



Society of Indian Psychologists

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BY-LAWS

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Article I: Name of the Corporation

Section 1.01: Society of Indian Psychologists, hereinafter referred to as the Association, SIP, or the Society for Indian Psychologists.

Section 1.02: The mission of the Society of Indian Psychologists is to provide an organization for Native American indigenous people to advocate for the mental well being of Native peoples by increasing the knowledge and awareness of issues impacting Native mental health.

Article II: Membership

Section 2.01: Membership in the Society of Indian Psychologists is open to any person that subscribes to the mission of the Association.

Section 2.02: Application for Membership, anyone wishing to join SIP can do so by gaining access to the WEB site, or contacting the President or Secretary for application forms and further information about SIP.

Section 2.03: Review and Approval of a membership application will be made by the Membership Committee and forwarded to the President for final approval.

Section 2.04: Membership rights and responsibilities include voting rights in Association elections and receipt of a Quarterly newsletter.

Section 2.05: Removal from membership results from a lack of good standing; any member who is not in good standing will be removed from the active membership list of SIP. Removal will be based on a review conducted by the Membership Committee and a decision of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.06: Dues will be assessed for membership. Special provision will be made for student membership. Special provision will be made for elders (retirees). There shall be a special provision for hardship; those who are unable to pay the yearly dues set by the Executive Committee.



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Article III: Executive Committee and Officers

- Section 3.01:** There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of a President, Past President, and President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and Student Affiliate, all of whom will be Native American Indigenous .
- Section 3.02:** Election and Term of Office; officers of the Association shall be elected by members present at the annual meeting. A simple majority vote wins the election. Officers shall hold office for a two-year term. Elections will be held at every other annual meeting. Vacancies, regardless of cause, will be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3.03:** Removal of Officers; officers may be removed from office when the membership holds “no confidence” for the office holder. The decision for removal will be made by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or by simple majority vote of the general membership.
- Section 3.04:** President: the President shall represent the Association at meetings where such presence is necessary to further the goals and purposes of the organization. The President may delegate these duties to the Past President. The Executive Committee may assign further duties to the President to meet organizational demands.
- Section 3.05:** The Past President shall advise the President of the duties and responsibilities of the Office of the President. The Past President may represent The Association as requested by the President.
- Section 3.06:** President Elect shall take the office of the President at the end of a two year term; also this office may represent the President by his/her request.
- Section 3.07:** Treasurer: this office will supervise the financial affairs of the organization and perform other duties as directed by the Executive Committee.
- Section 3.08:** Secretary: the secretary will record the meetings of the Association and perform other duties as directed by the executive committee.
- Section 3.09:** The student affiliate will represent Student members to the executive Committee, matters of interest to students of psychology and within the scope of the goals and purposes of Association.
- Section 3.10:** Newsletter Editor: responsibilities for this office include the preparation and publication of the quarterly Association newsletter.

Article IV: Meetings

- Section 4.01:** Meetings will be held annually. The Executive Committee will meet when need arises, meetings will be facilitated by electronic means (conference calls, email, etc.) when possible outside of the annual SIP meeting.
- Section 4.02:** Notice of Meetings will be posted electronically no later than 3 months prior to the meeting.



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- Section 4.03:** Quorum: a Quorum is a simple majority of voting members (members in good standing).
- Section 4.04:** Voting: members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting of the Association.

Article V: Committees

- Section 5.01:** Standing Committees: the Standing Committees of the Association shall be the Bylaws Committee, the Council of Elders; the Membership Committee; and the Chapter Development Committee.
- Section 5.02:** Reports of Standing Committees:; each Standing Committee shall transmit an annual written report to the President of the Association who shall report salient developments to the Executive Committee.
- Section 5.03:** Special Committees: the President, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee, may establish a time-limited Special Committee or Task Force for a specific temporary purpose or assigned task which is beyond the Standing Committees' scope of responsibilities as indicated in policies adopted by the Executive Committee. Any such Special Committee or Task Force shall be responsible to the Chair of the Standing Committee with the most closely related scope of responsibility.
- Section 5.04:** Reports of Special Committees: each Special Committee and Task Force shall complete the specific purpose or the assigned task by a date specified by the Executive Committee and submit a written report to the President of the Association by or before a date set by the Executive Committee. The President of the Association shall report salient developments to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: Nondiscrimination

- Section 6.01:** There shall be no discrimination against any individual on the basis of ethnic group, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, record of public offense, and/or disability.

ARTICLE VII: Bylaws

- Section 7.01:** Bylaws may be amended by a simple two-thirds majority of the members attending the annual SIP conference.
- a) Proposed amendments may be originated by the Executive Committee, membership at large, or from the Council of Elders



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b) The Bylaws Committee will transmit to the Executive Committee such proposed amendments with or without a recommendation regarding each proposed change at least six weeks before the next regularly scheduled Association meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: Local Affiliates

Section 8.01: Local Affiliates of the Society of Indian Psychologists is open to any group that subscribes to the mission of the Association.

Section 8.02: Application for Local Affiliate Membership, any group wishing to become a local affiliate of SIP can do so by completing the application materials and submitting to the Chapter Development Committee.

Section 8.03 Review and Approval of Chapter application will be made by the Chapter Development Committee and forwarded to the President for final approval.

Section 8.04 Local Affiliate Status within the Society of Indian Psychologists includes the following types of status:

- a) Full Chapter Status. Local organizations that are capable of meeting all standards of affiliation, including organizational, programmatic, and financial support to SIP, shall be granted a charter as an “Affiliated Chapter.”
- b) Provisional Chapter Status. Local organizations, which are able to comply with some, but not all standards of affiliation, may be granted a certification as a “Provisional Chapter.”
- c) Community Committee Status. Newly developing local organizations may be affiliated as units of SIP, and are allowed to temporarily operate under direct supervision of the Executive Committee and SIP’s Chapter Development Committee.

Section 8.05 Removal from Local Affiliate status results from a lack of good standing; any affiliate who is not in good standing will be removed from the active affiliate list of SIP. Removal will be based on a review conducted by the Chapter Development Committee and a decision of the Executive Committee.

Section 8.06 Dues will be assessed for local affiliate membership status.

Section 8.07 Each Local Affiliate will have a representative on the Chapter Development Committee