

BYLAWS

PSYCHOLOGISTS OF FLORIDA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

NAME AND DEFINITION

The name of this committee is Psychologists of Florida Political Action Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee". It is a voluntary, nonprofit, unincorporated committee of individual psychologists and others, and is not affiliated with any political party. The committee is an independent, autonomous organization and is not a branch or subsidiary of any national or other political action organization.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Committee are:

- 1) To promote and work for the improvement of government by encouraging and stimulating responsible citizens to take an active and effective part in governmental affairs.
- 2) To encourage responsible citizens to understand the nature and actions of their government as to important political issues and as to the records of officeholders and candidates for elective office.
- 3) To assist psychologists and others in organizing themselves for effective political action and in carrying out their civic and professional responsibilities.
- 4) To do any and all things necessary or desirable for the attainment of the aforesaid purposes.

ARTICLE III

CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Section 1. Contributions. Contributions to the Committee shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Expenditures. Funds shall be disbursed only upon recommendation and approval of the Board of Directors and in accordance with Florida law.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of this Committee shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The offices of Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the time of the annual meeting of the Committee for a term of two years commencing upon election. These officers may succeed themselves. The Executive Director of the Florida Psychological Association (hereinafter, "FPA") shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. In the event of resignation or death of an officer, the Chair shall exercise authority in making appointment of an officer to serve in the interim prior to the next meeting of the Board of Directors at which time an officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors to complete the term of the resigned or deceased officer, provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall elect said successor officer not later than ninety (90) days after the interim appointment is made by the Chair.

Section 4. Duties and Functions

A. Chair: The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Committee and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees created by the Board of Directors except the Executive Committee of which the chair shall be a member. The Chair shall present an annual report to the committee Board of Directors. The Chair shall perform such other duties to assure the proper functioning of the Committee.

B. Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the event the Chair is unable to preside over a meeting or serve in the capacity as Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be the parliamentary. The Vice-Chair shall perform such other duties to assure the proper functioning of the Committee.

C. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the following duties: maintain correct and complete records of the activities of the Committee which shall include minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors; be custodian of all funds received; collect all contributions and disburse all funds as directed by the Board of Directors; keep full and accurate account of finances; file all reports to governmental authorities required by law and perform other functions as directed by the Board of Directors.

D. Other Officers: The duties and functions of other offices as provided in these bylaws shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Functions: The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control over the affairs and funds of the Committee and shall establish and carry out all policies and activities of the Committee. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation except that members of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed reasonable travel expenses for attendance at Board of Directors' meetings and other Committee-related functions as approved by them.

Section 2. Composition: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and up to 7 additional directors. These additional directors shall include the Director of Professional Affairs of FPA, the Chair of the Legislative Affairs and Public Policy Board (LAPPB) of FPA, and the Chair of the FPA Graduate Students (FPAGS). The Board of Directors may elect up to three additional members.

Section 3. Terms of Service. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a two-year term; they may serve consecutive terms if unanimously elected by the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer, the Director of Professional Affairs, the Chair of LAPPB, and the Chair of FPAGS shall serve as long as they hold their respective positions in FPA. The additional members shall serve a two-year term, and serve consecutive terms if unanimously elected by the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors shall be financial contributors to the Psychologists of Florida Political Action Committee each state election year.

Section 4. Removal. Any officer or director may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose. Reasons for removal include, but are not limited to:

1. Failure to maintain contributor status.
2. Missing more than two (2) consecutive meetings without approval by the chair.
3. Failure to perform the duties required of the position.
4. Misappropriation of funds.
5. As required by law.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Meetings may be held in person, via conference call, or by video conference.

Section 2. Special meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair or upon the written request of the members of the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be conducted in person, via conference call, by video conference, or through electronic mail. Members may vote via electronic mail.

Section 3. Quorum. Those members in attendance at any meeting, notice of which has been mailed or electronically mailed to all members of the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business. A simple majority vote shall decide any question brought before the meeting, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may create such standing and special committees as are deemed necessary. Membership on committees will be limited to financial contributors to the Psychologists of Florida Political Action Committee in the most recent election year.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended or replaced by two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting provided that at least thirty days-notice of the intention to alter or amend has been given.

ARTICLE IX

No part of the income or contributions to the Committee shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Directors, except that reasonable travel expenses to Board of Directors' meetings may be reimbursed. In the event of dissolution of the Committee any remaining money or property shall be given to the Florida Psychological Association, Inc., a corporation not for profit, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida. The Board of Directors may, however, authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to pay compensation for necessary secretarial, accounting and administrative work.

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