

Constitution

SfN

At University of Delaware

Date: 09/23/2008

Group Name: SfN

Preamble

We, the student at University of Delaware, do hereby form the organization known as the *SfN* for the purpose of: Promoting the understanding of Neuroscience, increasing participation in the neuroscience major and providing convenient access to the annual Society for Neuroscience conference, providing networking for undergraduate research opportunities.

Article 1

The organization shall be known as the *SfN*

Article 2

Objects

The objects of this organization shall be to:

To establish a central forum for those who are interested in Neuroscience, and to disseminate information to the campus community and beyond, by holding meeting and conferences. Holding Seminars to discuss past and presents issues in the field of neuroscience.

Article 3

Qualification for Membership

Any full-time matriculated undergraduate students of the University of Delaware who agrees with the object and purpose of this organization and attends meeting once a month may become a member. Students must hold a GPA of 2.2 or higher. There will be sign in sheet available at each meeting, in order to keep track of members' attendance. Being a member of this club will provide the member with the right to vote.

Graduate students are also welcome to join our club; however they will not be able to vote for the people running for an officer position. They also cannot run for office. They can partake in all of the meetings and activities hosted by SfN and can receive any and all benefits the organization provides.

Part-time students and faculty are welcome to join SfN. However, as with Graduate students, these members would not be able to vote for those running for an officer position and are not able to run for office themselves.

Article 4

Officers and Elections

Section 1: President

This organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meeting and handling day to day affairs, as well as controlling all activities run by other officers. The President shall also be responsible for the registration of the Registered Student Organization and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization (*including Start-of-the-Year, Mid-Year and End-of-the-Year packets.*) The president will help to appoint all standing and special committees. It will be required that the president be a member who has already served on the executive board for at least a year.

Section 2: Vice – President

The vice – president shall serve the role of president if the president is absent, unable to serve the duties of president, or if the president resigns. The vice-president also hold the power to delegate duties to those holding positions on the board and will assist the president in any and all ways.

Section 3: Treasurer

The treasurer shall be responsible for all group expenditures and revenues. The treasurer shall sign any checks written by this organization or for the purpose of the organization and maintain all group ledgers. The Treasurer shall write all checks and have all checks signed by the Activities and Programs staff for the purpose of the organization. The treasurer will also maintain all group ledgers. The treasurer should also be responsible for requesting funds from the allocation board.

Section 4: Secretary

The secretary shall record the events of all meetings of this organization and shall maintain minutes of those meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at group meetings as necessary. Minutes will be submitted the day after the meeting was held.

Section 5: Qualifications for Officers

All officers must be full – time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware. A minimum GPA of 2.6 is required to run for office.

Section 6: Elections

Elections for officers shall be held at least once per academic year and the day will be determined depending on scheduling. Only full-time matriculated undergraduate students at the University of Delaware who are active members of this club (those who have attended more than two sessions/meetings) may vote. The students who want to run for election have to be a member and they can enter their names by signing the election paper. The election board shall be up for one week. The candidates can run for two positions, in case of tie, a coin will be used to pick the winner. The election shall be done by hand raising in the absence of the candidates by the members of the club.

Article 5

Meetings

The organization shall meet at least once a month to discuss activities and make future plans. There will be a sign in sheet for members to sign. This is to help keep track of members' attendance.

Those running for office would serve their duties for the whole year if elected. However, not every member is required to have an officer position.

Article 6

Bylaws

Section 1: Authority

This organization shall establish bylaws to carry out the policies set forth in this constitution.

Section 2: Approval of Bylaws

Bylaws and changes in bylaws shall be approved by two – thirds (2/3) approval of those members present and voting. At least one – fourth (1/4) of total members have to be present.

Article 7

Procedure

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revise Edition shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or the special rules of order of this society.

Article 8

Ratification

This constitution shall be ratified by a two – thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the membership of this organization and approval of this organization’s registration by the Student Activities Office. At least one – forth (1/4) of total members have to be present in the ratification process.

Article 9

Amendments

Amendments to this constitution shall require approval of two – thirds (2/3) approval of the entire membership of this organization. Advance notice must be made to all members of proposed changes to the constitution. At least one – forth (1/4) of total members have to be present in order for amendments to be approved.

Article 10

Non-Discrimination Clause

The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, handicap status, or sexual orientation.

Article 11

Disbursal of Organizational Assets Should the Group Become Defunct

The University of Delaware shall inherit the assets of any Registered Student Organization should the group become defunct.

Signatures:

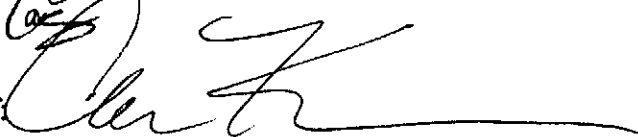
President:



Vice President:



Activities & Programs Staff:



Date:

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