

NON BY-LAWS--or "THE WAY IT SEEMS THINGS HAVE WORKED IN RECENT MEMORY"

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP INVESTIGATING  
DRUGS AS REINFORCERS (ISGIDAR)

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 psychoactive drugs, with an emphasis on drugs as reinforcers.

II. Membership

1. ISGIDAR shall be made up of Members. Any person holding an academic or scientific degree shall be eligible to become a Member.

2. Application for Membership: None other than paying the registration fee and attending a scientific meeting of ISGIDAR. (Note: Names have been added to the mailing list Dave maintains without the person having attended a meeting and, to my knowledge, there is no separate membership list.)

III. Governing Body

Those 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 (I don't remember it ever coming up.)
4. Future meeting places
5. Adoption of a working budget
6. Election of officers
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Changes in the bylaws may only be brought about following

(1) publication of the proposed change in the Newsletter or by other mailing to the membership and (2) full discussion at the business meeting. A two-thirds majority of the members present at the business meeting must approve all such changes. [I don't recall it ever coming up before the present effort.]

#### IV. Officers

1. The Board of Officers of ISGIDAR, who shall all be full members, shall consist of:

- a. the President
- b. the Vice-President
- [c. the Vice-President for International Affairs--added by majority vote of those present at the Business meeting in 1987 ]
- d. the Secretary
- e. the Treasurer

2. The President shall be elected for a two (2)-year term by simple majority vote of the membership present during the Business Meeting. The President shall be installed at the Business Meeting and he shall be in office until the next election.

In recent years, the Secretary has "automatically" been elected President.

3. The Vice-President shall be elected for the same period of time by majority vote of the membership present. This has been Dr. Yanagita.

4. The Secretary shall be elected for one 2-year term.

5. The Treasurer is elected for one term and can be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms. The Treasurer shall be a permanent resident of Ann Arbor, MI.

## 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 and shall be responsible for arranging for and conducting at least one annual scientific meeting.
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 and publish the newsletter in August and January of each year.
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 financial report each year at each Business Meeting.
5. The President shall represent ISGIDAR to the public.

## VI. Working Committee of ISGIDAR

The membership of the Working Committee of ISGIDAR is limited to members actively involved in research on drug self-administration. The Working Committee will discuss problems of methodology and experimental results from the different laboratories. The results of the discussions must be presented at the next meeting of ISGIDAR. (I believe this is the aspect of the by-laws which set the occasion for Chris Johanson and Bob Balster to write their report on self-administration in rhesus monkeys.?)

## VII. Meetings

1. Annual Business Meetings shall be the responsibility of the President. The Program announcement in the January newsletter for the annual scientific meeting in conjunction with CPDD in June will also include the notice of the next business meeting.

2. Scientific Meetings may be arranged in any format suitable for the communication of information and acceptable to the Board of Officers. Arrangements will be made by the President.

3. Business meetings will be held in conjunction with scientific sessions. Business and scientific sessions will, insofar as possible, be held on the day preceding the annual scientific meeting of CPDD.

4. The Board of Officers shall meet at such times and places as are mutually agreeable to Board Members.

## VIII. Dues

None.

## IX. Committees

Permanent or ad hoc committees shall be established when necessary and their members appointed either by the President or by the membership at a Business Meeting.