

THE STANDING ORDERS [July 2017]

Clause 1. Europe

The term 'Europe' is deemed to refer to a geographical area.

Clause 2. Procedure for the Admission of Full Members

The Association's total full membership will normally not increase by more than 10 per cent (above replacements) per year. A candidate for membership must be supported by at least two full members, who will act as referees.

The Executive officer will refer such a proposal to the Executive Committee, or to a subcommittee appointed by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of deciding upon the admission of new members. If the Executive Committee, or its subcommittee, considers that a candidate satisfies the requirements for membership, their name shall be notified to all full members. The candidate will become a full member of the Association one month later, unless a minimum of three full members object to the admission in writing within this period. The Executive Committee has the right to overrule by majority vote a veto by three or more full members.

In a case where either the Committee or a minimum of three full members object to admission, the applicant will not be eligible to attend the next members' meeting, but their candidature can be submitted to the members' meeting for admission by a majority vote.

The fee for full members is at present 96 €. The Treasurer can decide on reducing or waiving the fees because of economic difficulties or currency restrictions on an individual basis. The membership fee incorporates subscription to the European Journal of Social Psychology, to the European Review of Social Psychology, and on-line subscription to Social Psychological and Personality Science and Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology. The fee for retired members of 20 years or more good standing in the Association will be set at 50% of the normal fee.

Clause 3. Postgraduate Members

Postgraduate students working on a doctoral thesis in social psychology at a European University can become postgraduate members of the Association. At its discretion, in line with the goals of the Association, the Executive Committee can also admit other postgraduate students as postgraduate members. The procedure of admission is equivalent to that for full members. The annual fee for postgraduate members will be set at 50% of the annual fee for full members. The fee incorporates on-line subscription to the European Journal of Social Psychology, Social Psychological and Personality Science, and Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology. Postgraduate members may attend and participate in members' meetings, but not necessarily on the same conditions as full members. Postgraduate membership status expires when the postgraduate member obtains a doctoral degree or, in any case, after a period of four years.

Clause 4. Procedure for the Election of Members of the Executive Committee

At least four months before the members' meeting, the Executive Committee will ask the full members for nominations to vacancies.

Nominations by at least two members must be sent to the Secretary not later than three months before the members' meeting. If insufficient nominations are made (i.e., at least two more than the number of vacancies) the Executive Committee will add its own nominations.

Full members will receive a ballot form by post not later than one month before the members' meeting. Full members unable to attend the members' meeting can return the ballot paper in a sealed envelope to the Executive Officer not later than one week before the start of the members' meeting. At the election, the Executive Officer will hand over the sealed envelopes from absent full members to the scrutineers.

The voting will be by secret ballot and candidates who receive the largest number of votes will be declared elected, subject to the restriction that no more than two candidates affiliated with a University within the same nation can be elected on the Executive Committee. In case of ties, a second ballot confined to the members' meeting will be conducted. The Executive Committee shall consist of seven full members. The period of office of members of the Executive Committee is defined in terms of intervals, which refer to periods between two members' ordinary meetings.

Members are elected to serve for two consecutive intervals which should not be longer than three years each. No member may serve for two consecutive intervals as President of the Association.

5. Electronic voting

a. Votes cast electronically for the Members' meeting

For any matter to be voted on at the Association's members' meeting, full members will receive an e-mail with a link to an electronic voting form not later than 20 days before the members' meeting.

Electronic voting opens 20 days, and closes seven days, before the members' meeting. At the members' meeting, the Executive Officer will hand over the results to the scrutineers to be added to the votes cast at the members' meeting.

b. Electronic voting outside the Members' meeting

Full members can vote electronically outside of the members' meeting on any decision apart from changes to the Association's Articles (which, by law, can only be changed by a members' meeting).

Any matter to be put to vote electronically outside of the members' shall

- i. be proposed by the Executive Committee or by the same amount of the members, and
- ii. require the same amount of votes,

as is normally required for the relevant matter.

Full members will receive an e-mail with a link to an electronic voting form, and will have a period of at least 7 days and not more than 14 days to cast their vote.