

Article I - Membership.

- 1.1 Membership is open to any person or Robert Morris University student who shares the concerns and objectives outlined in the constitution. Applicants shall be admitted to membership upon completion of a standard membership form and tender of the first year's dues, in an amount to be decided by the officers. Continuing membership will be granted upon the payment of annual dues in an amount to be set by the Officers. There is no limit to the number of members the group may admit.
- 1.2. The group shall keep a membership roster with the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail of each member. Such roster shall be kept by one or more of the Officers and shall be used only for purposes directly related to the business of the group.
- 1.3. A member of this group is not, as such, personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the group.
- 1.4. No member may transfer membership or any right arising there from. All rights of membership cease upon the member's removal from the membership rolls.
- 1.5. There shall be five classes of membership: Probationary, Regular, Associate, Honorary, and Alumni.
 - a) Probationary members shall be Robert Morris University students who, in addition to having completed a standard membership form and tendered the first year's dues, are either first-semester Freshmen, or regular members who have been placed on probation for failing to meet the minimum GPA of 2.5 required of all members of the Psychology Club. Probationary members retain their voting rights unless they fail to achieve the minimum GPA after one semester of probationary member status. Voting rights will be reinstated once the probationary member achieves the minimum GPA.
 - b) Regular members shall be Robert Morris University students who have completed a standard membership form and tender of the first year's dues. Each regular member will have one (1) vote. Regular membership will be the most common form of membership.
 - c) Associate members shall be persons or entities who do not qualify under (a), above, but who have an interest and/or expertise in the stated purpose of the group and have been deemed by the officers to have special abilities to support or counsel the group. Associate members complete a standard membership form but have no vote and pay no dues. Members may nominate individuals for consideration as associate members, with the final determination of membership status to be made by the officers.
 - d) Honorary members shall be persons deemed by the group to have made extraordinary contributions to areas of interest to the group in general, as deemed by the officers. Honorary members have no vote and pay no dues. Members may nominate individuals for consideration as honorary members with the final determination of membership status to be made by the officers.
 - e) Alumni members are students that have graduated from Robert Morris University but still play an active part in the functioning of the Psychology Club. They do not hold office, do not pay dues, nor do they have voting rights. Alumni members are allowed to attend meetings and participate in activities and events sponsored by the Psychology Club.

- 1.6. The membership of a member shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:
 - a) Upon a determination of the officers that the member has engaged in conduct materially prejudicial to the interests and purposes of the group;
 - b) Upon the member's resignation in writing;
 - c) Upon a failure to renew his or her membership by paying dues on or before their due date, such termination to be effective thirty days after written notice of delinquency is mailed or emailed to such member. A member may avoid termination by paying the amount of the delinquent dues within thirty days of the notice of delinquency;
 - d) Upon graduation or termination from Robert Morris University.
- 1.7. Following the determination that a member shall be expelled under section 1.6(a), the following procedures shall be implemented:
 - a) A notice shall be sent by first class or registered mail to the member's address as shown in the membership roster, setting forth the expulsion and reasons therefore.
 - b) The member being expelled shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not less than five days before the date of the expulsion. The hearing will be held by the officers, and with the Psychology Club advisor present, in accordance with the rules set forth herein for meetings of the officers. The notice to the member shall state the date, time and place of the hearing.
 - c) Following the hearing the officers shall decide whether the member should in fact be expelled, suspended, or sanctioned in some other way. The decision of the officers shall be final.
 - d) Any person expelled will be barred from re-obtaining a future Psychology Club membership at Robert Morris University.
- 1.8. Following the determination that a member shall be expelled under section 1.6(b) or 1.6(c), the following procedures shall be implemented:
 - a) A notice shall be sent by email or first class to the member's address as shown in the membership roster, setting forth the expulsion and reasons therefore.
 - b) The member being expelled shall be allowed to reinstate their membership by paying the annual dues.
- 1.9. Following the determination that a member shall be expelled under section 1.6(a) or 1.6(d), the following procedure shall be implemented:
 - a) Members may nominate expelled individuals for consideration as associate, alumni, or honorary members, with the final determination of membership status to be made by the officers.

Article II - Committees

- 2.1. The Members may by resolution at any meeting of the Psychology Club designate standing and/or ad hoc committees of the Psychology Club.
- 2.2. Each standing committee shall consist of at least three (3) members. Unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, the Chairman of each standing or ad hoc committee shall be nominated by the Psychology Club President and appointed by the Psychology Club Officers. Committee Chairmen will be members of the Psychology Club Officers for the duration of the existence of the committee that they chair. Committees can be dissolved by a majority vote of the Psychology Club Officers.
- 2.3. Each committee shall adopt rules for its own government not inconsistent with these By-Laws or the rules adopted by the Psychology Club Members.
- 2.4. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.
- 2.5. Unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws, a majority of the members then serving on a committee constitutes a quorum for the meeting of the committee and the vote of a simple majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes an action of the committee. Each committee shall determine and schedule the number of regular meetings it will hold each year.

Article III - Financial Provisions.

- 3.1. The Psychology Club Treasurer is authorized to select such banks or depositories as that officer shall deem proper for the funds of the Psychology Club. The Members shall determine who, if anyone, in addition to the President, Faculty Advisor, and the Treasurer, shall be authorized from time to time on behalf of the Psychology Club to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, to enter into contracts or to execute and deliver other documents and instruments.
- 3.2. The President or Faculty Advisor may accept on behalf of the Psychology Club any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Psychology Club.
- 3.3. In the event of termination, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Robert Morris University Psychology Club in any manner or for any reason whatsoever, the Psychology Club Officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Psychology Club, distribute all of the remaining assets of the Psychology Club as such Officers may determine among one or more organizations which are then organized and operated for exempt purposes and qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and to which contributions are then deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or to federal, state and local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes.

Article IV - Rules of Order.

- 4.1. The rules contained in ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER - REVISED shall govern the group in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws or Robert Morris University policies and practices.

Article V - Amendments to By-Laws.

- 5.1. The Members shall have the power to make, amend, and repeal the by-laws of the group by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members at any meeting of the group for which proper notice has been given. Such amendments shall be presented to the officers for consideration, and written notice shall be given to the membership at least 7 days in advance of the meeting at which such action is to be considered.

Article VI - Meetings.

- 6.1. The dates and places of meetings of the Psychology Club shall be communicated to the Members by the Psychology Club Secretary.
- 6.2. Special meetings of the Psychology Club may be called by or at the request of any Officer, or by petition of no less than five percent of the members by demand delivered to the Psychology Club Secretary. Such demand shall describe the purpose of the meeting. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings shall fix the place for holding any special meeting called by them.
- 6.3. Written or emailed notice of the time and place of any meeting shall be sent to each Member at the last known place of business or residence of the Member in a timely fashion prior to the dates of such meetings.
- 6.4. The members present at a meeting constitute a quorum. Action is taken by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present, unless these By-Laws or the law provide differently. There shall be no voting by proxy, although voting by email to provide advice to the Officers about the opinion of the Members may be used for some issues, should the President deem the issue to be of sufficient importance to warrant such action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 2006

Rachel Ragozzino / _____
 PRESIDENT (signature)

Ashley Wagers / _____
 VICE-PRESIDENT (signature)

Rachel Hauser / _____
 SECRETARY (signature)

Laura Protulipac / _____
 TREASURER (signature)

Shannon Toomey / _____
 EVENT COORDINATOR (signature)