Information about Division 22 By-Law Revisions

The proposed changes are to bring us in compliance with current APA policy and definitions, recent EC votes and our recently completed strategic plan. Changes for specific sections are explained below.

Article I

Section 1: Name

- Change in the naming of the division to “Rehabilitation Psychology, Division 22 of the American Psychological Association (APA)” was adopted as per rebranding effort

ARTICLE II. Mission, Purpose and Vision

- Article 2 was changed to update the mission of the division and change the objectives to the purpose and vision to be consistent with our most recent strategic planning

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Qualifications

- Eligibility for member revised to be more inclusive as suggested by APA office

Section 3: Admission to Membership

- Changes made to align with existing practices and protocols

Section 5: Termination of Membership

- Changes made to reflect and be consistent with APA bylaws and processes which recognize that divisions have assessments and not dues and which do not require membership applications be sent to Division before accepting payments

- This revision also provides a third reason that someone’s membership might be terminated (“Other ethical and / or professional violations as articulated in APA professional standards and codes of conduct”) as well as a process of allowing them to regain membership status (through review and vote by the Executive Committee)

Article IV OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD, COMMITTEES, SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, AND SECTIONS

Section 2: Executive Committee

- Terms clarified and revised, as Executive Committee is most appropriately used to refer to the smallest body with the highest authority; the term Executive Committee is used to
define the voting members of the Division and replaces the term Executive Board in logical places throughout the document

- The Bylaw to conduct a midyear conference was removed, as this statement appears to be superseded by the MOU between Division 22 and the Academy; striking this statement is not meant to imply that we will not have a midyear conference but rather that the details are handled elsewhere

Section 3: Committees, Special Interest Groups and Sections

- List of standing committees updated to reflect updated names (e.g., communications committee rather than Publications and Communications committee), the addition of the Membership Committee and removal of committees that have been dissolved in previous votes of the Executive Committee (Professional Identity Committee; Social and Ethical Responsibility Committee).

Article V. NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1: Nominations Process

- Update of nominee submissions as well as clarification that the term of student representative is one year

- Presentation of 2 nominees for each office modified to reflect the problem and real difficulties sometimes experienced in identifying qualified nominees

Section 2: Elections and Terms

- The term of the Student representative was moved to Article V, Section 1

- Revisions made to simplify the statement of when a vacancy is filled and to clarify the President’s responsibility in identifying and putting forward a candidate for replacement who is then voted on / confirmed by the Executive Committee

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

- No changes

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

- Term “constitution” replaced by bylaws

Section 2: Ratification
- Phrase “in writing” removed from proposal ratification process to allow for flexible notification and voting process by Division

Article VIII. Rules of order

No change