

# BYLAWS

## THE ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE

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### BYLAW I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas Chapter (hereinafter referred to as "the Chapter") of the Society for Neuroscience (hereinafter referred to as "the Society").

### BYLAW II: PURPOSE

The Arkansas Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### BYLAW III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Full membership in this Chapter is open to any person interested in research on the nervous system who is residing in Arkansas including any student studying for an undergraduate or advanced degree in, or any postdoctoral fellow working in, an area of study related to the nervous system.

Section 2. The membership of this Chapter shall consist of those members of the society who annually request the Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter to retain their names on the roll of the Chapter and who pay such assessments or dues as provided under Bylaw VIII.

Section 3. This Chapter shall be dissolved at such time as it may have fewer than ten members of the Society as members of the Chapter. Membership in the Society is encouraged, but is not mandatory, for those members of the Chapter who are eligible for such.

Section 4. Only members of the Society are eligible to represent the Chapter in the affairs of the Society.

#### BYLAW IV: ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Officers of the Chapter shall consist of President, a President-Elect and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The Chapter shall have a Council, consisting of the Officers and the immediate Past-President.

Section 3. The powers and duties of the officers elected by the Chapter shall be such as usually revolve upon their respective positions. The President-Elect shall act as President in case of the inability of the President to serve. All other vacancies shall be filled by the Council by interim appointment.

Section 4. The general management of the Chapter during the intervals between meetings shall be vested in the Council, which shall perform the ordinary duties of an executive committee.

#### BYLAW V: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. The President shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and shall be succeeded by the President-Elect. The President and the immediate Past-President may not be candidates for the office of President-Elect.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a term of one (1) year, and is eligible to serve for a total of two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by a mail or email ballot requiring a simple plurality of votes of the Chapter membership. In the event of a tie vote for any office, resolution shall be by vote of the Council. The results of elections shall be announced at the annual business meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall certify the results to the Secretary of the society within thirty (30) days of the business meeting.

Section 4. The terms of office shall commence with the close of the annual business meeting.

#### BYLAW VI: MEETINGS AND QUORUM

Section 1: Annual - The Chapter shall hold an annual business meeting at the end of August at a place and time designated by the Council.

Section 2. Special - A special business meeting may be called at any time by the President, or in case of the President's absence or disability, by the President-Elect, and must be called at the request of a majority of the Council or ten members of the Chapter. A notice specifying the purpose of each such meeting shall be mailed or emailed

to each member at least ten days previous thereto. The Council shall select the places at which all business meetings shall be held.

Section 3. Quorum - A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership at all meetings of the Chapter. In the absence of a quorum any number of attendees shall be sufficient to move adjournment to a fixed date.

Section 4. Non-business meetings, for the purpose of scientific presentations or discussions, may be sponsored by the Chapter at any time, with the approval of the President. It is the duty of the arranger of such a meeting to notify all members of the Chapter of such meeting.

#### BYLAW VII: COMMITTEES

The Council shall establish committees as necessary for the proper operation of the Chapter.

#### BYLAW VIII: FINANCES

Members of the Chapter may be assessed such Chapter dues as may be set by the Chapter, using the same procedure as for an amendment, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society.

#### BYLAW IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. A proposed amendment to these bylaws must first be submitted in writing to a Chapter officer. If it is approved by a majority of Chapter officers, the Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct a mail or email ballot of the members and furnish all members of the Chapter with copies of the proposed amendment at least one month before ballots are due. The amendment will be adopted if it receives an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members voting.

Section 2. Amendments to these bylaws, after adoption by the Chapter, shall become effective upon approval by the Council of the Society.

#### BYLAW X: DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, any remaining asset of the Chapter shall be conveyed to the Society for Neuroscience.