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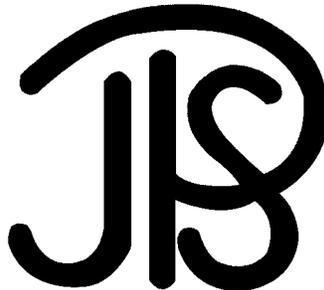
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### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

1. *Classes.* The membership of the Corporation shall be divided into the following classes:
  - 1) *Regular Members.* Regular members shall be those individuals who have demonstrated an interest in the purposes of the Corporation and shall have paid the applicable fees established by the Board of Directors.
  - 2) *Student Members.* Student members shall be those individuals who meet the qualifications of regular members, but who are undergraduate or graduate students in any accredited college or university.
  - 3) *Family Members.* Family members shall be those persons, no more than two, in the same immediate family who qualify as regular members of the Society and request a joint affiliation.
2. *Voting Members.* Regular, student, and family members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of members.
3. *Dues and Fees.* All assessments, dues, fees, and charges and the time for payment thereof and method of collection shall be such as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish. Failure to pay any such assessments, dues, fees, and charges within 30 days after their due date may result in cancellation of membership.

### ARTICLE II. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meetings of members shall be held at yearly intervals, at such time as the Board of Directors shall determine.
2. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings of members may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.
3. *Place of Meetings.* Meetings of members shall be held at such place as may be stated in the notice of the meeting.
4. *Notice.* Written notice of the time and place of annual and special meetings shall be given to each member at least fifteen days prior to the day fixed for the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting.
5. *Voting Rights.* Voting rights of the members shall be exclusively vested in regular, student, and family members, who may vote in person or by written (or electronic mail) proxy. Each regular, student, and family member shall be entitled to one vote.
6. *Quorum.* Twenty-five voting members of the Corporation present in person or by written proxy at any meeting of the members shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of those present shall govern with respect to all matters of business at any meeting of members.

### ARTICLE III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *Constitution and Duties.* The activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members; a President and President-Elect (or Past-President), chosen by the Elected Members of the Board; a Vice-President for Communications, Treasurer, Vice-President for Information & Technology, Vice-President for Program Planning, and Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support, all appointed by the President with the approval of the Elected Members of the Board. In addition to its Officers and Elected Directors, meetings of the Board of Directors are regularly attended by the Editor(s) of the current Special Issue of the journal *Cognitive Development*, the Editor of the Symposium Series, the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and, as required, the chairs of the Board's various Standing Committees, all serving ex-officio. In addition to such other powers and duties as it may have under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors shall have the power, on behalf of the Corporation, to borrow money and purchase, sell, mortgage, lease away, or otherwise dispose of real estate and real property.

2. *Election and Term.* Five Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of three years at each annual Fall Board meeting from a slate of candidates generated by the Nominations Committee. No elected member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible for re-election until at least one year has intervened. The President is elected by the Board of Directors, for a one-year term as President-Elect, for a three-year non-renewable term of office as President, and for a two-year term as Past-President. The Vice-President for Information & Technology, Vice-President for Program Planning, Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support, Vice-President for Communications, and Treasurer shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall serve renewable three-year terms. A Student Member shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall serve a one-year term. The Editor of the Special Issue of the journal *Cognitive Development*, the Editor of the Symposium Series, the chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and the chairs of each of the Board's five Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall serve renewable one-year terms. Any Meeting Organizer not otherwise a member of the Board of Directors, along with retiring members of the Board of Directors, and others whose services are required may be appointed as Ex-officio members of the Board by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors and shall serve a one-year term. Ex-officio members of the Board may be reappointed. Each elected director shall hold office until the presiding officer calls the Annual Members meeting to order after the election of a replacement, or until death or resignation or removal at any time by the voting members. Directors must be members of the Corporation. No officer of the Society may concurrently hold the position of an elected director.

3. *Vacancies.* Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board, each person so elected to hold office until the next annual meeting of the members and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualified.

4. *Quorum.* The presence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors in office shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and the acts of the majority of those in attendance at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors.

5. *Organization Meeting.* On the last day of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of organization, and to review reports from the Editor of the Volume Series, the Editor(s) of Special Issues of the journal *Cognitive Development*, and the Chair of the Local Arrangements and other Standing Committees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

6. *Regular Meetings.* Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held during the course of the Annual Meeting, and in September or October, or at such times as shall be established by resolution of the Board of Directors.

