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4 **Bylaws for**
5 **The Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinities**
6 **Division 51 of the American Psychological Association**

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9 **ARTICLE 1. Name and Purposes**

10 Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be The Society for the
11 Psychological Study of Men and Masculinities (SPSMM), a Division of the American
12 Psychological Association.

13 Section 2. Purposes. It shall be the purposes of SPSMM to promote advances in both
14 scientific and applied psychology that shall be focused on (1) enhancing psychological
15 understanding of male behavior and experience, (2) developing intervention strategies for
16 responding to maladaptive behavior patterns in boys and men, (3) fostering empathic dialogue
17 between the genders, and (4) advocating for public policy and social change initiatives derived
18 from scientific and professional investigation and practice aimed at expanding the options for
19 male role behavior and improving the quality of boys' and men's lives. To achieve its purposes,
20 SPSMM shall engage in: the promotion of scientific inquiry; the establishment of
21 publications; the identification of funding support for investigators; the sponsorship of
22 information exchange; the education of the public concerning issues of men and masculinities,
23 and such other activities as agreed upon by the Board of Directors and consistent with the aims
24 of this Society.

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27 **ARTICLE II. Members**

28 Section 1. Classes of members. There shall be four classes of members in the Society:
29 Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates. The requirements for these classes shall be as
30 provided by the Bylaws of the American Psychological Association. The designation of each
31 class and the qualifications and rights of each class shall be as follows.

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34 a. Fellows: Members nominated to become Fellows in the Society must provide evidence
35 to the Fellows Committee of unusual and outstanding contributions to the psychology of men.
36 Fellows of the Division must be elected as Division Fellows according to the process set forth in
37 APA's Bylaws and Association Rules.

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39 b. Members and Associate Members: Members and Associate Members of the American
40 Psychological Association may be admitted to like classes of membership in the Society.

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42 c. Student Affiliates: Graduate student member status according to APA's Bylaws and
43 Association Rules.

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45 d. Affiliates: Any person interest in participating in the affairs and in supporting the aims
46 and purposes of the Society and not otherwise qualified to be a Fellow, Associate Member,
47 Member, or Student Affiliate shall be eligible to be elected as an Affiliate of SPSMM.

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Section 2. Voting and Other Rights. Each Fellow, Member, and Associate Member with voting privileges in the APA, shall be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the members, and serve on committees or special interest groups. Non-voting Associate Members and Affiliates shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 3. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing. Termination of membership may occur of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, including by defaulting on the payment of dues for the period fixed in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Resignation. A member may resign at will, but such resignation shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 5. Reinstatement. Upon written request by a former member filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may reinstate such former member with a two-thirds majority vote of the full Board, who was otherwise qualified as per Sections 1a, b, or c to membership upon any such terms as the Board of Directors deem appropriate.

ARTICLE III. Meeting of Members

Section 1. Regular Meetings. An annual meeting of the members shall be held concurrently with the annual convention of the American Psychological Association for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. For the purposes of these Bylaws, the annual convention of the American Psychological Association shall be construed to mean two days prior to the convention through two days after it.

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Section 8. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this Society is not transferable or assignable.⁴

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Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings ~~of the Board~~ may be called by ~~the President~~, Special meetings shall be held within a reasonable period of time after receipt of a valid request or on the particular date proposed in the request.

Section 3. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may designate any place as the place of the meeting.

Section 4. Proxies. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 5. Manner of Acting. A majority of the votes entitled to be cast, on a matter to be voted upon by the members present, at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be necessary for the adoption thereof unless a greater proportion is required by these Bylaws. Except in cases where mail ballots are permitted under these Bylaws, voting may be accomplished by closed written ballot or by a roll call of the members, but if a closed written ballot is requested by at least 10% of the membership then a closed written ballot shall be taken.

Section 6. Voting. Where the Board of Directors or officers are to be elected by members, such election may be conducted by mail or electronic ballot. On all other matters, voting may be conducted by mail or electronic ballot if such a ballot is requested by two or more members of the Board of Directors or requested in writing by fifteen percent of the members of the Society. In such cases, the Secretary shall ~~provide information about~~ the matter to be voted on to each eligible member within a reasonable time following the request for a ballot accompanied by, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, statements in favor of or and opposed to the motion.

