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**Nu Rho Psi**

**THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
IN NEUROSCIENCE**

**National Constitution and Bylaws**

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# NU RHO PSI

## The National Honor Society in Neuroscience

The organization and governance of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience shall be contained in the Constitution and Bylaws. The articles of the Constitution shall establish the basic structure of the society, whereas the articles of the Bylaws shall cover details and matters subordinate to the articles of the Constitution. The National Honor Society in Neuroscience is chartered under the auspices of the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN).

## CONSTITUTION OF NU RHO PSI

### Article I. NAME

The name of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience shall be NPΨ: Nu Rho Psi.

### Article II. PURPOSE

**Section 1.** The purpose of Nu Rho Psi shall be to: (1) encourage professional interest and excellence in scholarship, particularly in neuroscience; (2) award recognition to students who have achieved such excellence in scholarship; (3) advance the discipline of neuroscience; (4) encourage intellectual and social interaction between students, faculty, and professionals in neuroscience and related fields; (5) promote career development in neuroscience and related fields; (6) increase public awareness of neuroscience and its benefits for the individual and society; and (7) encourage service to the community.

**Section 2.** Nu Rho Psi shall exist primarily for the benefit of its undergraduate student members. The inclusion of other types of members is intended to strengthen the relationship between undergraduates and the larger neuroscience community.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Types .** Membership shall consist of five types: undergraduate student, graduate student, faculty, alumni, and honorary.

**Section 2. Qualifications.** Members of each type shall have met minimum qualifications stated in the National Bylaws.

**Section 3. Rights and Limitations of Different Membership Types.** As the emphasis of Nu Rho Psi shall be on its undergraduate student members, full rights and privileges shall be extended to this type of member, including the right and privilege to attend meetings, engage in chapter activities, vote, and hold office. The rights and privileges of other member types shall be more restrictive, as stated in the national Bylaws.

## **Article IV. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Federation.** The national organization shall be a federation of local chapters.

**Section 2. National Officers.** The national officers shall be as follows: President, President-Elect, Past-President, four Regional Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director (ex officio and non-voting).

**Section 3. National Council.** The National Council shall consist of the national officers.

**Section 4. Duties of National Council.** The National Council shall carry on all business of the Society except that delegated to the chapters or National Committees by the Constitution and Bylaws.

## **Article V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL STAFF, AND NATIONAL OFFICE**

**Section 1. Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the National Council and shall be eligible for continuing reappointment. The Executive Director shall have accounting, electoral, and other managerial duties.

**Section 2. National Staff.** The National Staff shall consist of the Executive Director and his or her staff within the National Office.

**Section 3. National Office.** The National Office shall be located in a place easily accessible by mass transportation.

## **Article VI. NATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS**

**Section 1. Annual National Business Meeting.** A National business meeting of Nu Rho Psi shall be held annually and will be scheduled during the Annual Society for Neuroscience Meeting.

**Section 1a. Purposes.** The principal functions of the National business meeting shall be:

1. To discuss matters pertaining to the business and purposes of the national organization.
2. To foster interactions between members from various chapters.

**Section 2. Biennial National Convention.** A National Convention shall be held biennially (on years alternating with regional conventions). The convention will be held immediately before, during, or after the Annual Society for Neuroscience Meeting.

**Section 2a. Purposes.** The principal functions of the National Convention shall be:

1. To discuss matters pertaining to the business and purposes of the national organization.
2. To foster interactions between members from various chapters.
3. To serve as a forum to enlighten members on issues in neuroscience education, careers, research, ethics, funding, etc.
4. To provide an opportunity for members to disseminate neuroscience research findings.

