

Bylaws of the School Psychology Specialty Council
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1. Name

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

2. 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 through an organized sequence of education and training in doctoral and postdoctoral programs. The advanced knowledge and skills specific to a specialty are obtained subsequent to the acquisition of core scientific and professional foundations in psychology. A specialty is represented by the organizations that represent broadly and provide national leadership in 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.

A. Functions of SPSC

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 general public. 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). 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.

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). 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 CoS yearly meeting (November) and phone meetings. The SPSC representative shall have one vote on the CoS.

The CoS provides a "structure upon which the specialties can 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 getting established, achieving their goals, or other problems.

3. Membership and Dues

Each of the major organizations representing the interests of the School Psychology speciality in the United States shall 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 can change with a majority vote of the SPSC representatives.

A. Terms

Representatives from SPSC constituent organizations serve a maximum of two consecutive 3 year terms. A individual can return as a representative after at least one 3 year term off the SPSC.

B. Dues

Each SPSC constituent 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

4. Officers

A. Number and Election

The officers of the SPSC shall be the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. The members of the SPSC may also elect one or more additional officers should the group determine a need to do so. All officers shall 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 majority of those members present prior to the end of a term and said

officers shall hold their respective office at the pleasure of the SPSC members for a term of three (3) years beginning in January following election with one renewable term. Election to office extends appointment to the end of service in that office, total service not to exceed seven years.

B. Chair

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the SPSC members, shall have the power to transact all of the usual, necessary and regular business of the SPSC as may be required and, with such prior authorization of the SPSC members as may be required by these Bylaws, to execute such contracts, deeds, bonds and other evidence of indebtedness, leases and other documents as shall be required by the SPSC; and, in general, the Chair shall 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 members.

C. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the SPSC members and all committees of the SPSC, shall cause notices of all meetings of the SPSC and committees to be given, shall maintain an official record of officer and member terms, and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of Secretary/Treasurer or as from time to time directed by the SPSC members or the Chair.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the SPSC, shall deposit such funds in such bank or banks as the SPSC members may from time to time determine, and shall make reports to the SPSC members as requested by the Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer shall 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.

5. Fiscal Year

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

6. Meetings

Kessey's Modern Parliamentary Procedure shall be used for SPSC decision making in all its tasks.

A majority of board members constitutes a quorum. In absence of a quorum, no formal action shall be taken except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date. Passage of a motion requires a simple majority.

The SPSC shall meet twice per year at the national conventions of the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists. If a quorum cannot be achieved for either of these meetings a phone meeting will be arranged to replace the said meeting. Other meetings may be called as needed by the SPSC Chair.

8. Public Statements of the SPSC

The SPSC can endorse a public statement such as position statements, petitions, applications or other such documents with 2/3 vote of the representatives. Any member organization may choose to not have their name appear as an endorser of the public statement.

7. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a two-third vote of SPSC members present at any meeting, provided a quorum is present and provide a copy of the proposed amendment(s) are provided to each SPSC member at least one week prior to said meeting.