

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP INVESTIGATING DRUGS AS REINFORCERS (ISGIDAR)

BYLAWS--REVISIONS ADOPTED JUNE 27, 1988

I. Name and objective

The name of this Association shall be International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers (ISGIDAR). The object of the Association shall be to promote interest in, and to facilitate the dissemination of new information related to drugs as reinforcers, especially as it may relate to human drug abuse.

II. Membership

1. ISGIDAR shall be made up of Members and Sponsoring Members. Any person holding an academic or scientific degree or working toward such a degree and who is actively engaged in or interested in research related to drugs as reinforcers shall be eligible to become a Member. Sponsoring Membership shall be offered to organizations with an interest in basic or applied research in the field of drugs as reinforcers.

2. Application for Membership Full members will send nominations for membership to the President. The list of nominations and a mail ballot will be mailed to the membership at least 60 days before a business meeting.

3. Election to Membership, Election to membership will be by a yes vote of 90% of those voting. The results of the election for membership shall be announced at the next business meeting.

4. Membership may be rescinded by action of the Board of Officers of ISGIDAR for justifiable causes. Paid dues must be returned to the ex-member along with notification of termination of membership in writing and an explanation of the reason for removal. Any member so removed may appeal this action to the Membership at the first meeting of ISGIDAR occurring more than 30 days following notification of termination of membership by board action.

III. Governing Body

1. Members present at each business meeting of ISGIDAR constitute the governing body. Each Member has one vote. The Membership present at the meeting can decide by simple majority vote about the following items:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Acceptance of financial report by the Treasurer
3. Dues

4. Future meeting places
5. Adoption of a working budget
6. Election of officers
7. Changes in the bylaws
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2. Changes in the bylaws may only be brought about following full discussion at the business meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members present must approve all such changes. Changes proposed at a given business meeting may be voted upon at the same meeting unless a majority of those present vote to have the proposed change distributed by mail to the membership with the announcement that the proposed change will be voted upon at the next business meeting.

IV. Officers

1. The Board of Officers of ISGIDAR shall be made up of members who serve as:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President for International Affairs
- c. Vice-President
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer

2. The President shall be elected by majority vote of the governing body for a 2-year term. The term of office begins at the close of the meeting at which a President is elected and ends when the term of the President's successor begins. An individual may serve more than one term as President, but the terms may not be sequential.

3. The Vice-President for International Affairs shall be elected for the same term of office as the President by majority vote of the membership present. No restrictions are placed on the number of times the Vice-President for International Affairs may be reelected.

3. The Vice-President shall be elected for the same term of office as the President by majority vote of the membership present. The Vice-President may be re-elected for two (2) additional, sequential terms.

4. The Secretary shall be elected for the same term of office as the President by majority vote of the membership present. The Secretary may be re-elected for four (4) additional, sequential terms.

5. The Treasurer shall be elected for the same term of office as the President by majority vote of the membership present. No restrictions are placed on the number of times the treasurer may be reelected.

V. Powers and Duties of the Officers

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Officers and the meetings of ISGIDAR. The President is responsible for arranging and conducting at least one annual scientific meeting of ISGIDAR.

2. The Vice-President is to assist the President and assume the President's duties in case the latter is unable to act.

3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of ISGIDAR business meetings, publish the newsletter in August and January of each year, and perform other duties as assigned by the President.

4. The Treasurer under the authority of the Board of Officers shall receive, disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to ISGIDAR. The Treasurer shall submit a written financial report each year to the Board of Officers and at each Business Meeting.

5. The Officers shall represent ISGIDAR to the public.

VI. Meetings

1. Annual Business Meetings shall be the responsibility of the President. The Secretary will notify all voting members in writing at least 60 days prior to any business meeting of ISGIDAR. A quorum will consist of at least two members of the Board of Officers plus ten (10) voting members or twenty (20) percent of the voting membership whichever is greater.

2. Scientific Meetings may be arranged in any format suitable for the communication of information and acceptable to the Board of Officers. Local arrangements will be made by the President or another individual whom the President may appoint.

3. Whenever possible, business meetings will be held in conjunction with scientific sessions. Business and scientific sessions will, insofar as possible, be held at or near the time of other national or international meetings of scientists likely to be of interest to and participated in by members of ISGIDAR.

4. The Board of Officers shall meet at such times and places as are mutually agreeable to Board Members. All Board Members must be notified of such meetings at

least ten days prior to the meeting.

VII. Dues

Annual dues become payable on or before August 1 of the membership year. The amount of the annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Officers and decided upon by majority vote of the governing body at any business meeting.

IX. Committees

Permanent or ad hoc committees shall be established when necessary and their members appointed either by the President or by vote of the governing body at a business meeting.