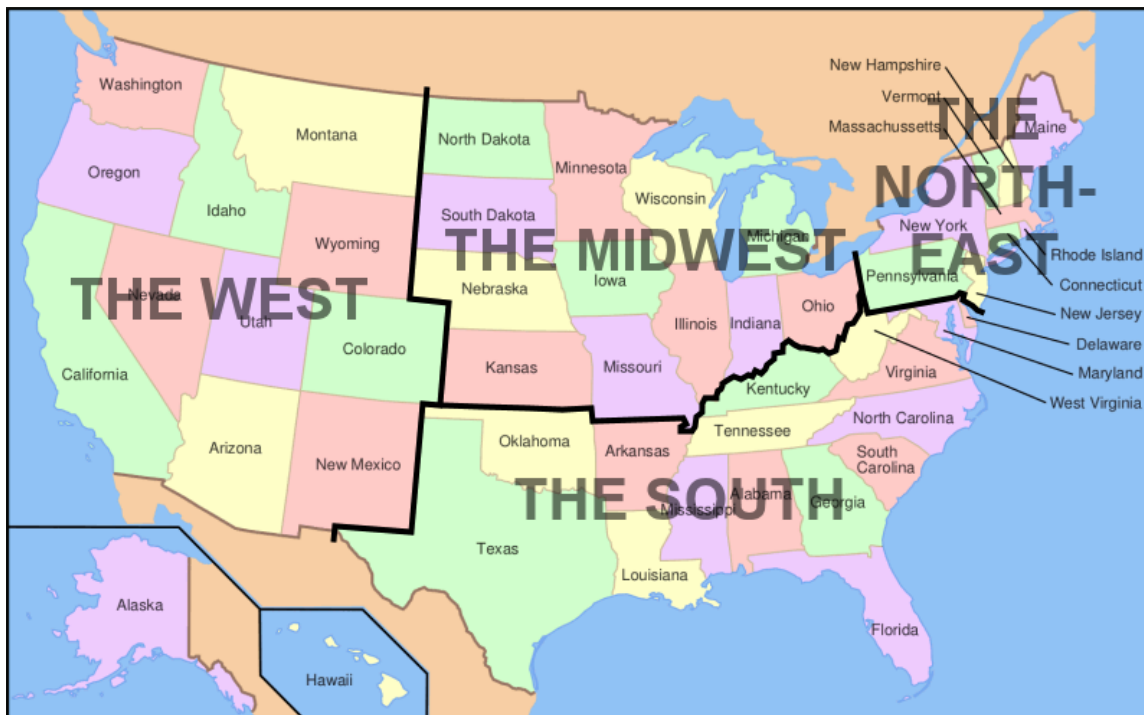
## **Article VII. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Regions.** The national organization shall be subdivided into 4 regions: Northeast, Midwest, South and West (see map).

**Section 2. Administrative Officer.** The Regional Vice-President shall be the principal administrative officer of that region.

**Section 3. Committees.** The Regional Vice-President may appoint a “Convention Committee” and a “Nominations and Elections Committee” and such other committees as needed.

**Section 4. Representation on National Council.** The four Regional Vice-Presidents shall represent their region on the National Council.



## **Article VIII. REGIONAL CONVENTION**

**Section 1. Biennial Regional Convention.** A biennial convention, arranged by the Regional Vice-President and the Convention Committee, shall be held in each region. These conventions will be held on years when there is no National convention.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the regional convention shall be:

1. To discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the regional organization.
2. To provide a means whereby members from various chapters may come to know one another.
3. To serve as a forum to enlighten members on issues in neuroscience education, careers, research, ethics, funding, etc.
4. To provide an opportunity for members to disseminate neuroscience research findings.

## **Article IX. CHAPTER ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Charters.** Chapters of Nu Rho Psi shall be chartered by the National organization by a 2/3 vote of the National Council and shall reside at accredited Colleges and Universities in the United States of America.

**Section 2. Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.** Each chapter shall adopt Chapter Bylaws which provide rules for conducting the business and activities of the chapter.

**Section 3. Officers.** Each chapter shall elect its own officers from among its undergraduate student members. These shall include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and any other officers the chapter designates in its Bylaws.

**Section 4. Advisor(s).** Each chapter shall have one or more advisors, chosen from the faculty at the home institution in a manner to be proscribed by the chapter.

## **Article X. AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Justification.** So that the National Constitution and Bylaws accurately reflect and accommodate the Society's evolving needs and policies, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be considered periodically by the National Council.

**Section 2. Submission.** Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws of Nu Rho Psi may be proposed by the National Council or by any chapter for review by the National Council.