The standing agenda of each regular Board meeting shall include:

A. *Fall Board Meeting*

1. Approval of minutes of Spring meetings
2. Financial Planning, Fund Raising, & Publicity Report
  - Approval of budget for the next fiscal year
  - Review of Symposium fees and membership dues
3. Membership Committee Report
4. Nominating Committee Report
  - Candidates for Board of Directors
5. Publications Committee reports by
  - Symposium Series Editor
  - Editor(s) of Special Issues of CD
6. Meeting Planning Committee reports
  - Next year's Annual Meeting
    - Final review of plenary speakers and commentators
    - Consideration of advertising for the Annual Meeting
  - Following year's Annual Meeting
    - Discussion of full proposals
    - Decision
7. Set date for January or February meeting of the Executive Committee

B. *Spring Board Meeting*

1. Approval of minutes of Fall meeting
2. Financial Planning, Fund Raising, & Publicity Report
  - (report to be given to Annual Meeting of the Society)
3. Membership Committee Report
4. Nominating Committee Report
5. Publications Committee reports by
  - Symposium Series Editor
  - Editor(s) of Special Issues of CD
6. Meeting Planning Committee reports
  - Current Symposium update
  - Next year's meeting: Review of theme, invited speakers, local arrangements, budget
  - Review of preliminary proposals
  - Report of long-range plans

7. Set date for Fall meeting of the Board

7. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors upon the written request of one-third of the members of the Board of Directors.

8. *Place of Meetings.* Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place as a majority of the members of the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

9. *Notice.* Written notice of every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each member of the Board at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. Notice of special meetings shall state the purposes of the meeting.

10. *Unanimous Consent.* If two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors shall severally or collectively consent in writing (or by electronic mail) to any action taken by the Corporation, such action shall be a valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

11. *Remuneration.* The Directors shall not be entitled to any remuneration whatsoever, except reasonable reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

1. *Officers, Duties, and Terms.* The officers shall be the President, President-Elect or Past-President, Vice-President for Information & Technology, Vice-President for Program Planning, Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support, Vice-President for Communications, and Treasurer, and such other officers or assistant officers as the Board of Directors may elect or appoint. They must be members of the Society, but may not concurrently be Elected member of the Board of Directors.

All officers and assistant officers, as among themselves and the Corporation, shall have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the property and affairs of the Corporation as may be provided in these by-laws and as may be determined by resolution by the Board of Directors.

Transfer of functions to new officers shall occur at the Spring Board Meeting.

*President.* The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have active executive management of its operations, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors. The President shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The President or an officer of the Corporation designated by the President shall preside at all meetings of the members of the Board of Directors. The President is elected for a term of three years and may not serve consecutive terms.

*President-Elect.* The President-Elect shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The President-Elect succeeds the President. The President-Elect is elected for a term of one year.

*Past-President.* The Past-President shall serve a two-year term immediately following her or his three year term of office as President, and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

*Vice-President for Information Technology.* The Vice-President for Information Technology shall perform such duties as are associated with the Society's use of the Internet and other information technologies to effect and promote the functions of the Society, its Board and its officers. This will include direct oversight of the Society web site and mechanisms for the electronic submission and distribution of program proposals, membership applications and directories. The Vice President for Information Technology is appointed for a three year term and may serve consecutive terms.

*Vice-President for Program Planning.* The Vice-President for Program Planning shall perform such duties as are associated with organizing the Annual Meeting, including constructing the Call for Papers, recruiting the Program Reviewers, receiving and distributing proposal submissions, collating evaluations, formulating the program, coordinating the publication of the program for the Annual Meeting, and any other duties which may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice-President for Program Planning is appointed for a three year term and may serve consecutive terms.

*Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support.* The Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support shall perform (a) such duties as are associated with the production and distribution of published materials concerning the Annual Meeting, including the Call for Papers and the Registration Flyer as well as serve as liaison between the Board and the local arrangements committee for the Annual Meeting, providing informational flow between these two groups; (b) the Vice-President will oversee and initiate fund raising efforts for the Society. (c) The Vice-President may take on other duties which may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support is appointed for a three year term and may serve consecutive terms.

*Vice-President for Communications (Secretary).* The Vice-President for Communications shall be custodian of the books and records of the Corporation other than those in the custody of the Treasurer. The Vice-President for Communications shall be custodian of the seal and is hereby authorized to affix the seal to all documents, the execution and delivery of which are duly authorized. The Vice-President for Communications shall record the Minutes of all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the giving of all notices of all such meetings in accordance with bylaws. The Vice-President for Communications shall manage communications of Board to the to the Society's membership and community at large. The Vice-President for Communications will work closely with membership committee, treasurer, program organizers and publicity officer(s) to develop and insure consistency in the Society's several public presentations. The Vice-President for Communications shall, in general, perform such other duties as are incident to the office of Vice-President for Communications and as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice-President for Communications is appointed for a term of three years and may serve consecutive terms.

*Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the Corporation, and the books and records relating to the same, and shall deposit all funds in the name of the Corporation in depositories selected by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall render to the President and Board of Directors, upon request, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform such other duties as are incident to the office of Treasurer and as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Treasurer is appointed for three years and may serve consecutive terms.

*Program Organizers.* Any member of the Society, including Officers and members of the elected Board of Directors, may be appointed to serve as a program organizer for an upcoming Annual Meeting. Ordinarily, no Program Organizer is eligible to organize a further Annual Meeting Program until three subsequent Annual Meetings have passed.

2. *Election.* As required, Officers and assistant officers shall be elected or appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors at its Fall meeting. Each officer and assistant officer shall serve a renewable three-year term, until a successor is elected and qualified or until death, resignation, or removal at any time by the Board of Directors.

3. *Vacancies.* In case of death, resignation, removal, or any other lasting disability of an officer or assistant officer to perform the office, the office will be administered by one or more of the remaining officers or assistant officers unless and until the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has appointed a succeeding officer or assistant officer.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

1. *Executive Committee.* The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate and name any of its members and the Officers to constitute an executive committee which, to the extent provided in said resolution, shall have and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business of the Corporation.

2. *Standing Committees.* Important parts of the work of the JPS Board are carried out within each of five ‘Standing Committees.’ These include: a *Financial Planning, Fund Raising, & Publicity Committee*; a *Membership Committee*; a *Nominating Committee*; a *Publications Committee*; and a *Meeting Planning Committee*. Ordinarily, the Vice-President for Communications serves as Co-Chair of the Memberships Committee; the Past-President or President Elect as the Co-Chair of the Nominations Committee; the Treasurer and Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support as Co-Chairs of the Financial Planning, Fund Raising, & Publicity Committee; the *Cognitive Development Liaison Officer* and the Editor of the Annual Meeting Series as the Co-Chairs of Publications Committee; and the Vice-President for Program Planning as the Co-Chair of the Meeting Planning Committee. The elected membership of each of these committees ordinarily includes: a) a newly elected Board member; b) a more ‘senior’ Board member who is in his or her second or third year of elected office c) an additional ‘senior’ elected Board member who serves as the committee Chair; and d) one or more other members of the Society who, while not currently elected to the Board, are designated as ‘Ex-Officio’ or ‘At Large’ Board members during their period of Committee service. Finally, and at the discretion of the Committee chairs, all Standing Committees are invited to designate co-chairs from among their committee’s “At Large” members. Committee Chairs are nominated, and other committee assignments proposed,

by the Society's *Nominating Committee*, and subsequently voted into office by resolutions passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers in attendance at the Winter Executive Meeting of the Board. Committee members who are not elected members of the Board serve (potentially renewable) one year terms of office. The Chairperson of each Standing Committee ordinarily reports directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provides regular Committee Reports to the full Board of Directors. At the discretion of the President, designated 'Ex-Officio' members of any Standing Committee may be invited to, and reimbursed for attending, Fall and Winter meetings of the Board, if the purview of that committee proves to be central to the Board's discussions.

#### *NOMINATING COMMITTEE*

The Board shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers of the Board, designate and name three or more members of the Board and two or more other members of the Society to constitute, a *Nominating Committee*. This committee is broadly charged with the duty of aiding the Board in its tasks of filling vacancies on Committees, among Officers of the Society, and on the Board of Directors itself, and of accomplishing all this in ways that are maximally responsive to the needs for the good governance of the Society, and the wishes of its members. The Nominating Committee shall: a) solicit and maintain nominations from the membership by annually posting calls for such nominations in both the Society's Web-site and electronic list-server; and b) systematically collect nominations from all current elected and ex officio members of the Board, all with the aim of generating candidates for possible election to the Board at the annual Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, and for assisting the President in filling vacancies among the officers of the Society and its various Standing Committees.

The *Nominating Committee* ordinarily includes: In addition to either the Past President or President elect as a Co-Chair: a) at least one newly elected Board member; b) a more 'senior' Board member who is serving in his or her second or third year of elected office; c) an additional 'senior' elected Board member who serves as the committee Chair; and d & e) no fewer than two other members of the Society who, while not currently elected to the Board, are designated as 'Ex-Officio' or 'At Large' Board members during their period of Committee service, and are consequently invited to attend, in an advisory capacity, those meetings of the Board that occur in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the Society. The Chair is nominated, and other committee assignments proposed, by the Society's *Nominating Committee*, and subsequently voted into office by resolutions passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers of the Board. Committee members who are not elected members of the Board serve (potentially renewable) one year terms of office. The Chair of the committee reports directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provides regular Committee Reports to the full Board.

