

# BYLAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BASAL GANGLIA SOCIETY – JUNE 2023 (LAST REVISION)

## Article 0. PREAMBLE

These Bylaws, approved at the IBAGS General Meeting, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, supersede the previous Bylaws approved at the Long Branch General Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Article I. NAME

The name of the Society shall be the International Basal Ganglia Society to be abbreviated to IBAGS.

## Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be:

- Section 1. Advance the understanding of the structure and function of the normal and diseased basal ganglia;
- Section 2. Bring together researchers from all countries and from various scientific disciplines working in the field of basal ganglia;
- Section 3. Inform the general public of results and implications of current research in this area.

## Article III. LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language of the Society.

## Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Members. The Society shall consist of three classes of members: Regular, Student, and Lifetime.
- Section 2. Regular Members. Anyone from any country who is interested in research relating to the basal ganglia and associated structures is eligible for membership in IBAGS. Regular Membership will be automatically conferred to any applicant upon receipt of the appropriate membership dues at the time of registration for the Triennial meeting.
- Section 3. Student Members. Students enrolled in doctoral or pre-doctoral programs at any degree-granting institution in any country are eligible for Student Membership. Upon registering to the Triennial meeting, student members may be asked to prove their student eligibility by e-mailing or mailing a copy of their student ID, a grade transcript no more than one semester old, and/or a letter from their mentor attesting to the fact that the applicant is a student (the request of such certificates will be at the discretion of the organizing committee in charge of the meeting). Student Membership shall terminate at the end of the first triennial period in which the student

becomes eligible for regular membership after completing or otherwise leaving the doctoral program.

Section 4. Lifetime Members. After a nomination by Council or the President, the Council may elect IBAGS members or non-members as Lifetime Members in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement of the purposes of the Society. Lifetime Members shall have all the privileges of Regular Members.

Lifetime members are appointed in conjunction with each IBAGS Triennial Meeting (1-2 lifetime members per meeting). The chosen nominees are to be informed about their lifetime membership award no later than the opening day of meeting registrations.

Section 5. Eligibility to vote and hold office. Only Regular and Lifetime Members are eligible to vote. Only Regular and Lifetime Members may hold office.

Section 6. Dues and Assessments. IBAGS members are requested to pay the IBAGS meeting dues as a regular or student participant. Lifetime members are exempt from these dues only on the meeting edition when they receive their Lifetime Member title. Any activities convening between IBAGS meetings are chargeable individually, as they arise, to cover the related expenses.

Section 7. Duration of membership: By registering at a Triennial IBAGS meeting and paying the meeting dues as a regular or student participant, a professional or student is automatically included in the list of IBAGS members until the next-to-the-next Triennial IBAGS meeting. Lifetime members continue to be included in the list of IBAGS members whether or not they participate in further IBAGS meetings.

In extraordinary circumstances Council may expel from the Society a Member whose actions are counter to the purposes of the Society. The said Member shall be given written notice of expulsion with the reasons stated therein, and shall have the right to appeal to Council.

## **Article V. MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Triennial IBAGS Meeting. IBAGS will hold a general meeting approximately once every third year. On the first day of the current IBAGS meeting, the Council shall hold a meeting, chaired by the current President, to discuss the matters to be presented at the General Business meeting (see also Article V, Section 3; Article VII, Section 3).

Section 2. Organisation of Triennial IBAGS Meeting. General meetings shall have a single scientific program with no parallel sessions. Scientific and social events should be held in the same place in order to encourage interpersonal communication. Poster sessions shall be given the same status as platform presentations with no parallel sessions. Ample time shall be allowed for poster viewing and discussion.

Section 3. General Business Meeting. The business of the Society shall be transacted at the General Business Meeting that shall be held during the Triennial IBAGS Meeting, usually on the last day. The General Business meeting shall be presided over by the President, who along with the Secretary and Treasurer will report to the membership on current membership, finances and other relevant business.

Meeting participants will be invited to submit nominations for the location of IBAGS Triennial Meeting in 6 years' time. Nominations from the floor will be presented and discussed. At the completion of the discussion, voting shall take place either by closed ballot or via electronic survey. Voting by show of hands can be applied if convenient and appropriate. The Secretary will be in charge of tallying the votes. Thereafter, the country receiving the largest number of votes shall be announced as the site for the IBAGS meeting in 6 years' time.

After the general business meeting, the Council shall nominate and select candidates for the President-elect and Secretary-elect, who shall be residents of the country nominated for meeting to be held in 6 years' time.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. The Secretary or the President of the IBAGS shall give notice of the next IBAGS Meeting and any special meetings of the membership as a whole by e-mailing all current IBAGS members a notice stating the place, day and time of the meeting and posting it on the IBAGS web site (see Article V, Section 5). In case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting is called will be clearly stated. Notice of special meetings shall be made not less than thirty days before the meeting date.

Section 5 IBAGS Website. The Society shall maintain a permanent web site for the purposes of maintaining and disseminating information about the Society and the triennial IBAGS meetings. The President shall be responsible for the maintenance of the web site, which shall contain, at a minimum, a copy of the current IBAGS bylaws, a list of the current Officers and Council membership, and information about the next triennial meeting as soon as such information becomes available. Other contents (including a section for posting jobs in basal ganglia research and/or other material related to the interests of IBAGS) may be included at the President's discretion.

## **Article VI. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The Presidential Officers (President, Past-President, President-Elect). The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, shall preside at meetings of Council and Business Meeting of the Society, shall be responsible for executing policies determined by Council, shall act as spokesperson for the Society, and shall see that all Orders and Resolutions of Council are carried into effect. The President, assisted by the Secretary, is the organizer of the next meeting of the Society. The Past-President, Past-Secretary, the President-Elect, and the Secretary-Elect shall assist the President when necessary. The Past President shall take precedence over

the President-Elect in substituting for the President. All officers are required to be Regular Members of the Society (Article IV, Section 2).