**Section 3. Voting.** Proposed amendments which have passed review by the National Council will be presented to the membership, according to the procedures specified in the Bylaws.

## BYLAWS OF NU RHO PSI

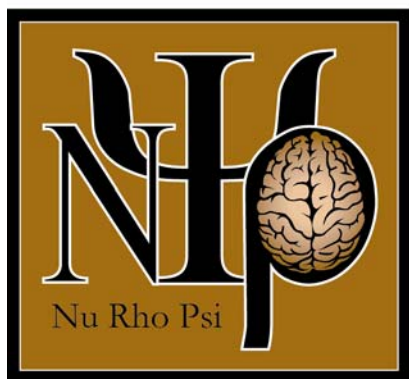
### Article I. NAME

The name of the National Honor Society in Neuroscience shall be NPΨ: Nu Rho Psi.

**Section 1. Greek Letters.** The Greek letters “NPΨ” designate the study of neuroscience – the interdisciplinary science that engages our members in the study of the Nervous System and is the unifying focus of this honor society. The Greek letter Nu (N, Ν) stands for the noun Nous (pronounced “noose”), meaning “Mind”. The letter Rho (P, Ρ) stands for the verb Pueaoai (pronounced “hruethigh”) meaning, “to cure”. The letter Psi (Ψ, Ψ) stands for the noun Psyche (pronounced “psuke”), meaning “life”.

### Article II. INSIGNIA

**Section 1. Official Insignia.** The official insignia of Nu Rho Psi shall be:



**Section 2. Restrictions.** The issuance, purchase, and use of items bearing this insignia shall be limited to members and subject to the decisions of the National Council.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Undergraduate and Graduate Student Members.**

**Section 1a. Minimum Qualifications.** Minimum qualifications for student membership shall be as follows. Undergraduate students who are elected to membership must have:

1. Completed of at least 3 semesters or 5 quarters of the college curriculum.
2. Completed of 9 semester hours or 14 quarter hours in neuroscience courses, which are considered by the institution to be a part of the major, minor or similar track<sup>1</sup>.
3. Registration for major or minor standing in neuroscience or for a program which is considered by the National Council to be equivalent in nature.
4. Undergraduate students who are elected to membership must have an overall cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). They must also demonstrate superior scholarship in neuroscience, earning a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the neuroscience courses (described in Section 1a, 2, above).
5. Graduate students who are elected to membership must be registered for major or minor standing in neuroscience or a program that has a neuroscience emphasis, have completed at least nine semester hours (or equivalent) in courses in neuroscience, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in all graduate courses and a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in neuroscience.
6. High standards of personal behavior.
7. Two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at a regular meeting of the chapter.

**Section 1b. Optional Higher Qualifications.** Any chapter may establish minimum scholastic qualifications that are higher than those listed in Article III, Section 1a.

**Section 2. Faculty Members.** Faculty members who teach and do research in the area of neuroscience and are employed by institutions where there is an active chapter of Nu Rho Psi may become active members of the Chapter upon election to membership and induction into Nu Rho Psi.

**Section 3. Alumni Members.** Alumni members are persons who were formerly active members who are no longer associated with an institution where a chapter is located. Also, persons who were graduated from an institution prior to the establishment of the current chapter may be elected to alumni membership if they met the minimum qualifications listed in Article III, Section 1a when they were students.

**Section 4. Honorary Members.** Honorary members shall be distinguished persons who have national or international reputations because of the contributions they have made to neuroscience. A chapter may nominate a person for honorary membership by submitting that person's name and qualifications to the National Officers for election to honorary member status. This requires a majority vote of the Officers.

### **Section 5. Member Rights and Privileges**

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<sup>1</sup> If a Neuroscience major, minor or equivalent program is not available the courses included in the approved "Application to shelter a chapter of Nu Rho Psi" shall be used to determine if a candidate meets the minimum course requirements.

**Section 5a. Undergraduate Student Members.** Active undergraduate student members may attend all meetings and activities of the chapter, Regional, and National society. They may vote and hold office.

**Section 5b. Graduate Student Members.** Active graduate student members may attend all meetings and activities of the chapter, Regional, and National society. They may vote and hold office.