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Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating the place, day, hour, and the proposed agenda of any regular meetings shall be delivered by mail to each voting member not less than thirty, nor more than ninety days before the date of such meeting. In case of a special meeting, or when required by these Bylaws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice and such notice shall be delivered by mail to each voting member not less than seven days before the date of such meeting. The notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Society, with postage thereon prepaid.¶

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Section 5. Informal Action by Members. Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the members, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of members, may be taken without a meeting with the consent of a majority of the members.¶

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Section 6. Quorum. No less than one-quarter of the voting members shall constitute a quorum of any meeting. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of members present may adjourn the meeting without further notice.¶

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ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers. The Board of Directors shall be elected representatives of the members of the Society. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by its Board of Directors, provided, however, that any single disbursement, proposed for the first time, of an amount greater than 50% of the prior year's dues income must first be approved by a majority of the Society's members by a vote in the form of which shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors not inconsistent with the methods of voting prescribed in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to accept gifts on behalf of the Society and may enter into agreements concerning the use of such gifts without further ratification by members of the Society. Any actions taken on behalf of the Society by the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of the membership shall not conflict with these Bylaws nor any recorded votes of the membership. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to adopt a set of Policies and Procedures to define the day-to-day operation of the Society, provided that it does not conflict with these Bylaws.

Section 2. Number, Tenure and Organization: The number of members of the Board of Directors shall be eleven, plus any Representatives to the APA Council of Representatives to which the Society is entitled as a result of the annual APA apportionment ballot. The Board shall include the five officers of the Society, ~~six Members-at-Large, and Representative(s)~~ to the APA Council of Representatives. New Board members shall assume office ~~during the annual convention of the American Psychological Association of the year they were elected~~ unless the Board shall designate some other time. Consecutive service in any one position on the Board of Directors shall be limited to two terms. Incumbents who have served two such terms shall not then be eligible to serve again in ~~the position they are vacating~~ without at least a year's break in service.

Members-at-Large: There shall be six Members-at-Large, who shall be elected by the membership each for a two-year term. ~~Six member-at-Large positions shall be allocated, one each for women, racial/ethnic minorities, sexual and gender minorities, early career psychologists, students, and one open position.~~ The student Member-at-Large shall be elected by ~~the full division membership.~~ The early career psychologist Member-at-Large ~~shall have ECP status defined by APA policy.~~ The two-year terms shall be staggered so that the terms of two Members-at-Large expire each year.

APA Council Representatives: Each year the Society shall elect that number of Representatives to APA Council necessary to fill vacancies created by the ending of terms of incumbent Council Representatives and/or vacancies created by changes brought about by the annual APA apportionment ballot. Consistent with APA Bylaws, any Representative to APA Council must be a Member or Fellow of the Association and are ordinarily elected for a three-year term. The Representatives to APA Council shall perform those duties as specified in APA's Bylaws and Association Rules. Representatives to APA Council shall be voting members of the Board of Directors. They shall be responsible for informing the Board of Directors of significant actions taken by APA Council. ~~In the event that apportionment changes and one or more positions are removed, the most senior member will rotate off.~~

Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee ~~comprised of certain members of the~~ Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Society (President, President-

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268 matters it deems urgent provided that it does not exceed annual budget allocations or set new
269 policy. Should the Executive Committee declare an emergency requiring immediate action, a
270 mail, email, or telephone ballot may be taken on such emergency matters from the full Board of
271 Directors. Votes occurring asynchronously (e.g., via email) require a unanimous vote to pass.

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273 Section 3. Elections. Members of the Board of Directors of the Society shall be elected
274 by the voting members of the Society voting in accordance with APA policy for division
275 elections. Nominations for elected positions on the Board of Directors shall be solicited from the
276 membership by the Committee on Nominations and Elections for any office for which there is to
277 be a vacancy in that year.

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279 Section 4. Regular Meetings. One regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held
280 without other notice than this Bylaw. At the call of the President, the Secretary shall inform
281 Board members of the precise date of the meeting, to be held immediately preceding or during
282 the Society's Annual members meeting. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the
283 time and place for holding of additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors without
284 other notice than such resolution.

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286 Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by
287 or at the request of the President or a majority of the members of the Board. Requests for such
288 meeting shall be made to the President, and such meetings shall be held within a reasonable
289 period of time after receipt of request or on the particular date specified in the request. The
290 President shall decide the place of the special meeting or may hold the special meeting by
291 means of a conference call or by any means of communication by which all persons
292 participating in the meeting are able to communicate with one another.

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294 Section 6. Notice. Notice of any special meetings shall be given to the members of the
295 Society at a time and in a manner reasonably calculated to inform members of such meetings.
296 Any Board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Board member at any
297 meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice for such meeting, except where a Board member
298 attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because
299 the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted nor the
300 purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the
301 notice of waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by these Bylaws.
302 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to any member of the Society provided that,
303 upon a majority vote of the Board, an executive session may be called.

