

1. Membership

- 1a. Full members normally hold a PhD and are actively engaged in research.
- 1b. Associate members normally are students working in a behavioural research setting in an accredited university or college.
- 1c. Emeritus membership is open to an individual who was a full member of the CSBBCS at the time of retirement and whose research is no longer supported by grant funding.
- 1d. Any membership application may be reviewed by the executive committee.

2. Purpose

The aims of CSBBCS are as follows:

- 2a. To advance research concerning brain, behaviour, and cognitive science in Canada, according to the highest standards of scientific inquiry.
- 2b. To promote and foster the education and training of students in these scientific disciplines in Canada.
- 2c. To develop and maintain effective lines of communication with the major federal and provincial funding agencies that might assist in the development of efficient and equitable policies and procedures within those organizations with respect to experimental psychology and behavioural neuroscience.
- 2d. To develop and maintain effective lines of communication with federal and provincial ministries with a view to influencing science policy and funding in Canada, particularly with respect to experimental psychology and behavioural neuroscience.
- 2e. To promote the value of research in experimental psychology and behavioural neuroscience in the eyes of the general public through the popular and scientific press and other public venues.
- 2f. To increase communication within our own research community by means of newsletters, electronic networks, and an annual meeting.

In all these endeavors, the CSBBCS will interact with and provide appropriate representative liaison with the Canadian Psychological Association, the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology, and other national and international organizations involved in science advocacy and scientific communication.

3. Executive Committee

- 3a. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, the President-elect, the past-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and two additional representatives. The Secretary-Treasurer may serve for an indefinite term. All other members of the Executive Committee will normally serve for three years and the terms will be staggered. Only Full Members can serve on the Executive Committee. A call for nominations will be sent out to all members by electronic mail in January. Short descriptions of nominees will be posted on the CSBBCS website prior to the election. The membership will be encouraged to make nominations that ensure representation from the entire spectrum of research interests of CSBBCS.
- 3b. The Executive Committee will meet at least once a year at the time of the Annual General Meeting. All the activities of CSBBCS will be coordinated by the Executive Committee and its appointed representatives from the Membership at large. It is expected that members of the Executive Committee will consult amongst themselves at other times by electronic mail. The Executive Committee shall present a budget to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3c. Elections when necessary will be held by email ballot in March of every year. However, if a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, an ad hoc election may be held at any time at the

discretion of the Executive Committee. Vacancies filled by means of an ad hoc election will be arranged to preserve the staggering of terms of office.

- 3d. The fiscal year for the society shall be September 1 to August 31. The executive committee shall present a budget to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. When this meeting is held before July 1, the budget will be "tentative" and a final version, reflecting the full year's finances will be presented with minutes of the meeting.

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June 1998

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June 2005

October 2009

June 2011

4. Annual Dues

The Annual Dues for Full Members and Student Members shall be determined each year by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. At present the annual dues are \$70 for Full Members and \$40 for Student Members. Emeritus Members are not required to pay annual dues.

5. Amendments

Amendments to the Charter can be suggested by any member. Suggested amendments must be presented to the Executive Committee whose recommendation must be presented at an Annual General Meeting. Following such presentation passage of the amendment requires the agreement of 2/3^{rds} of the members voting at the Meeting.

6. Dissolution

In the event that the society is dissolved through a charter amendment, all of its assets and accumulated income will be transferred to one or more organizations (named in that amendment) with similar objectives that qualify for exemption pursuant to paragraph 149(1)(f) or (l) of the act.