

Rorschach Performance Assessment System Graduate Students Organization (R-PAGS) Bylaws

1) Purposes

- a. The purposes of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System Graduate Student (R-PAGS) Organization are to:
 - i. Facilitate the exchange of ideas among graduate students within the Rorschach- Performance Assessment System (R-PAS) community and foster professional interaction and growth within the community.
 - ii. Promote the advancement of knowledge and proficiency R-PAS practices to support the development of competent professionals capable of accurately utilizing this assessment in clinical practice.
 - iii. Establish a network of student members eligible to provide support within the R-PAS community in various capacities, including research assistance, conference planning, and social media engagement.
 - iv. Provide student input to the R-PAS LLC, ensuring that the perspectives and experiences of graduate students are represented in the ongoing development and refinement of R-PAS practices.
 - v. Initiate the creation of a mentorship network to provide support, enthusiasm, and knowledge about R-PAS, thereby fostering the widespread adoption of this assessment practice.
 - vi. Serve as a foundational platform for students newly trained in R-PAS during graduate school to continue their involvement and professional growth within the community, thereby perpetuating the R-PAS legacy.

2) Affiliates

- a. Students and post-docs interested in continuing their involvement and professional growth within R-PAS will be accepted to R-PAGS pending approval of prior R-PAS training. Training may be demonstrated through completion of coursework within their academic program or attendance at an R-PAS Introductory Workshop. No dues will be charged for membership to join R-PAGS.
- b. Membership eligibility is limited to current graduate students and postdocs. Members will need to provide proof of their eligibility one year after the graduation date reported on the sign-up form.

3) Executive Committee

- a. The general affairs of R-PAGS shall be managed and supervised by the officers of the Executive Committee.

- b. Executive Committee positions are open to R-PAGS members who are currently enrolled in a graduate program.
- c. The officers shall consist of a president, president-elect, past president, secretary, and two representatives at large, one of which shall be designated for an international R-PAGS member. Should no international R-PAGS member be nominated or interested, the officers shall consist of a president, president-elect, past president, secretary, and one representative at large.
- d. The representatives at large shall be elected for a one-year term. The president-elect is elected for a two-year term consisting of a consecutive six months as president-elect, one year as president, and six months as past president. The office of secretary is for a one-year term. All positions have a one-term limit, except for the representatives at large, who may run as many times as they are eligible by R-PAGS bylaws.
- e. Executive Committee members shall be elected by a vote of R-PAGS members, except for the positions of president (automatically filled by the president-elect), and past president (automatically filled by the incumbent president).
- f. All newly elected officers shall assume their role at the end of the annual R-PAGS Board meeting, which shall be scheduled during the annual R-PAS conference.
- g. The officers shall serve without monetary compensation. Administrative expenditures are to be provided by R-PAS, subject to approval of the R-PAS authors or officials.
- h. The president shall direct the business of R-PAGS between meetings of the Executive Committee.
- i. The president or their designated proxy shall attend the quarterly meeting of the RPAS Research and Development Group.
- j. The secretary shall keep records of R-PAGS' business and conduct and facilitate necessary correspondence between the committee and other R-PAGS members.
- k. The past president shall conduct yearly elections and ensure a fair and accurate count of the votes.
- l. The president-elect, in collaboration with the president, shall orient themselves to the functioning of R-PAGS and the duties of the president.
- m. At each regular meeting, the president shall preside. If the president is not present, the president-elect or some other R-PAGS member delegated by the president shall preside.

4) Committees

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year during the annual R-PAS conference, and as many additional times as are requested by the president through teleconferencing or other means.

- b. R-PAGS members may be appointed to R-PAGS committees on which they are willing to serve by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.
- c. R-PAGS committees are created at the request of the R-PAS authors or Research and Development group or by the R-PAGS Executive Committee directly.
- d. Committee members may serve for as long as they are eligible by the R-PAGS bylaws.

5) Elections

- a. For every Executive Committee election, the past president shall send an email to every R-PAGS member announcing the election and calling for nominations of candidates.
- b. Eligibility to be an officer of the Executive Committee requires that nominees are in good academic standing and have not received their terminal graduate degree. To be elected president elect nominees should not expect to receive their terminal degree before the end of their first year of service.
- c. Nominations shall be made by members via email to the past president. Members can self-nominate or nominate other R-PAGS Members.
- d. Interested nominees shall submit an autobiographical statement prior to the election, at the behest of the past president, to be considered. Statements should not exceed 750 words.
- e. Ten days after the call for nominations, the past president shall close the nominations and shall prepare for the final election ballot a slate including the names of no more than three persons who receive the largest number of nominations for each of the offices to be elected. In the event of a tie, the president, past-president, and president elect vote on who to include on the election ballot.
- f. When nominees have been determined the past president shall send the autobiographical statements of each candidate to the membership and an election ballot. This shall occur not longer than twenty-one days after closing the nominations.
- g. Five business days after posting the ballot, the past president shall close the election and shall oversee a preferential count of the election ballot for each office. The voting period may be extended at the past president's discretion and with the approval of the R-PAGS Executive Committee.
- h. The R-PAGS Executive Committee will break any ties with a majority vote.
- i. Announcement of the election results shall be made by the past president to the membership no later than twenty-one days after the election is closed.
- j. The election process shall be completed prior to the annual R-PAGS Executive Committee meeting at the R-PAS Conference.
- k. Any R-PAGS member is qualified to vote in any R-PAGS election.

6) Resignation

- a. A committee member may resign by delivering a written resignation to the president or, if the resigning officer is the president, to the president-elect, making the office vacant.
- b. Vacancies occurring before the expiration of the term shall be temporarily filled by a member appointed by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee. Until a decision can be reached, the duties of the office fall upon the Executive Committee itself.
- c. A committee member may be removed before their term expires by a majority vote by the other members of the Executive Committee and organization at large.

7) Annual Report

- a. An annual report shall be submitted to the R-PAS authors at the R-PAS conference by the R-PAGS president reporting on the affairs of the organization.
- b. The president in collaboration with the secretary is responsible for creating this document, and it is to be accepted by all Executive Committee members prior to presentation to the R-PAS authors by the R-PAGS president.