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305 Section 7. Quorum. The presence of a majority of the elected members of the Board
306 eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the
307 Board.

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309 Section 8. Proxies. Proxy voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall not be
310 permitted.

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312 Section 9. Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the Directors who are eligible to
313 vote and are present at a meeting at which the quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of
314 Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by these Bylaws.

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316 Section 10. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the elected members of the Board of
317 Directors because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by
318 appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term. Resignations shall

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Board member at his/her address as shown by the records of the Society or twenty days previous thereto by oral notice delivered by telephone. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telephone, such notice must be communicated personally.

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372 Section 11. Removal. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its
373 members, may remove a member of the Board for cause after an appropriate hearing.

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375 Section 12. Compensation. Members of the Board of Directors as such shall not receive
376 any compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board, reasonable expenses of
377 attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board
378 or of the members.

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380 Section 13. Informal Action by Board of Directors. Any action required by law to be
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the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all members of the Board of Directors.

Section 14. Parliamentary Authority. Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the parliamentary authority for the Society shall be the latest edition of Keesey's *Modern Parliamentary Procedure*.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Society shall be a President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, and a Secretary. No two offices shall be held by the same person. Detailed responsibilities for each position are located in the Division 51 Governance Handbook.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Society shall be elected by voting members of the Society consistent with APA policy and procedures. Each officer shall hold office until their successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. Newly elected officers shall assume office on the first day of the annual convention of the American Psychological Association of the year they were elected, unless the Board shall designate some other time.

Section 3. President. The President shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society who has just completed their term of office as President-Elect, and shall serve for one year.

Section 4. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society, elected for a term of one year.

Section 5. Past President. The Past President shall be the most recently retired president and shall serve for one year as a member of the Board of Directors with vote. They must also retain their APA membership while holding this office.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society, and shall serve for two years. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 9. Secretary. The Secretary shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society, and shall serve for two years.

Section 10. Compensation. Officers as such shall not receive any compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, reasonable expenses, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board or the members.

ARTICLE VI. Committees

Section 1. Committees of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board, may delegate such powers to committees as it deems proper, except that no committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering or repealing the Bylaws; electing, appointing, or removing any member of any such committee or any Board member or officer of the Society; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another Society; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Society; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the Society or revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the Society; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the

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Section 4. Removal. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all its members, may remove any officer for cause after an appropriate hearing.¶

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557 Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed
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559 relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual, of any responsibility imposed upon it or him/her
560 by law.

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562 Section 2. The Board of Directors may from time to time create and terminate
563 committees, task forces, work groups and liaisons as it deems necessary for the conduct of other
564 Society business. A list of standing and ad hoc committees and special interest groups, including
565 detailed information about roles and responsibilities, are available in the Division 51 Governance
566 Handbook.

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568 Section 3. Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the
569 term of office, as designated by the Board of Directors, has been completed and until their
570 successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member
571 be removed from such committee by two-thirds vote of the Board, or unless such member shall
572 cease to qualify as a member thereof, or unless otherwise provided by these Bylaws.

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574 Section 4. Chairperson. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President with
575 the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, and serve at the pleasure of the President. Each
576 Chairperson's term of office expires at the end of the President's term, and Chairpersons must be
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582 **ARTICLE VII. Assessments**

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584 Section 1. Annual Assessment. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time
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586 additional revenues are required during a fiscal year, the Board of Directors may request
587 ratification for a special assessment from a majority of members voting by electronic or mail
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590 Section 2. Default and Termination of Membership. Non-payment of dues can result
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593 **ARTICLE VIII. Amendment to Bylaws**

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595 These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a
596 two-thirds vote of the members responding by mail or electronic ballot. Amendments may be
597 proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition submitted to the Secretary and
598 signed by 20% of the members of the Society in good standing. All amendments must be
599 consistent with APA Bylaws. Mail ballots on Bylaws amendments shall be deemed to be
600 delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at their address as it
601 appears on the record of the Society, with postage thereon prepaid. Such ballots shall be returned
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Section 3. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall consist of the Committee Chairperson and three other members. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The members shall be nominated by the Chairperson and appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall serve for terms of three years and shall be eligible to succeed themselves for one additional term, with two members retiring and being replaced each year. Initial appointment for one member shall be one year, for one other member for two years, and for one other member for three years, with such designation at the discretion of the.

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