#### *PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE*

The Board shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers of the Board, designate and name three or more members of the Board, and *two* or more other members of the Society to constitute a *Publications Committee*. This committee is broadly charged with the duty of aiding the Board in its tasks of seeing to

the publication of the special issues of the journal *Cognitive Development*, those volumes arising from each Annual Meeting, and facilitating the translation and publication of works relevant to the mission of the Society.

The *Publications Committee* ordinarily includes, in addition to the Journal Liaison Officer and CD Special Issues Editor and the Editor of the Annual Meeting Series as Co-Chairs: a) a newly elected Board member; b) two more 'senior' Board member who are serving in their second or third year of elected office; and c) no fewer than two other members of the Society who, while not currently elected to the Board are designated as 'Ex-Officio' or 'At Large' Board members during their period of Committee service and consequently are invited to attend, in an advisory capacity, those meetings of the Board that occur in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the Society. The Co-Chairs report directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provide regular Committee Reports to any of the Society's Board meetings.

#### *MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE*

The Board shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers of the board, designate and name three or more members of the Board and two or more other members of the Society to constitute, a *Meeting Planning Committee*. The current Society Vice-President for Program Planning also ordinarily sits on this committee as a Co-Chair. This committee is broadly charged with the duty of aiding the Board in its recurrent tasks of organizing an Annual Meeting that is intellectually sound, unique, compelling, timely, and reflective of the diverse wishes of the Society's membership.

It is the duty of this key committee to oversee the health of the Society's annual meeting series: a) by actively soliciting suggestions for symposium topics and speakers not only from the members of the Board, but from members of the Society as a whole; b) by regularly presenting to the board for its discussion and approval long range plans aimed at insuring an annual meeting series that best reflects the goals of the Society; and c) by taking active steps to involve Society members and others who could help secure the success of the developing annual meeting series proposals.

The *Meeting Planning Committee* ordinarily includes: in addition to the Vice-President for Program Planning as a Co-Chair a) a newly elected Board member; b) a more 'senior' Board member who is serving in his or her second or third year of elected office c) an additional 'senior' elected Board member who serves as the committee Chair; and d & e) two or more other members of the Society who, while not presently elected to the Board, are designated as 'Ex-Officio' or 'At Large' Board members during their period of Committee service, and are consequently invited to attend those meetings of the Board that occur in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society. Whenever possible, one or more of these 'Ex-Officio' members should be selected from among those centrally responsible for Local Arrangements at upcoming Annual Meeting. Committee members who are not elected members of the Board serve (renewable) one year terms of office. The elected Chairperson of the committee reports directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provide regular Committee Reports to the full Board.

*FINANCIAL PLANNING, FUND RAISING, & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE*

The Board shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the elected members and officers of the board, designate and name three or more members of the Board, the current Treasurer, and the Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support as Co-Chairs to constitute, a *Financial Planning, Fund Raising, & Publicity Committee*. This committee is broadly charged with the duty of assisting the Board in guaranteeing the financial health of the Society.

The *Committee* ordinarily includes: in addition to the current Treasurer and Vice-President for Program Arrangements and Funding Support acting as Co-Chairs: a) a newly elected Board member; and b) a more 'senior' Board member who is serving in her or his second or third year of elected office;. The Co-Chairs of the Committee report directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provide regular Committee Reports to the full Board.

*MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*

The Board shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the elected members and Officers of the board, designate and name two or more members of the Society and two or more other members of the Society to constitute, a *Membership Committee*. This committee is broadly charged with the duty of aiding the Board in its ongoing task of recruiting and maintaining a membership of adequate size and character to secure the health of the Society and achieve its interdisciplinary and international goals.

The *Membership Committee* ordinarily includes, in addition to the current Vice-President for Communications acting as a Co-Chair: a) a newly elected Board member; b) a more 'senior' Board member who is serving in her or his second or third year of elected office c) an additional 'senior' elected Board member who serves as the committee Chair; and d & e) two or more other members of the Society who, while not presently elected to the Board, are designated as 'Ex-Officio' or 'At Large' Board members during their period of Committee service, and are consequently invited to attend, in an advisory capacity, those meetings of the Board that occur in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the Society. Committee members who are not elected members of the Board serve (renewable) one year terms of office. The elected Chairperson of the committee reports directly to the Society's President (or that President's designate), and, as deemed appropriate, provide regular Committee Reports to the full Board.

**ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR**

The Fiscal and Dues year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

**ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the corporation.