

CONSTITUTION OF THE SEROTONIN CLUB

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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization is the Serotonin Club.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club is to promote scientific and social communications among individuals interested in serotonin and related compounds, specifically by sponsoring and conducting related scientific activities. Regular meetings will be held as dinner meetings during the Federation Meeting of the American Societies for Experimental Biology, the Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, a Meeting of the British Pharmacological Society (at the discretion of the Vice-President in charge, either the winter meeting in London or the joint meeting with one of the European Pharmacological Societies), and the Meeting of the International Union of Pharmacological Sciences or at a Satellite Meeting organized at that time by the Serotonin Club.

The nature and organization of scientific meetings, either organized in conjunction with the IUPHAR meeting (satellite meeting) or otherwise sponsored by the Club shall be discussed and approved by the Serotonin Club Executive Committee and the Local Organizing Committee, represented as the scientific organizing committees of such meetings.

The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purpose of the Club as set out in the Article, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by the way of dividend, bonus or any other way of profit or pecuniary gain to members of the Club. In the event that the Club is wound up, any surplus property is to be vested with the International Union of Pharmacological Sciences, a non-profit organization with similar scientific objectives to those of the Serotonin Club but with a wider ambit.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is on a three yearly basis and is conferred upon any interested individual who pays the membership fee. If a member is two years in arrears with their membership fee, his/her name will be removed from the membership and mailing list of the Club.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1

The Executive Committee consists of officers named below in section 2.

Section 2

Officers of the Club are the President, Immediate Past-President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary/Treasurer, eleven Councilors, three Associate Councilors, and the Chair of the Serotonin Receptor Nomenclature Committee, a subcommittee whose chair and members are appointed by the Executive Committee.

(a) The President shall be elected for a term of two years, with no re-election to that position, serving as Chair of the Executive Committee. On completion of his/her term of office, the President shall serve as Immediate Past-President for a term of two years, unless he/she is

elected as an officer of the Club, in which case the office of Immediate Past-President will remain vacant for that term.

- (b) The Vice-Presidents shall each be elected for a term of four years, with no re-election to that position. Their duties consist of arranging the scientific and social program of the dinner meetings of the Club held in North America and Europe, respectively.
- (c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for a term of four years, with the possibility of one re-election to that position. His/her duties consist of maintaining the record of the Club and its membership and handling the overall financial affairs of the Club. Furthermore, he/she shall actively encourage persons interested in serotonin research to become members of the Club. He/she shall be responsible for a regular Newsletter to be sent to all members.
- (d) Councilors shall each be elected for a term of four years, with the possibility of one re-election to that position. Their duties consist of serving on the Executive Committee, and assisting the President and Vice-Presidents in the organization of the dinner meetings of the Club and in such other activities as are necessary for the operation of the Club.
- (e) Associate Councilors for North America, Europe and Rest of the World shall each be elected for a term of four years. Associate Councilors will be new investigators with less than 10 years experience after obtaining their advanced degree, i.e., PhD, MD, etc. Their duties consist of serving on the Executive Committee, and assisting the President and Vice-Presidents in the organization of the dinner meetings of the Club and in such other activities as are necessary for the operation of the Club.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

Section 1

- (a) The President and the Secretary/Treasurer shall each be elected by and from all members.
- (b) A Vice-President, four Councilors and an Associate Councilor shall each be elected by and from members based in North America.
- (c) A Vice-President, four Councilors and an Associate Councilor shall each be elected by and from members based in Europe.
- (d) Three Councilors and an Associate Councilor shall each be elected by and from members based outside North America and Europe, i.e., the Rest of the World.
- (e) A member may nominate for more than one position at any election. The order in which offices will be filled by election is President, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, then Councilor, and if a member is elected to one of these offices, any nominations for other offices due to be filled subsequently will automatically lapse.

Section 2

Elections shall take place at two-yearly intervals in the Summer/early Fall with elected officials beginning their term of office at the beginning of the following year, i.e., January 1st. If any office becomes vacant between elections, the Executive Committee may elect a replacement officer to serve the remainder of the full term of that office.

Section 3

The Secretary/Treasurer shall send notices to all members, requesting nominations for each office due to become vacant. Nominations for each office must be signed by the candidate and by the proposer, each of whom is eligible to vote for that office. If the number of nominations of any office exceeds the number of vacancies a ballot shall be held. No member nominated for election to any vacant office shall serve as the returning officer for an election by ballot to that office. Normally, the President shall act as the returning officer for an election by ballot of all other officers. The Executive Committee shall appoint an officer of the Club to serve as a returning officer in place of the President or the Secretary/Treasurer should either of the latter be ineligible to act.

ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

Section 1

The Secretary/Treasurer is empowered to establish the price of the tickets to the dinner meetings, with the advice of the President (for the four-yearly dinner meetings in conjunction

with the Meeting of the International Union of Pharmacological Sciences) and the Vice-President (for the annual dinner meetings): to determine the three-yearly membership fee (and the ways to recover it) so as to cover the other expenses for the Club, with the advice of the Executive Committee, and to engage in financial transactions necessary for the operation of the Club.

Section 2

Voluntary contributions may be solicited by the Club, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3

The Secretary/Treasurer or the Vice-President shall report the financial status of the Club to the membership annually.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, or By-Laws may be added by a majority decision of those members voting at the four-yearly dinner meetings held in conjunction with the Meeting of the International union of Pharmacological Sciences, or by ballot of the whole membership.

ARTICLE VIII: CHAPTERS AND BRANCHES

Chapters or Branches of the Club may be formed in specific regions, to facilitate financial and other statutory requirements which are necessary for the conducting of activities in accordance with the objectives of the Club. All members of such Chapters or Branches must be members of the Club.