**Section 5c. Faculty Members.** Active faculty members may attend all meetings and activities of the chapter, Regional, and National society. They may not vote or hold office in a local Chapter. However, if elected, they may serve as a National Officer or a Regional Vice President.

**Section 5d. Alumni Members** Alumni members may attend all meetings and activities of the chapter, Regional, and National society but may not vote or hold office unless admitted to active status by the local chapter.

**Section 5e. Honorary Members.** Honorary members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active student members.

**Section 6. Active membership.** A member shall be considered to be active in Nu Rho Psi if s/he pays the local Chapter dues and assessments (if any) for the semester and attends at least one meeting or activity during the year. Members who are not current in chapter dues and assessments will be placed in an inactive status until such time that any amount due the Chapter is paid. Local Chapters of Nu Rho Psi may adopt criteria for active membership that are more rigorous (but not less rigorous) than the National standards. A list of active and inactive members shall be provided by the Chapters to the National Office at the end of each academic year.

**Section 7. Dues.** Student members, faculty members and alumni members on active status shall pay chapter dues as voted by the majority of the Chapter. Honorary members and inactive alumni members shall pay no fees or dues of any kind.

## **Section 8. Induction of Members**

**Section 8a.** Each chapter shall use either the induction ritual provided by the National organization or a revision of the national ritual which has been approved by the chapter's faculty advisor. In the latter case, a copy of the ritual shall be on file in the National office.

**Section 8b.** Each person inducted as an active or alumni member shall pay to the national treasury an induction fee determined by the National Council. This fee shall entitle the inductee to life membership without payment of further dues or assessments to the national organization (although payments of local dues may be assessed by the Chapter). The induction fee shall also cover the cost of a subscription to the *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* as long as the inductee remains an active member of a Chapter.

**Section 8c.** Prior to the time of induction, each person invited to membership shall complete and sign a registration card provided to the chapter by the National office. These registration cards, together with one money order or check to cover all the induction fees for that chapter, shall be sent by the chapter to the Executive Director. Membership shall be complete when the Executive Director has issued an official membership card in the name of each new member and has sent these membership cards to the chapter for proper distribution. By accepting membership in Nu Rho Psi, new members accept the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies of Nu Rho Psi.

**Section 8d.** A chapter may induct *in absentia* only those who signed the original registration card indicating their desire for affiliation.

**Section 8e.** A chapter wishing to provide for the induction of an individual who lives at a considerable distance may ask the Executive Director to endeavor to make arrangements whereby the individual in question can be inducted by a chapter in a nearby institution.

**Section 8f.** The induction of a member on the basis of false or fraudulent evidence may be voided at any subsequent time by the National Council. Action to void may be brought by either a National Council member or the Executive Director.

**Section 9. Nondiscrimination.** Membership in Nu Rho Psi is open to qualified candidates of any age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, race, color, handicap/disability, and national/ethnic origin. Acceptance of this policy is required to obtain a Charter. Adherence to this policy is required to retain a Charter.

#### **Article IV. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Terms of office.** The terms of office for the President, President-Elect, Past-President, shall be one year. Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and Past-Presidents are permanently ineligible for re-election to the same office. Terms of office for the Secretary and Treasurer shall be 2 years with the offices alternating (Secretary elected in odd-numbered years and Treasurer elected in even-numbered years). The term of office for Regional Vice Presidents is 3 years. Regional Vice Presidents are permanently ineligible for re-election to this same office.

**Section 2. Elections.** Elections shall be held annually in the spring. Officers shall be elected by a plurality of the active members of Nu Rho Psi who chose to vote. Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by a plurality of the active members who chose to vote in their respective regions.

**Section 3. Installation.** Installation of officers and Vice Presidents shall coincide with the Annual National Meeting, which shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. The new President-Elect shall be installed at the time the current President-elect is installed as President at the conclusion of old business during the Annual National Meeting. The outgoing President shall become Past-President, succeeding the outgoing Past-President. The newly installed President shall preside over the remainder of the Annual National Meeting.

