

Bylaws of the Latin American Chapter of the Society for Psychotherapy Research

GOVERNANCE

Directors

1. The offices of Vice-President, President, and Past-President constitute a four-year presidential cycle. Every 2 years, (i) a Vice-President will be elected and will serve in that office for one year, after which (ii) said official becomes the President for a 2-year period, while (iii) the President becomes the Past-President for one year.

2. The President will be accompanied by a Past-President during his/her first year in office and by a Vice-President during his/her second year.

3. The Vice-President will be elected according to the following method:

[a] The candidates for the position of Vice-President must be members in good standing of the chapter.

[b] Every two years a Nominating Committee, comprised by three Past-Presidents will nominate two candidates who have agreed to stand for election to the office of Vice-President. Each nomination will have to be seconded by a member in good standing who is not a member of the Nominating Committee.

[c] One or two additional candidates who agree to stand for election to the office of Vice-President may be spontaneously nominated and seconded by members in good standing of the chapter, which requires that a nomination period be opened.

[d] Every two years, in June, the president in office will call for an election in which all members in good standing will be able to vote.

Alongside the call for the election, the President will submit a statement of not more than 500 words by the several candidates about their qualifications for office and their proposed policies for the Society.

[e] The count of the votes will be conducted by the President and another member in good standing designated by the President.

[f] The election for Vice-President will require a simple majority.

[g] The President will inform the directors of the chapter and the candidates of the election result immediately, and all members of the Society in the next published Newsletter.

4. The functions of the officers during the presidential cycle will be as follows:

[a] The duties of the Vice-President will be: (i) to serve as a member of the Regional Executive Council; (ii) to organize the Scientific Program of the Regional Conference,

together with the local host; (iii) to assume other duties as may be assigned by the President.

[b] The duties of the President will be: (i) to participate in the Executive Council of the SPR, during two years, representing the Latin American Chapter; (ii) to participate in the organization of the Annual International Meeting; (iii) to inform SPR members about activities and matters concerning the Society; (iv) to preside over the regional Executive Council; (v) to manage the funds of the chapter, being accountable for said management to the international Executive Council.

[c] The duties of the Past-President will be: (i) to serve as member of the regional Executive Council; (ii) to assume the office and duties of the President or the Vice-President in the event of the incapacity or resignation of either of those officers; (iii) to chair the regional Student Travel Awards Committee; (iv) to assume other duties as may be assigned by the President.

5. [a] In the event of the incapacity or resignation of the Vice-President, the Executive Council will request nominations for two candidates for that office, and the President will call for an anticipated election.

[b] In the event of the incapacity or resignation of the President, the Past-President will assume the duties of the President for the remainder of that term, while continuing to serve as Past-President.

[c] In the event of the incapacity or resignation of the Past-President, the regional Executive Council will select one of the previous Past-Presidents to complete the rest of the period.

Addendum: Timetable to generate a 2-person structure

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	...
Vice-President	election B	B1	election C	C1	election D	D1	election E	...
President	<u>A2</u>	<u>A3</u>	<u>B2</u>	<u>B3</u>	<u>C2</u>	<u>C3</u>	<u>D2</u>	...
Past-President			A4		B4		C4	...

The number indicates the year of work, out of a total of 4.

The underlined text indicates who will attend the international meetings of the Executive Council.

In 2015, the next Vice-President should be elected in order to initiate the sequence.