

Bylaws Change to Allow Electronic Voting



SOCIETY of GROUP PSYCHOLOGY
and GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY

TO: Members, Fellows, and 5-Year Voting Associates of the Society

FROM: The Board (Nina W. Brown, President 2012)

RE: Bylaw Change to Allow Electronic Voting

The Board approved a bylaw change in January 2011 to allow electronic voting, and this is being submitted to members for their vote. The Board approved the change to expedite responses to issues and to save money. The current bylaws provide only for posting notice in one of the three yearly issues of the newsletter, and mailing ballots which then have to be mailed back and counted. Electronic voting would allow materials to be distributed and returned more quickly, and tallying votes would be almost immediate. In addition, the costs for reproduction, postage, and handling would be eliminated.

The proposed changes are to delete some current language indicated by the strike through, and to add language that is underlined. Thank you for your consideration.

Article X: Amendments

An amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition of ninety-three percent (93%) of the voting Members of the Division and presented to the Board of Directors. The proposed amendment shall be either inserted into the next issue of the Division newsletter, or posted on the Division listserv, and mailed or electronically sent. Returned ballots (including membership number) shall be counted by the Secretary or APA ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days after mailing, or email posting, and the voting period shall then be considered closed. An affirmative vote by the majority of votes cast shall be required to ratify the amendment, which shall be effective immediately.

_____ I approve the changes.

_____ I do not approve the changes.

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Membership Number _____

Date _____

Mail your ballot to Division 49 Bylaws Vote, Division Services Office, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242. **Ballots must be received by May 22, 2012.**