## **Article V. OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**Section 1. President.** It shall be the duty of the President to provide leadership in the activities of the Society by making arrangements for the National meeting/convention and presiding over it (as described above), by calling meetings of the National Council and presiding at them, by appointing the members of all national committees, and by performing such other duties as are ordinarily assigned to the office.

**Section 2. President-Elect.** It shall be the duty of the President-Elect to serve as presiding officer of the Society in the absence of the President. The President-Elect normally assumes the office of Nu Rho Psi President after serving one year as President-Elect. However, the President-Elect shall immediately assume the responsibilities of the presidency should the President resign or be unable to complete the term of office. If the office of President-Elect becomes vacant for any reason, a new election will be held at the earliest convenient time.

**Section 3. Past-President.** It shall be the duty of the Past-President to advise the President, to chair the Elections Committee and to update the historical record of the Society.

**Section 4. Secretary.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record minutes at all business meetings, check attendance at meetings, keep permanent records, and correspond on behalf of the organization.

**Section 5. Treasurer.** It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain organizational accounts, collect fees, pay bills, oversee other monetary transactions including fundraising, and prepare, maintain, and present a budget and financial report at least once per year.

## **Article VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND NATIONAL OFFICE**

**Section 1.** The National Council shall be empowered to appoint and compensate the Executive Director and the National Staff.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director shall be appointed for a three-year term and shall be eligible for continuing reappointment.

**Section 3.** It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to carry out the responsibilities assigned by the National Officers. The principal duties shall include (1) management of the revenues, expenses, and investments, (2) management of national records, Chapter affairs, communications, voting on amendments, scholarship funds, and legal matters that may arise, and (3) supervision of the nomination and election process for National Officers.

## **Article VII. NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** The following is a list of the standing committees/Chairs of the National organization:

- **Awards Committee:** (Chair to be appointed by the President) The Awards Committee shall administer awards made to members of Nu Rho Psi.
- **Nominations/Elections Committee:** (Immediate Past-President as Chair, Executive Director as *ex officio*) The Nominations/Elections Committee shall monitor elections for all national offices.
- **Executive/Finance Committee:** (National President as Chair, President-Elect, Past-President, Treasurer, and the Executive Director as *ex officio*, nonvoting member) The Executive/Finance Committee shall have general supervision of the financial affairs of Nu Rho Psi between meetings of the National Council. It shall be subject to the orders of the National Council, and none of its action shall conflict with action taken by the National Council. The committee will recommend to the National Council an auditor who will prepare the annual audit of Nu Rho Psi's financial records. The National Council will appoint the auditor and the auditor shall report to the National Council.
- **Program Committee:** (National President as Chair) The program committee shall be responsible for planning and executing the program for the biennial National Convention.

**Section 2. Committee appointments.** In all instances where committee membership is not specified, the National President, as soon as possible after installation, shall appoint members of the Society to serve. The standing committees shall become operative upon their appointment, and the members thereof shall serve until their successors are appointed.

**Section 3. Committee Bylaws.** All standing committees shall have on file in the National Office committee Bylaws, which have been approved by the National council. These Bylaws shall delineate each committee's area of responsibility, membership, conduct of business, criteria for a quorum, and lines of accountability.

**Section 4. Presidential role on National committees.** The National President shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees on which the President is not specified as a full member. The President has the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the proceedings of the committees. When serving in an *ex officio* capacity, the President is not counted in the determination of a quorum.

**Section 5. Special committees.** The National President may appoint such special committees as that officer considers being in the interests of the Society.

## VIII. NEWSLETTER AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Section 1. Newsletter.** The national organization shall publish a *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* at least once per year and (if the Newsletter is published in paper form) shall furnish each chapter with sufficient copies for distribution to all active members of the chapter. Active and Honorary Members are entitled to receive the *Newsletter* without charge. Others may subscribe at a rate established by the National Council.

**Section 2. Newsletter editor.** The Executive Director shall serve as editor of the *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter*. The editor may nominate, and the National Council may elect, associate editors to assist in the publication of the *Newsletter*.

**Section 3. Webpage.** The Executive Director shall edit and maintain a Nu Rho Psi web page.

**Section 4. Other publications.** The National Council may authorize other Society publications that they consider in the best interests of Nu Rho Psi members or chapters.

