Bylaws of the
Psychoanalysis Specialty Council

Article I
NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council.

Article II
MISSION

The purpose of the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council shall be to:

1. Facilitate communication and development of coherence and consistency of policies and procedures within the Psychoanalysis specialty.

2. Promote quality assurance of education, training, credentialing, and practice in Psychoanalysis.

3. Represent the specialty of Psychoanalysis to the Commission on Accreditation and the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology.

Article III
MEMBERSHIP

1) The membership of the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council shall consist of at least two representatives from each of the co-sponsoring organizations: the American Board and Academy of Psychoanalysis (ABAPs) specialty board of the American Board of Professional Psychology, and Division 39 (Society for Psychoanalysis and Psychoanalytic Psychology) of the American Psychological Association. All representatives to the council must be psychologists and nominated by the respective Board of Directors of the sponsoring organizations. Representatives will work to the betterment of Psychoanalysis as a specialty within professional psychology. All representatives are full voting members. The council membership will include at least one psychologist representative from each of the following categories:

a) Early Career Psychologist
b) Doctoral psychology student member of the Division 39 Graduate Student Committee
c) Doctoral Psychology Training
d) Post-doctoral psychoanalytic institute training in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

Organizations seeking representation on the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council must be accepted by existing members unanimously by vote.

2) Each representative shall be appointed for a term of three years and may a serve a limit of two consecutive terms. All appointments shall begin January 1.
3) Terms of representatives to the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council and officers thereof shall begin in January.

4) Representatives to the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council commit themselves to regular attendance at meetings and participation. Appointment of a new representative may be required by the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council in the case of insufficient participation by a representative.

5) The officers of the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council shall consist of a Chair (or Co-Chairs), and secretary/treasurer, serving three-year terms. Officers can be re-elected for consecutive terms. The Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair and perform tasks requested by the Chair. The Secretary shall take and distribute minutes of meetings within eight weeks and shall help with furthering communications. One representative may hold both the Chair and the Secretary/treasurer office.

Article IV
MEETINGS

1. Meetings may be held at least once a year, and may be held telephonically.

2. Meetings may be attended by non-voting liaisons and observers by invitation of the Psychoanalysis Specialty Council.

3. The Psychoanalysis Specialty Council may address business matters outside of the regularly scheduled meetings. Votes may be conducted by telephone, mail, e-mail or fax.

4. A majority of all members of the Specialty Council (one more than half) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at regular or special meetings.

Article V
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF SPECIALTIES IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Chair (or Co-Chair) shall serve as the Psychoanalysis Representative to the Council of Specialties in Professional Psychology (CoS). The term of this Representative shall be three years and reelection for one consecutive term is possible. Partial terms are not considered a full-term, so that only full-terms are considered within the maximum length of representation. In a year that a new chair is elected, the previous Chair will serve through the end of the calendar year in order to complete the term as representative of specialty council on CoS.

Article VI
STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Education and Training Committee will develop and maintain education and training guidelines and standards for the specialty.

2. Specialty Development Committee will work towards representing the specialty broadly and inclusively. This committee will also address issues of diversity, inclusion, and social
justice within in the specialty, broadly defined and representative of its constituent organizations and stakeholders.

**Article VII**
**RULES OF ORDER**

The Psychoanalysis Specialty Council shall be governed by its own bylaws; however, meetings shall be conducted according to Keesey’s Modern Parliamentary Procedures (1994, Washington, DC, American Psychological Association).

**Article VIII**
**AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting of the Board upon the receipt of the written proposed Amendment by all the Specialty Council members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed Amendment is to be voted on. The approval of at least two-thirds of the entire Specialty Council is required to adopt any Amendment.