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3 **Bylaws for**
4 **The Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinities**
5 **Division 51 of the American Psychological Association**
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7 **ARTICLE 1. Name and Purposes**
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9 Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be The Society for the
10 Psychological Study of Men and Masculinities (SPSMM), a Division of the American
11 Psychological Association.
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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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26 **ARTICLE II. Members**
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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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33 a. Fellows: Members nominated to become Fellows in the Society must provide evidence
34 to the Fellows Committee of unusual and outstanding contributions to the psychology of men.
35 Fellows of the Division must be elected as Division Fellows according to the process set forth in
36 APA's Bylaws and Association Rules.
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38 b. Members and Associate Members: Members and Associate Members of the American
39 Psychological Association may be admitted to like classes of membership in the Society.
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41 c. Student Affiliates: Graduate student member status according to APA's Bylaws and
42 Association Rules.
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44 d. Affiliates: Any person interest in participating in the affairs and in supporting the aims
45 and purposes of the Society and not otherwise qualified to be a Fellow, Associate Member,
46 Member, or Student Affiliate shall be eligible to be elected as an Affiliate of SPSMM.
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48 Section 2. Voting and Other Rights. Each Fellow, Member, and Associate Member with
49 voting privileges in the APA shall be entitled to vote on any matter submitted to a vote of the
50 members, and serve on committees or special interest groups. Non-voting Associate Members and
51 Affiliates shall not be entitled to vote.
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53 Section 3. Termination of Membership. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of
54 two-thirds of the full Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate
55 hearing. Termination of membership may occur if any member who becomes ineligible for

56 membership, including by defaulting on the payment of dues for the period fixed in these Bylaws.

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

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

66 67 **ARTICLE III. Meeting of Members**

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

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

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

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

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

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

98 99 **ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors**

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

111 of the membership. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to adopt a set of Policies and
112 Procedures to define the day-to-day operation of the Society, provided that it does not conflict
113 with these Bylaws.

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

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

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

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145 Executive Committee: There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of certain
146 members of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers
147 of the Society (President, President-Elect, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer). The Executive
148 Committee shall conduct such affairs of the Society between meetings of the Board of Directors
149 as may be needed, and may act on matters it deems urgent provided that it does not exceed
150 annual budget allocations or set new policy. Should the Executive Committee declare an
151 emergency requiring immediate action, a mail, email, or telephone ballot may be taken on such
152 emergency matters from the full Board of Directors. Votes occurring asynchronously (e.g., via
153 email) require a unanimous vote to pass.

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

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

166 other notice than such resolution.

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

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176 Section 6. Notice. Notice of any special meetings shall be given to the members of the
177 Society at a time and in a manner reasonably calculated to inform members of such meetings.
178 Any Board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Board member at any
179 meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice for such meeting, except where a Board member
180 attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because
181 the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted nor the
182 purpose of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the
183 notice of waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by these Bylaws.
184 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to any member of the Society provided that,
185 upon a majority vote of the Board, an executive session may be called.

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

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

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

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198 Section 10. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the elected members of the Board of
199 Directors because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by
200 appointment by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term. Resignations shall
201 be in writing and addressed to the President.

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

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

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211 Section 13. Informal Action by Board of Directors. Any action required by law to be
212 taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of
213 the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the
214 action so taken, shall be signed by all members of the Board of Directors.

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

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221 **ARTICLE V. Officers**

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223 Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Society shall be a President, President-Elect, Past
224 President, Treasurer, and a Secretary. No two offices shall be held by the same person. Detailed
225 responsibilities for each position are located in the Division 51 Governance Handbook.
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227 Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Society shall be elected by
228 voting members of the Society consistent with APA policy and procedures. Each officer shall
229 hold office until their successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified. Newly
230 elected officers shall assume office on the first day of the annual convention of the American
231 Psychological Association of the year they were elected unless the Board shall designate some
232 other time.
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234 Section 3. President. The President shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society who has
235 just completed their term of office as President-Elect, and shall serve for one year.
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237 Section 4. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society,
238 elected for a term of one year.
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240 Section 5. Past President. The Past President shall be the most recently retired president
241 and shall serve for one year as a member of the Board of Directors with vote. They must also
242 retain their APA membership while holding this office.
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244 Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society, and shall
245 serve for two years. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the
246 faithful discharge of their duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of
247 Directors shall determine.
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249 Section 9. Secretary. The Secretary shall be a Member or Fellow of the Society, and shall
250 serve for two years.
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252 Section 10. Compensation. Officers as such shall not receive any compensation for their
253 services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, reasonable expenses, if any, may be
254 allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board or the members
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256 **ARTICLE VI. Committees**

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258 Section 1. Committees of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by resolution
259 adopted by a majority of the Board, may delegate such powers to committees as it deems proper,
260 except that no committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to
261 amending, altering or repealing the Bylaws; electing, appointing, or removing any member of any
262 such committee or any Board member or officer of the Society; adopting a plan of merger or
263 adopting a plan of consolidation with another Society; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange or
264 mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Society; authorizing the
265 voluntary dissolution of the Society or revoking proceedings therefor; adopting a plan for the
266 distribution of the assets of the Society; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the
267 Board of Directors which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed
268 by such committee or task group. The delegation of authority to a Committee shall not operate to
269 relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual, of any responsibility imposed upon it or him/her
270 by law.
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272 Section 2. The Board of Directors may from time to time create and terminate
273 committees, task forces, work groups and liaisons as it deems necessary for the conduct of other
274 Society business. A list of standing and ad hoc committees and special interest groups, including
275 detailed information about roles and responsibilities, are available in the Division 51 Governance

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

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284 Section 4. Chairperson. Committee Chairs are appointed by the President with
285 the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, and serve at the pleasure of the President. Each
286 Chairperson's term of office expires at the end of the President's term, and Chairpersons must be
287 reappointed or replaced by the next President. The Chair of any committee shall vote only in the
288 case of a tie.

289 290 **ARTICLE VII. Assessments**

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292 Section 1. Annual Assessment. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time
293 the amount of the annual assessment payable to the Society by members. In the event that
294 additional revenues are required during a fiscal year, the Board of Directors may request
295 ratification for a special assessment from a majority of members voting by electronic or mail
296 ballot.

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298 Section 2. Default and Termination of Membership. Non-payment of dues can result
299 in termination of membership.

300 301 **ARTICLE VIII. Amendment to Bylaws**

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303 These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a
304 two-thirds vote of the members responding by mail or electronic ballot. Amendments may be
305 proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition submitted to the Secretary and
306 signed by 20% of the members of the Society in good standing. All amendments must be
307 consistent with APA Bylaws. Mail ballots on Bylaws amendments shall be deemed to be
308 delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at their address as it
309 appears on the record of the Society, with postage thereon prepaid. Such ballots shall be returned
310 within thirty days of that date. If approved, the amendments would take effect on the date
311 specified on the ballot.