## **IX. NATIONAL FINANCES**

**Section 1. Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the Society shall coincide with the calendar year.

**Section 2. Fees.** Each new member of Nu Rho Psi will be assessed a one-time induction fee set by the National Council. A Charter fee will be assessed as a new Chapter is approved. Annual dues, if any, are established, collected and used solely by each Chapter of the honor society.

**Section 3. Sales of Society paraphernalia.** Only the National Council may authorize the sale of pins, cords or other Society paraphernalia with the Nu Rho Psi insignia.

**Section 4. Financial records/reports.** The financial records of the Executive Director shall be audited at least annually. An annual Treasurer's report shall be submitted by the Treasurer and the Executive Director at the Annual National Meeting.

**Section 5. Bonded.** The Executive Director and the designated national staff shall be bonded annually in such amount as the National Council shall determine.

**Section 6. National Office remuneration.** The Executive Director and staff shall be remunerated in an amount determined by the National Council.

**Section 7. Taxes.** Nu Rho Psi shall seek and maintain tax-exempt status.

## **Article X. NATIONAL MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS**

**Section 1. Annual National Meeting.** There shall be a Nu Rho Psi business meeting held each year at a time coinciding with the annual Society for Neuroscience convention.

**Section 2. Biennial National Convention.** There will be a convention every other year (alternating with the regional conventions).

**Section 3. Location of Annual National Meeting/ Biennial Convention.** The annual meeting and biennial convention will be held in the same city as the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting.

**Section 4. Conduct of Business.** The business meeting will follow *Roberts Rules of Order Revised* and will, as a minimum, include a report from the President and Treasurer. Other business may be raised by active members of the Society based on the agenda which has been published at least a month before the meeting.

**Section 5. Notice of Meetings.** The President will announce the date, time, and place of the annual meeting at least 2 months before it is to be held. The President will solicit items to be included on the meeting agenda when the meeting is announced. The agenda will be finalized, and published, a month before the annual meeting.

**Section 6. Quorum.** A quorum will consist of the active members present at the time of the annual meeting.

**Section 7. Voting.** Active Student, Faculty, and Honorary members may vote on National issues that are decided at the annual meeting. Active Student, Faculty, and Honorary members may also vote on National issues that are decided by ballots that come before or after the Annual National meeting.

**Section 8. National Council Meeting.** A meeting of the National Council shall be held in conjunction with the Annual National meeting. A quorum shall consist of the members actually present. Subject to the approval of the National Council, each of the National Officers shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses in attending the National Convention.

## **Article XI. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Regions.** The individual Chapters of Nu Rho Psi shall be organized into four geographic regions as described in Article VII of the Constitution.

**Section 2. Regional Vice President duties.** The Regional Vice President will provide leadership of the federation of Chapters in the region where he/she resides and represent his/her region through service on the National Council. The Regional Vice President will arrange for the offering of the biennial Regional meetings of the Honor Society and establish and maintain a committee structure to perform the work of the regional Honor Society.

**Section 3. Regional Committees.** Following approval of the National Council, the Regional Vice President may establish standing committees and appoint regional members to serve on these committees in order to accomplish the goals of that region. As a minimum, each region shall establish a Nominations and Elections Committee and a Regional Convention Committee.

**Section 3a. Nominations and elections Committee.** This committee shall be responsible for nominating candidates to run for Regional Vice president every third year. Elections shall be held in the spring of the third year of service.

**Section 3b. Regional Convention Committee.** This committee shall work with the Regional Vice President to organize the biennial Regional Convention.

## **Article XII. REGIONAL CONVENTION**

**Section 1.** The Regional Convention Committee will plan for and organize the biennial regional convention. This convention will be held in a location accessible by mass transportation within the region and will be selected by the Chair of the Regional Convention Committee. Announcement of the location and timing of the Regional Convention shall be announced at least a year in advance of the meeting.

## **Article XIII. CHAPTERS AND CHAPTER ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Precedence.** The National Constitution and Bylaws take precedence over the Chapter Bylaws and no provision in the Chapter rules may be contrary to the National Constitution and Bylaws.

