

BY-LAWS  
of the  
SOCIETY FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY RESEARCH

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

**Proposed Revision:**

**B. Area Affiliates**

1) Creation of Area Affiliates:

[a] To qualify as an area affiliate a proposal for formation must define the geographic areas which it represents and present to the Executive Committee a petition for formation signed by at least half of the SPR members residing in the area, bylaws for the group, and certification that all officers of the area affiliate are members of SPR in good standing.

[b] The EC will ratify formation of the area affiliate if these conditions are met and a majority of the EC approves.

[c] The area affiliate will belong to one of the SPR chapters, determined by geographical area or if chapter is not so determined, chapter will be determined by the EC.

2) Prerogatives of Area Affiliates:

[a] Area affiliates may conduct activities consistent with their bylaws and the mission of SPR and activities may involve non-SPR members.

[b] Area affiliates may collect dues from their members, whether or not they are SPR members.

[c] Area affiliates have the right to use the SPR logo, to indicate that they are a group affiliate of SPR, and to conduct other activities as approved by the Executive Committee of SPR.

3) Area Affiliates responsibilities:

[a] Each area affiliate must make a yearly report to the Chapter to which it belongs. The report shall contain a description of all activities, a list of members, a financial report, and other topics as determined by the chapter.

[b] Ten percent of dues collected by the area affiliate must be paid yearly to SPR, and these proceeds will be split equally between the chapter and SPR.

4) Decertification as an area affiliate: An area affiliate can be decertified as determined by the Executive Committee of SPR, on the basis of any of the following:

[a] Failure to follow the rules and responsibilities delineated herewith.

[b] Failure to pay proportion of dues as required

[c] A petition for decertification is signed by 40 percent of the SPR members residing in the area.

5) All existing area groups at the time that this constitutional amendment is adopted shall automatically be area affiliates, but will be bound by all provisions of this section.

**From SPR Current By-laws: requirements for establishing an area group**

**B. Area Groups.**

1) Area Groups may be formed by members residing in a specific area who meet on a continuing basis to discuss psychotherapy research or to engage in other activities consistent with the Society's Constitution and By-Laws.

2) Each Area Group shall select one of its members to serve as Liaison to the Society and to the Regional Chapter. The Liaison shall inform the Executive Officer and the Regional Chapter annually of the Area Group's activities.

