

RESEARCH SOCIETY ON MARIJUANA (RSMj) BYLAWS

Article 1: Name and Purpose

1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be Research Society on Marijuana. It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New Mexico.

1.02 Purpose

Research Society on Marijuana is organized exclusively for scientific and education purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Research Society on Marijuana (RSMj) is a network of scientists with the shared goal of promoting understanding through empirical research of the determinants, correlates, consequences, contexts, and assessment of marijuana use as well as the treatment of problematic marijuana use, including cannabis use disorder. Rather than a society focused solely on the pathology of cannabis use disorders or the therapeutic potential of cannabinoids, we strive to be a balanced society driven by the evidence base in each of these areas.

Article II: Membership

2.01 Eligibility for membership.

Full membership is granted following receipt of membership dues. Student and postdoctoral members may be asked to provide documentation of their status as a student or post-doctoral fellow.

2.02 Annual dues

Unless changed by a majority vote of the board, the amount required for annual dues are \$150 for Professional Members, \$75 for Postdoc Members, and \$25 for Student Members. Continued membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues.

2.03 Categories of members

RSMj will have 4 categories of members:

Student members: individuals who are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student or graduate student, as well as post-baccalaureate members.

Post-doctoral members: individuals who are currently in a position as a postdoctoral fellow (or equivalent).

Full members: all individuals who do not fit into the other categories of membership.

RSMj fellow: individuals must be nominated for fellow status and voted in by 2/3 majority of the Board. RSMj fellows pay standard membership dues.

All members will have voting privileges on membership ballot initiatives.

2.04 Termination of membership

Termination of membership can occur in two (2) ways: a) non-payment of membership dues, or b) unanimous vote by the board.

2.05 Resignation

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation to the Society.

Article III: Board of Directors (also simply referred as the Board subsequently)

3.01 Board role, size, and compensation

The Board will consist of all officers. By 2/3 majority of the Board, the Board can appoint additional Board members. The Board will be comprised of at least 5 members, but no more than 15 members.

3.02. Terms

Founding board members (Adrian Bravo, Robert Dvorak, and Matthew Pearson) will serve indefinitely unless they wish to resign from the Board. All other Board members will serve three-year terms unless specified below (see *3.08 Officer and Duties*).

3.03 Meetings and notice

The Board shall meet periodically, at an agreed upon time and place designated by the President. An official board meeting requires that each Board member have written notice in advance (at least 24 hours) of the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the President, Vice President, or a 2/3 majority of Board members.

3.04 Quorum

2/3 of Board members must be present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.

3.05 Vacancies

Any vacancy, as determined by the current Board members, occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by vote of RSMj members in good standing. The Board will solicit nominations, including self-nominations, from the RSMj membership. Any active RSMj member in good standing is eligible based on their membership status (professional/postdoc members for full board positions, student members for student representative positions). The Board will confirm with nominated individuals of their interest in the position and then send out a ranked-order ballot with all interested individuals to the active membership. The nominee with the most top rankings (i.e., simple majority of votes submitted) will be appointed a Board member. Any ties will be decided by number of second rankings and so on. A minimum of 30% of active members need to vote to establish a legitimate vote. If this minimum is not met within 3 weeks from initial vote request, the Board member will be selected by simple majority vote of current Board members.

3.06 Elections for Board Membership

Active paying members of the organization will have the ability to vote for Board Members. Only current Board Members may vote for Officer Positions.

3.07 Termination of Board Membership

Termination of Board membership can occur in three (3) ways: a) non-payment of membership dues, b) written resignation from the Board member, and c) unanimous vote (excluding the Board member in question) by the Board that the Board member is to be removed from the Board.

3.08 Officers and Duties

RSMj Full members on the Board may serve in specific Officer Positions. No individual may hold more than one Officer Position at the same time. RSMj Postdoctoral members serve as non-student Board members but are not eligible for Officer Positions.

President: The President presides at meetings of the Board of Directors, the annual scientific meeting, and any special meetings that may be called. The President is responsible for all matters related to the welfare of RSMj. The President will serve a 3 year term. The Presidential term is non-renewable, however, any member who has served as President in the past can be re-elected to President in non-consecutive terms. To be elected, interested candidates must have served on the Board for at least one year.

Vice President: The Vice President will perform specific duties as assigned by the President, and will perform the President's duties in case of absence, disability, or resignation of the President. The Vice President will also be responsible for maintaining records for the organization, and will keep the minutes of all meetings. The Vice President will serve a 3 year term. The Vice

Presidential term is non-renewable, however, any member who has served as Vice President in the past can be re-elected to Vice President in non-consecutive terms. To be elected, interested candidates must have served on the Board for at least one year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will be responsible for the receipt, custody, and disbursement of all funds of RSMj, and will provide quarterly and annual financial reports to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will serve a 5 year renewable term. To be elected, interested candidates must have served on the Board for at least one year.

Program Chair: The program chair will be responsible for the planning and coordination of the annual scientific meeting. The Program Chair will serve a 3 year renewable term.

Cannabis Editor-in-Chief: The editor-in-chief will be responsible for all aspects of the flagship journal *Cannabis*. The Editor-in-Chief will serve a 5 year renewable term.

3.09 Student Representatives: Up to three Student Representatives will be responsible for advocating on behalf of the student members. Student Representatives may not comprise 30% or more of all active Board members. Student Representatives will serve a 2year term and can serve up to 2 consecutive terms but will have to go through the nomination process again.

Additionally, each representative will have a primary responsibility as defined as:

1. Journal Representative: the student in this role will work with the *Cannabis* editorial board to assist in journal-related tasks as needed.
2. Conference Representative: the student in this role will work with the program chair and assist with conference planning and other related tasks.
3. Membership Representative: the student in the role will work with the Vice President and assist with membership related-tasks (e.g., outreach, website maintenance).

Non-officer positions: Other Board members may be elected that do not fill the specific officer positions described above. These members will serve a 3 year term but are eligible for one consecutive reappointment for the same position on the Board.

Article IV: Committee formation

4.01 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is made up of the offices of President, Vice President, Editor-in-Chief, Treasurer, and Program Chair. The Executive Committee meets regularly to discuss all matters related to the welfare of RSMj and provides updates to the Full Board during Full Board meetings.

4.02 Committee formation

The Board may create ad-hoc committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, etc. The President appoints all ad hoc committee chairs.

Article V: Dissolution

5.01 Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article VI: Amendments

6.01 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended when necessary by 2/3 majority of the Board of Directors.

6.02 Certification

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a unanimous vote on January 16, 2025.