

Name

1. The Society shall be called “The British Neuropsychiatry Association” (“BNPA”)

Mission

The object of The British Neuropsychiatry Association (BNPA) is the advancement of health for the public benefit by bringing about improved health care for people with neuropsychiatric disorders in particular by increasing, integrating, and disseminating knowledge and understanding of the relationships between brain function and human behaviour through open learned meetings. In furthering this object the BNPA:

- Provides a multidisciplinary, inclusive forum for the dissemination of research findings and best practices in clinical care across a variety of professional groups;
- Encourages and facilitates cross-disciplinary discussion of clinical and academic issues across the related fields of psychiatry, neurology and neuropsychology;
- Runs high-quality scientific meetings and educational courses, including collaboration with other relevant Societies; and
- Promotes the public understanding of neuropsychiatry within the United Kingdom and internationally.

Membership

2. The Association shall consist of Ordinary, Junior, Overseas, Honorary and Retired Members.
3. Ordinary membership is open to medical practitioners, postgraduate psychologists working in clinical or experimental fields related to psychiatry or neurology, professions allied to medicine, and postgraduate laboratory workers in the neurosciences, resident and working in the U.K. The ordinary membership rate is £50.00 per annum.
4. Junior members should be 30 years of age or under at the time of joining. They will pay a reduced membership rate of £15 per annum for a maximum period of 3 years. After the 3 year period their membership subscription will increase to the Ordinary membership rate of £50 per annum.
5. Overseas members are expected to be medical practitioners, postgraduate psychologists or basic scientists working abroad in clinical or experimental

fields relevant to neuropsychiatry. Overseas members would normally be expected to have an interest in British neuropsychiatry.

6. Honorary membership may be offered by the committee to:
 - a. Any member whose exceptional service is regarded by the Committee as warranting this honour.
 - b. Non-members from outside the UK who have made distinguished contributions to neuropsychiatry and to the activities of the BNPA.
7. Honorary members receive the benefits and communications of membership and are charged no fee.
8. Retired members shall cease to be paying members at the beginning of the following January and may become Retired Members enjoying benefit of membership without payment of subscription.
9. Applications for membership should be addressed to the Secretary and must be supported by a C.V. They are then circulated to the Committee for approval.

Subscription

10. The annual subscription is payable on the 1st January each year. The amount due is reviewed and decided by the Committee in the light of the financial situation of the Association and after taking advice from the Treasurer. The subscription shall then be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. Failure to renew/pay by the 31st December of the year, in which subscriptions fall due, will result in the member's name being taken off the mailing list, and membership of the Association shall be deemed to have ceased. UK Members shall pay subscriptions by direct debit only. Overseas members may pay by cheque if direct debit arrangements are impossible.

Officers and Committee

11. The Committee shall consist of the Officers (the President, Secretary and Treasurer) and at least four other members. The composition of the Committee shall reflect the objectives of the Association and, broadly, the membership of the Association. The Officers and Committee Members shall be nominated by the Committee and elected by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

12. The Committee has the power to appoint new committee members until the next Annual General Meeting, if these people are appointed to fill vacancies.
13. The number of Committee members forming a quorum at Committee meetings to validate decisions should be four.
14. The Chairman of the Section of Neuropsychiatry of the Royal College of Psychiatrists or her/his appointee should be an ex-officio member of the Committee.
15. Any member may suggest nominations for membership of the Committee in writing to the Secretary. This must be done at least 8 weeks before the AGM. Nominations should be made in writing and confirm the agreement of the nominated member. If more nominations than places are received a vote will be convened.
16. The office of President shall be tenured for up to three years followed by the option of twelve months as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
17. The office of Secretary shall be tenured for up to three years.
18. The office of Treasurer shall be tenured for up to five years.
19. Committee members will hold office for at least three years, but a further year could be added to make sure that only one Committee member retires in a given year. Retiring Committee members shall not be eligible for re-election until three years have elapsed.

Scientific Meetings and Annual General Meeting

20. At least three weeks before the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall send to each Member notification of the names of the Officers and Committee Members who the Committee nominate for the ensuing year.
21. The Treasurer shall provide a report on the finances of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Full accounts are available on request and copies will be made available to those attending the Annual General Meeting.

22. There shall be at least one meeting annually, plus other occasional meetings with other learned societies, to be held at a time and place determined by the Committee. The content and the location of the future meetings shall be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. Meetings shall normally last for one/two days and shall consist of presentations from invited speakers plus scientific and clinical communications from members and discussion ensuing there from.
23. The business of the Association shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.
24. The programme of invited speakers for scientific meetings shall be arranged by the Committee and circulated to the Members at least three months prior to each meeting. Members shall be encouraged to submit short original scientific papers or single case videos for inclusion in the member's forum.
25. The speakers at the meetings may include invited experts who are not members of the Association. Speakers shall be paid travelling expenses and may attend the meeting at no cost to themselves for accommodation and refreshments.
26. No reporter shall be present at the meetings and no account of the proceedings shall be sent to non-medical journals or newspapers, except by special resolution of the Committee.
27. Speakers shall be asked to prepare brief abstracts of their communications which shall be published at present in "The Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry". Other than this, speakers shall be at liberty to publish their communications when and where they please.

Other Rules

28. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except at the Annual General Meeting and unless proposed by the Committee or by at least ten members in writing. Notice of the proposed change shall be given to every member before the meeting at which it is to be brought forward.