

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIETY FOR JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Society for Judgment and Decision Making.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Society is the advancement and diffusion of knowledge about human judgment and decision processes. The Society is a non-profit organization of interested researchers.

Article III. Membership

- A. The Society shall have two classes of membership: Members and student members.
- B. Membership shall be open to any person who has a relevant advanced academic degree and who is active in advancing the field of judgment and decision making.
- C. Applications for regular membership are subject to approval by the Executive Board of the Society.
- D. A full time student in good standing in any field who has interests in advancing the field of Judgment and Decision Making may become a student member, and may continue as long as he or she remains a full time student in good standing.
- E. Members and student 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 meeting. (Nonmembers may participate in the annual meeting to the extent established by the Executive Board.)
- F. Membership may be terminated by resignation, by nonpayment of dues for two consecutive years, or by action of the Executive Board in instances of violations of generally accepted ethical, professional, or scientific standards. Memberships are not transferable.
- G. The Society shall have a class of corporate sponsorship. Requirements and benefits of corporate sponsorship shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Article IV. Executive Board

- A. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Board consisting of the Past President, the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor of the newsletter, the Program Committee Chair, and three (3) elected members. The 3 elected members shall serve for a three-year term with one (1) new member elected each year, and cannot be elected to two consecutive terms. The terms of the 3 elected members begin and end at the close of the annual meeting of the Society.
- B. The Executive Board may from time to time appoint subcommittees as required. Membership on subcommittees need not be limited to the membership of the Executive Board.

- C. A Program Committee shall be responsible for setting the program of the annual meeting of the Society. Members shall serve staggered three year terms with a new member being appointed by the Executive Committee each year. Terms begin and end with the close of the annual meeting of the Society. The person in his or her second year on the Committee shall be the chair of the Committee.

Article V. Officers

- A. The officers of the Society shall be the Past President, the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary-Treasurer and the newsletter editor. Elected and appointed officers shall assume their offices at the end of the annual meeting of the Society. Only regular members of the Society may serve as officers. At that time the current President-Elect shall become the President, the current President shall become the Past President, and the term of the current Past President shall expire.
- B. A President-Elect shall be elected by mail ballot of the membership each year. Past Presidents (or Chairpersons) are not eligible for re-election as President-Elect.
- C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by vote of the Executive Board to serve a term of three years. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a list of the membership of the Society, collect dues, and make disbursements of funds as directed by the Executive Board. The Secretary-Treasurer may be re-appointed.
- D. The editor of the Newsletter shall be appointed by the Executive Board to serve a term of three years. The Newsletter editor shall be responsible for publishing the periodic newsletter of the Society. The editor of the newsletter may be re-appointed.

Article VI. Elections

- A. Once each year, the Secretary-Treasurer shall canvass the membership by mail for nominations of a candidate to serve as President-Elect and of candidates to serve on the Executive Board. Each member may nominate up to five persons for the Executive Board and two persons to serve as President-Elect.
- B. The names of the three persons receiving the greatest number of nominations, and who signify their willingness to serve on the Executive Board, shall be placed on an election ballot, which shall be mailed to all members. Each member may vote for one person named on the ballot.
- C. The names of the three persons receiving the greatest number of nominations, and who signify their willingness to serve as President, shall be placed on an election ballot, which shall be mailed to all members. Each member may vote for one person named on the ballot.
- D. Sixty days after the mailing of the election ballot, the election shall be closed, and the ballots counted. The one candidate for the Executive Board receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for a three-year term. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for President-elect shall be elected for a one-year term.
- E. Any vacancy occurring among the elected or appointed officers or elected membership of the Board may be filled for the unexpired term by action of the Executive Board.

Article VII. Dues

- A. Annual dues shall be determined by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total number of voting members of the Executive Board. All dues shall be payable by 1 January of each year for that year.
- B. A member failing to pay dues for two consecutive years shall be considered to have resigned, but may be reinstated at any time within three years upon payment of back dues.

Article VIII. Meetings

Meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board shall be held at such times and places and upon such notice as the Executive Board may from time to time determine. Ten percent of members present in person shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Society, and a majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall determine the order of business at meetings of the Society. The Society shall have one regular meeting each year.

Article IX. Recall

Upon petition of ten percent of the membership, an election by mail ballot will be held on proposals with respect to the recall of members of the Executive Board, 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 who voted.

Article X. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Society, assets shall be distributed to one or more scientific organizations or groups which have exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article XI. Amendment

The Executive Board may propose to the Society amendments to the Bylaws. Such proposed amendments shall be sent by mail or published in the Society's Newsletter at least thirty days before the Society meeting at which they are to be considered. 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.

Article XII Acceptance of Bylaws

These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by mail ballot, by a majority of those voting from the paid subscription list of the *Judgment/Decision Making Newsletter*. Only ballots returned within 60 days of mailing will be counted. All those voting on such a ballot become charter members of the Society in the appropriate membership category.

Original Bylaws dated Feb. 28, 1986
Revised at Annual Meeting, November 19, 1989

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