The Constitution of Social Cognition Research Group (SCRG)

**Article I Section I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be Social Cognition Research Group (SCRG)

# Section II: Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to serve as a dissemination point for current research in the area of social cognition. In addition to hosting a weekly meeting at which local scholars can present and discuss their work, the group will also utilize program funds to host eminent social cognition scholars from the academic world at large.

# Section III: Nondiscrimination policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) 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 basis in accordance with [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](https://activities.osu.edu/posts/documents/student-organization-registration-guidelines-updated-may-2021.pdf).

**Article II Membership**

Membership is open to any student or scholar interested in research in the area of social cognition. Membership is acknowledged by one’s addition to the SCRG mailing list, which informs all members of meeting times and speaker selection. Those wishing to become members may join the list by contacting the organization’s officers or faculty advisor.

# Article III Organizational Leadership

President: The SCRG president is a 1-year position. This position may be held for multiple years if performance is deemed adequate by the faculty sponsor and general membership. Selection will be by volunteer or appointment, with final selection duties resting with the faculty sponsor.

The president’s duties include:

1. Identify potential speakers for weekly meetings.
2. Select and organize speaker presentations.
3. Select and invite eminent outside scholars for the speaker series.
4. Maintain the organization’s webpage.

Vice president: The SCRG vice president is a 1-year position. This position may be held for multiple years if performance is deemed adequate by the faculty sponsor and general membership. Selection will be by volunteer or appointment, with final selection duties resting with the faculty sponsor.

The vice president’s duties include the following:

1. Select and reserve rooms for weekly meetings.
2. Select and reserve rooms for outside scholars.
3. Make all travel arrangements for outside scholars.
4. Schedule outside scholars’ meetings with SCRG faculty and student members.

Treasurer: The SCRG treasurer is a 1-year position. This position may be held for multiple years if performance is deemed adequate by the faculty sponsor and general membership. Selection will be by volunteer or appointment, with final selection duties resting with the faculty sponsor.

The treasurer’s duties include the following:

1. Handle all reimbursements for meeting and travel expenses.
2. Apply for program funds to cover operating expenses.
3. Balance SCRG budget.

**Article IV Adviser Qualifications**

The adviser will be member of the Ohio State University’s Social Psychology program. Potential faculty advisors will volunteer for this position. If multiple volunteers are obtained, the organization leaders will vote on potential applicants. The adviser must attend weekly meetings of the SCRG group and meet at least twice each quarter with the president, vice president, and treasurer to give recommendations for speaker selection and scheduling. The adviser is also expected to attend training workshops as required by the University.

**Article V Meetings**

Regular weekly meetings will be held once per week during Autumn, Winter, and Spring quarters. Although attendance is not required, active members should attend meetings and present as appropriate (approximately once per year for those members engaged in active social cognition research). Time, location, and place of these meetings will be determined on a quarter-by-quarter basis. All members will be informed of time and location by e-mail.

**Article VI Method of Removing Officers and Members**

At the end of each academic year, the faculty sponsor will review both the performance, and the academic status (i.e., whether or not the student will graduate, voluntarily leave the graduate program, or be asked to leave the graduate program) of the current officers (President, Vice-president, and Treasurer), thus determining whether these officers are fit to continue to lead the organization through the entire next academic year. If the sponsor deems the officer unfit to lead the organization through the entire next academic year, the sponsor will notify the officers in writing and/or in person, to discuss the reasons for his/her removal from office, and possibly to discuss his/her replacement. If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

**Article VII Method of Amending Constitution**

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at the subsequent general meeting and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being

present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.