**Constitution**

**Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization**

**Section 1: Name**

Student Organization for Neuropsychology in Clinical Science (SONICS)

**Section 2 - Purpose**

The Student Organization for Neuropsychology in Clinical Science (SONICS) provides a forum for the discussion of topics related to clinical neuropsychology. Weekly meetings will involve group-based discussions of recent topics in this field involving the application of neuropsychological assessment to clinical psychology.

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy:**

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, SONICS expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

**Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.**

Voting membership is limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others nonstudent members, such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc., may become members, but only as non-voting associate or honorary members. There are no dues required for membership.

**Article III**

**Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers**

**III.a.** If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

**III.b.** Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.

**III.c.** In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**Article IV - Organization Leadership**

Primary Leader (President): The SONICS president is a 1-year position, although a single individual may serve multiple terms. The president’s duties include creation and maintenance of organization files on the student activities webpage as well as planning the content of meetings along with the vice-president or advisor. The president must attend all training required by the OSU Office of Student Life and must be a graduate student in the Psychology Department.

Secondary Leader (Vice-President): The SONICS vice-president is a 1-year position, although a single individual may serve multiple terms. The vice-president’s duties include planning the content of meetings along with the president or advisor. The vice-president must attend all training required by the OSU Office of Student Life and must be a graduate student in the Psychology Department.

Treasurer: The SONICS treasurer is a 1-year position, although a single individual may serve multiple terms. The treasurer’s duties include the following:

1. Handle all reimbursements
2. Apply for any funding
3. Balance the budget

The treasurer must attend all training required by the OSU Office of Student Life and must be a graduate student in the Psychology Department.

Secretary: The SONICS secretary is a 1-year position, although a single individual may serve multiple terms. The secretary’s duties include keeping notes (minutes) at all meetings and sending out pertinent information to group members. The secretary must be either an undergraduate or graduate student in the Neuroscience or Psychology Departments at OSU. The secretary does not need to complete training through the OSU Office of Student Life.

**Article V- Election / Selection of Organization Leadership**

Individuals are eligible for organization leadership office if they are student enrolled in classes at OSU (see further specifications in position listings in Article IV). Interested candidates can voluntarily self-nominate. The process for elections includes two steps: 1) voluntary self-nomination by the candidate, 2) voting by SONICS members. Candidates must win at least 50% of the vote to be elected. Voting will take place through an anonymous online survey and members will have at least 3 days to respond to the survey. Elections will be held at the end of spring semester (May) and new appointments will begin on the first day of the following fall semester. If an officer is removed or resigns, another officer will take over those duties until another vote is conducted.

**Article VI - Executive Committee: Size and composition of the Committee.**

The executive committee will include the listed organization leaders.

**Article VIII – Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.**

Advisor: The SONICS advisor must be a full-time university faculty member in the Clinical area of the Psychology Department who has volunteered for the position. The advisor meets at least twice each semester with the president and treasurer to give recommendations for activities or meetings. The advisor is also expected to attend all training required by the OSU Office of Student Life.

**Article IX – Meetings and events of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.**

Attendance at one general meeting per academic year is required for membership.

**Article X – Attendees of Events of the Organization: Required events and their frequency.**

The organization reserves the right to address member or event attendee behavior where the member or event attendee’s behavior is disruptive or otherwise not in alignment with the organization’s constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law.

**Article XI – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.**

Any proposed amendments will be presented to the organization in writing and will not be acted upon when initially introduced. Upon initial introduction, the proposed amendments will be read in the general meeting, then read again at one subsequent general meeting, and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Amendments will require a three-quarters majority of voting members (with at least 4 members being present).

**Article XII – Method of Dissolution of Organization**

Dissolution of the group will occur if the group cannot sustain the required number of members or upon the unanimous vote of the executive officers as well as the majority of the voting membership. Organization assets or debts existing at the time of dissolution will be managed by the Treasurer of SONICS. Upon the official dissolution of the organization, Student Activities staff will be contacted to remove organization information from website.