

BYLAWS

Mexico City Chapter Society for Neuroscience

Bylaw I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Mexico City Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience.

Bylaw II. Purpose.

The purpose of the Mexico City Chapter shall be a) to advance the understanding of nervous system, including the part the nervous system plays in determining behavior, by bringing together scientists of various backgrounds and by facilitating the integration of research directed at all levels of biological organization; b) to promote education in the neurosciences; and c) to inform the general public of the results and implications of current research in this area.

Bylaw III. Membership.

Section I. Regular Membership.

Regular membership in the Mexico City Chapter shall be open to any person holding advanced degree(s), residing in Mexico, who is interested in the nervous system. In special cases persons not holding advanced degrees may be eligible for Regular Membership in the Mexico Chapter, if approved by a majority vote of the members. Membership in the Chapter must be renewed annually.

Section II. Student Membership.

Student membership in the Mexico City Chapter shall be open to any person studying for undergraduate or graduate degrees and sponsored by two (2) Regular Members. Membership in the Chapter must be renewed annually. Student members can give opinion for, but cannot vote or hold the office of President, Vicepresident or Secretary/Treasurer.

Section III. Partner Membership.

Individuals and organizations that have an interest in the nervous system can become Partner Members, with the approval of the members. Partner Members cannot vote or become Officers or Councilors of the Chapter. Membership in the Chapter must be renewed annually.

Section IV. Dissolution of the Chapter.

The Mexico City Chapter shall be dissolved after a maximum period of one (1) year immediately following such time as it may have fewer than ten (10) Regular Members. Upon dissolution of the Chapter any remaining assets shall be conveyed to a registered charitable organization decided by the majority vote of the members.

Section V. Eligibility to Hold Office.

Only Regular members of the Chapter are eligible to hold office in the Chapter and to represent it in the affairs of the Society for Neuroscience.

Bylaw IV. Officers.

Section I. President.

The President shall be the chief executive of the Chapter, shall preside Business Meetings of the Chapter, shall be responsible for executing policies determined by Council, shall act as spokesperson for the Chapter, and shall see that all Orders and Resolutions that result from the Business Meeting are carried into effect. The President shall also serve as chairperson of the committees.

Section II. Vicepresident.

The vicepresident shall assist the president. He/she shall preside Business Meetings and act as spokesperson for the Chapter in the case of President's absence or disability.

Section II. Secretary/Treasurer.

Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for everyday operations of the Chapter, arrangements for visiting speakers, seminars and contacts with the Society for Neuroscience, all moneys and valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Chapter and for full and accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Chapter and any other duties assigned by the President. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have signatory powers, shall disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the President, shall render to the President and members at its regular meetings, an account of the financial transactions and status of the Chapter. The Secretary/Treasurer will attend Business Meetings and must be a Regular Member of the Chapter.

Section III. Election and Succession of the Officers.

The President, Vicepresident and Secretary/treasure will be elected for a two year term by an electronic vote. The elections will be carried out every two years with the purpose to elect the new Vicepresident and Secretary/Treasure. After concluding the elections, the past Vicepresident shall assume the President position. The past President will be able to be re-elected for another officer position after one term immediately after concluding his/her term.

Election shall be by simple plurality of votes received thirty days after the mailing of ballots to all Regular and Emeritus Members. The ongoing Secretary/Treasure will serve as Nominating Committee; candidates may also be proposed by institutions or at least in writing by ten members of the Chapter.

Bylaw V. Council.

Section I. Composition of the Council.

Chapter affairs shall be conducted through a Council consisting of elected Councilors, the President, and the Secretary/Treasurer. In order to assure appropriate representation across the Chapter, Councilors shall represent a university, state or region.

Section II. Election of Councilors.

Councilors will be nominated by President, Vicepresident and Secretary/Treasurers. The Councilors shall be elected for a two-year term and may be re-elected for another term.

Section III. Duties of the Councilors.

In his/her region, Councilors shall a) support the activities of the Chapter, b) promote education in the neuroscience, c) increase and facilitate the integration of the membership.

Bylaw VI. Meetings and Quorum.

Section I. Annual

The Chapter shall hold two annual business meeting at a place and time designated by the Council.

Section II. Special Meetings.

A special business meeting may be called at any time by the President, or in case of his/her absence or disability, by the Vicepresident or at the request of at least ten (10) members. A notice specifying the purpose of such a meeting shall be mailed to each member at least ten (10) days previously thereto.

Section III. Quorum.

A quorum shall consist of not less than ten (10) regular members or 25% of membership, whichever is greater, at the business meetings of the Chapter, but in the absence of a quorum any number of attendees shall be sufficient to move adjournment to a fixed date.

Section IV. Non-business meetings.

Meetings for the purpose of scientific presentations or discussions, may be sponsored by the Chapter. It is the duty of the President to notify all members of the Chapter in advance of non-business meetings.

Bylaw VII. Committees.

Committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Chapter shall be established by the President and ratified by the Council, Vicepresident and Secretary/Treasurer.

Bylaw VIII. Amendments.

A proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the President who will furnish all members of the Chapter with copies of the proposed amendment at least one month before business meetings at which the amendment is to be discussed. Not more than one (1) week after the amendment has been discussed by the members at the business meeting, the President shall conduct a mail ballot of members. The amendment will be adopted if it receives an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members voting.

Bylaw IX. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the academic year commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of the following December.