARTICLE III (Membership)

**Section 1.** The Society shall consist of fellows.

**Section 2.** Membership in the Society shall be limited to persons who are engaged in the advancement of experimental psychology, and are permanent residents of the United States or Canada.

## ARTICLE IV (Election of Members)

**Section 1.** Nomination for membership may be made by any fellow, provided the nomination is made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than January 15 of the year in which the nomination is to be considered, and the nomination includes the following information in the form specified by the Secretary-Treasurer: (a) name and institutional affiliation of the nominee, (b) a brief statement of the nominee's qualifications, (c) a list of books and major original publications of the nominee, and (d) the name of the nominator. The nominator shall send this information to the Secretary in sufficient copies for distribution to the fellows.

**Section 2.** Nominees qualify for the election ballot on the basis of the number of seconding nominations received in a mail ballot to all fellows. The Secretary-Treasurer will distribute to all fellows not later than February 1 a list of all nominees along with copies of the nomination papers submitted by nominators.

Fellows will return nominating ballots to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than February 15 with marks indicating those nominations they wish to second, up to a maximum of 18.

**Section 3.** Fellows will elect to membership by voting in a mail ballot for not more than 9 from among the panel of 18 nominees who receive the greatest number of seconding votes in the nomination ballot. The mail ballot will be distributed and received by the Chair who, in consultation with the executive Committee, has the authority to increase or decrease the number of nominees on the election ballot from 18 and/or increase or decrease the number of those elected from 9 in order to resolve ties in nominating ballots or election ballots in an equitable manner while maintaining the average rate of 9 election per year.

**Section 4.** The Chair will report at the annual meeting the list of nominees elected to membership and the basis, if applicable, for deviating from the rule of 18 names on the election ballot and 9 new elections.

## **ARTICLE V** (Officers)

**Section 1.** The officers of the Society shall be a Chair and a Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The term of office shall be one (1) year for the Chair and three (3) years for the Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 3.** In case of a vacancy, the most recent Chair shall have discretion of mail vote to fill the vacancy.

**Section 4.** The Chair shall ordinarily be chosen from among the members resident at the prospective place of meeting.

**Section 5.** An Executive Committee, consisting for four (4) fellows shall be elected. Two (2) of its members shall be the Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer, serving ex-officio. The other two (2) shall be elected for three-year terms. Elections of these two (2) and of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be staggered so that no two elections shall occur in the same year, except in the case of filling unexpected vacancies. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act for the Society in case of emergency in regard to such matters as the change of time and place of meetings, the appointment of delegates to represent the Society and similar matters when such rapid action is required that the obtaining of a vote of the fellows is impracticable. The Executive Committee shall report all interim actions to the fellows at the next subsequent meeting of the Society.

## **ARTICLE VI** (Meetings)

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the Society shall ordinarily be held during the spring at the time designated by the Chair.

**Section 2.** The Chair may invite a limited number of investigators in experimental psychology from the institution entertaining the Society to attend the scientific discussions as auditors.

## ARTICLE VII

(Dues)

The annual dues shall be determined annually by the executive committee. [currently \$20.00]

## ARTICLE VIII

(Amendments)

These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a three-fourths (3/4) favorable vote of fellows voting, after all fellows have been given an opportunity to vote.

### Amendments and Procedural changes, 2001–2002

- The maximum number to be admitted each year was increased to 9.
- Two new awards were established:

**The Norman Anderson Award.** The awardee will be selected by the Awards Committee, based on his or here cumulative contributions to the field of Experimental Psychology. A certificate and prize will be awarded in the spring meeting

**The Early Investigator Award.** Individuals will be nominated through the regular process for new members, with their candidacy flagged to weight voting toward early vigor rather than a cumulated opus. A certificate will be awarded in the spring meeting, along with membership in the Society.

- When a host is available in the appropriate city, attempts will be made to co-locate the annual meeting with a national conference