- Section 2. Nomination of Officers. Candidates for Office shall be nominated from the current list of Regular or Lifetime Members by Council.
- Section 3. Election and Succession of Presidential Officers. The next President-Elect shall be a resident of the country selected to host the triennial IBAGS meeting in 6 years' time and will be elected after choosing the venue of such meeting according to the procedure described in Article V, Section 3. The former President-Elect shall assume office as President no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the Triennial IBAGS meeting. At the same time that the President-Elect becomes President, the previous President shall become Past-President and the previous Secretary shall become Past-Secretary.
- Section 4. The Secretary. The Secretary shall assist in carrying out the functions of the Society under the direction of Council. The Secretary shall assist the President, particularly in the organization of the next meeting, shall be responsible for the minutes of all Council meetings, the General Business Meeting, and any special meetings. The Secretary shall have signatory powers and jointly with the President shall maintain and have custody of the records of the Society. The Secretary-Elect shall be nominated by Council and elected following the same procedures as for the nomination and election of the President-Elect, and shall be a member of Council. The Secretary shall preferably be a resident of the nation selected to be the seat of the next meeting. The Secretary, or the President, shall be responsible for mailing any postal ballots where applicable. Such ballots shall be retained and available for examination by the membership for six months after each election.
- Section 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies and valuable effects in the name and the credit of the Society, and for full and accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Society. The Treasurer shall have signatory powers and shall disburse the funds of the Society as may be ordered by Council. The Treasurer shall render to the President and the Council at its regular meetings, or when Council so requires, an account of the financial transactions and status of the Society. The Treasurer shall be nominated by Council and elected using the same procedures as for electing the President-Elect.
- Section 6. Vacancies. Should the office of President become vacant, the Secretary (or another Regular member of the same country whom the Secretary may deem appropriate) shall become President after a simple majority vote by Council. Should the office of Secretary become vacant, a new Secretary shall be nominated by the President and voted by Council by simple majority of votes. Should the position of President-Elect become vacant, a replacement shall be elected by the same procedure with a corresponding possible change in venue. In the event the office of Treasurer becomes

vacant, Council shall elect a new Treasurer for the remainder of the period by majority vote.

Section 7. Removal from Office. An Officer who is found to carry out the duties of office in a manner counter to the interests of the Society may be removed from the office by written vote of seven of the twelve Councilors (see Article VII, Section 1).

## **Article VII. COUNCIL**

Section 1. Council. The Council shall be the governing body of the Society. It shall consist of 12 elected Councilors plus the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary, Past-Secretary, Secretary-Elect, and Treasurer. Each member of the Council shall be entitled to one vote, except for the Officer chairing the meeting, who shall vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum of Council shall consist of ten of the nineteen Members.

Section 3. Meetings. Council shall meet on the first day of each Triennial General Meeting. Functions at this Council meeting shall include (but not be limited to) nominations for, (i) the country to host the Triennial meeting in 6 years' time, (ii) the officers for that meeting, and (iii) the Councilors for upcoming 3 year term. Any action required of or permitted to be taken by Council might be taken without a meeting if agreed to by a majority of e-mailed votes. By unanimous vote, the Council can specify the practical interpretation of the Bylaws.

Section 4. Nomination of Councilors. Councilors are ordinarily elected for a single three-year term, but are offered the opportunity to serve one additional term (for a maximum total period of 6 years) if interested and available. Council shall nominate a slate of candidates indicating the Councilors proposed for re-election and new candidates. The proposed slate should reflect a balance among major geographic regions and scientific disciplines. No more than two Councilors (excluding IBAGS officers) can be resident of the same country. In the national representation, the proposed slate should take into account the fact that the President, Secretary, and Treasurer are Members of the Council with voting rights. Additional candidates for Council may be nominated and seconded by voting members at the General Business Meeting.

Section 5. Election of Councilors. Councilors shall be nominated as described in Article VII, Sections 3 and 4, and elected at the General Business Meeting as described in Article V, Section 3.

Section 6. Vacancies. All vacancies in Councilors positions that occur between the regular IBAGS meetings shall be filled by nomination by the President from the list of Regular Members and election by Council by simple majority of votes.

Section 7. Removal from Office. A Councilor who is found to carry out the duties of office in a manner counter to the interested of the Society may be removed from office by written vote of seven members of the Council.

#### **Article VIII. COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Formation. Council may appoint committees to act for Council for special purposes, designating their duties and powers in the resolution of appointment. Such resolution may be adopted by a majority of the Councilors in Office. The President, with the approval of the Council, may also appoint special committees, designating the Members and Chairpersons, as well as the function of these committees. Unless reappointed by the incoming President, such special committees shall cease to function upon the conclusion of the term of the President who appointed them.

#### **Article IX. PUBLICATIONS**

Section 1. Publication. The Society, at the direction of the Council, may arrange for publication of the proceedings of the General Meeting in any form.

#### **Article X. FISCAL YEAR**

Section 1. Period. The fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of the following December.

Section 2. Treasurer's Report. A report of the fiscal state of the Society shall be made by the Treasurer to the President either annually or whenever requested by Council.

#### **Article XI. AMENDMENTS**

On resolution by majority of the Council, these Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of votes cast at the General Business Meeting of the Society (see Article V, Section 3). Changes in the Bylaws shall go into effect following their adoption at the General Business Meeting of the Society.

#### **Article XII. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Society, title to the possession of all the property of the incorporated Society shall pass forthwith to such organization or organizations qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States International Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or its equivalent, that in the opinion of the Council is/are best fitted to carry on the purposes of the International Basal Ganglia Society.