**Section 2. Autonomy.** Within the limits of the National Constitution and Bylaws, each chapter shall have full charge of its activities.

**Section 3. Name.** The name of each Nu Rho Psi Chapter shall be the name of the college or university where the chapter is located, followed by the words, "Chapter of Nu Rho Psi." Each chapter shall in addition be identified by one or more Greek letters assigned by the National Council, which signify the sequential order of charters in the national organization by state, e.g., the Alpha chapter of Maryland; the Alpha chapter of Ohio; the Beta chapter of Ohio, etc.

### **Section 4. New Charters.**

**Section 4a.** An application for a charter shall be submitted to the Nu Rho Psi National office for review by the National Council. The application will contain all of the information that may be requested by the Council concerning the group applying for a charter and the institution(s) of which it is a part. A favorable vote by three-fourths of the National Council members shall constitute approval by that body.

**Section 4b.** The petitioning group that has been approved by the Council shall be granted a charter.

**Section 4c.** The charter members of a chapter shall be those whose names and credentials appear in the charter application.

**Section 4d.** An application for a charter must be accompanied by a letter from a neuroscience faculty member, who holds a doctoral degree, indicating willingness to serve as advisor to the chapter if the charter is granted.

**Section 4e.** The charter of a new chapter shall be issued only after the payment of a charter fee. The amount of that fee is to be determined by the National Council.

**Section 4f.** The installing officer of a new chapter shall be a member of Nu Rho Psi chosen by the local chapter in consultation with the Executive Director. In unusual circumstances the Executive Director may approve an installing officer who is not a member of Nu Rho Psi. All expenses incidental to the installation shall be met by the local chapter.

**Section 4g.** Chapters shall be established, maintained, or reactivate only in colleges and universities that grant the baccalaureate degree and that are accredited by the appropriate national or regional accreditation agency. Such agencies include the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, the Higher Learning Commission, the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the Western Association of School and Colleges, and certain appropriate professional accrediting agencies.

**Section 4h.** Colleges or universities that are geographically close to one another may chose to apply for a charter as a Cooperative Chapter consisting of members from more than one school. In this case, multiple schools will be listed in the □□□ chapter application and charter.

## **Section 5. Voting by Chapters on National Amendments**

**Section 5a.** The time limit on the return of votes by chapters on all matters pertaining to national policies and Constitutional/Bylaw amendments will ordinarily be 45 days. Under emergency conditions, however, the National Council may establish a time limit requiring more expeditious action by the chapters. The National Council may also establish a longer time limit in special circumstances such as summer terms, when chapters would be unlikely to be able to comply with the 45 day time limit.

**Section 6. Chapter Bylaws.** Proposals for new charters must contain statements in the Bylaws pertaining to the following:

- Name of the chapter, including academic affiliation.
- Statement of purpose.
- Membership requirements.
- List of officers and other Chapter leaders, their duties, and requirements.
- Meetings and quorums to conduct business.
- Process for the assessment of dues and assessments.
- Parliamentary authority, procedures for dissolution and the amendment of Bylaws.

## **Article XIV. AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS**

**Section 1. Dissemination.** A proposed amendment shall be publicized in the issue of the *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* and on the Nu Rho Psi web page. Any member of Nu Rho Psi may then write to the Executive Director in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed amendment. The views thus expressed in original form, or as edited by the Executive director, shall be presented on the Nu Rho Psi web page and in the issue of the *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* immediately following the one in which the proposed amendment was publicized.

**Section 2. Voting.** As soon thereafter as practicable, the Executive Director shall mail a copy of the proposed amendment to each chapter. The proposed amendment shall go into effect if and when it receives favorable action by 3/4 of all active chapters voting within 45 days of the mailing of the ballots.

## **Article XV. DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1. Decision to dissolve.** A decision to dissolve Nu Rho Psi shall require a 2/3 vote of the active membership of the Nu Rho Psi Honor Society.

**Section 2. Dissolution of assets.** In the event of dissolution of Nu Rho Psi, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue law. The National Council shall decide what organizations will receive Nu Rho Psi assets.