

**CONSTITUTION
»BELGRADE PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY«**

Chapter I - GENERAL RULES

DOMAIN OF REALIZATION OF OBJECTIVES

Article 1

The society »Belgrade Psychoanalytic Society« (in next paragraphs: The Society) was founded as a voluntary, non-governmental, non-party, non-political and non-profit association of citizens in domain of the development and promotion of theory, practice, education and research in psychoanalysis, whose basic principles were established by Sigmund Freud.

Article 2

The society has the status of a legal subject.

The society guarantees that its members satisfy the standards of professionalism and ethics in accordance with the basic principles and criteria of the International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA). The society is a member of the international associations: International Psychoanalytic Association (IPA) and European psychoanalytic federation (EPF).

The society continues the activities and tradition of the Belgrade Psychoanalytical Study Group (BPSG) which was the previous form of association of psychoanalysts from Serbia.

TITLE AND HEADQUARTERS

Article 3

The full name of the Society is Београдско психоаналитичко друштво.

The title of the Society in English is: Belgrade Psychoanalytical Society.

Abbreviation is БПД in Serbian and BPS in English.

In communication, the Society uses all the names stated above on an equal footing.

The headquarters of the Society is in Belgrade.

The activity of the Society is performed on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

THE SEAL

Article 4

The Society has its seal, which is round with the following inscription on the border: Београдско психоаналитичко друштво, Београд, in Cyrillic alphabet in Serbian and Belgrade Psychoanalytical Society, Belgrade, in English.

A stylistic sphinx is in the middle of the seal.

THE SOCIETY OBJECTIVES

Article 5

The Society objectives are:

1. Developing, spreading and promoting the theory and practice of psychoanalysis.
2. Maintaining and improving standards of psychoanalytic practice and education.
3. Developing research in psychoanalysis.
4. Improving communication and cooperation with other psychoanalysts and psychoanalytic associations which are members of the IPA.
5. Enhancing cooperation of psychoanalysis with other disciplines.
6. Protecting members' professional interests.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY

Article 6

In order to accomplish its objectives, the Society will engage in the following activities:

1. Organisation of psychoanalytic education which will be conducted on the basis of a specially written and adopted guidliness in accordance with the propositions of the IPA.
2. Organisation of scientific meetings within the Society for the exchange of knowledge, experiences and improving the professional identity of the psychoanalyst.
3. Planiranje, sprovođenje i učestvovanje u istraživanjima kliničkih i teoretskih aspekata psihoanalize u zemlji i inostranstvu.
4. Organisation of professional meetings, lectures, symposiums, seminars, conferences, congresses and other professional gatherings both on its own and in cooperation with other associations, groups, societies and the like, from Serbia and from abroad.
5. Gathering of scientific and professional literature, data and other information in psychoanalysis and similar disciplines at home and abroad.
6. Publishing original and translated literature on psychoanalysis, psychoanalytic psychotherapy and the like after preceding registration in accordance with the Law.

PROGRAM AND PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Article 7

In order to accomplish the objectives and to perform the activities stated in Articles 5 and 6 of this Constitution, the Society Executive Board proposes the Program and Plan of Activities, adopted by the Assembly.

Chapter II - THE MEMBERSHIP

THE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Article 8

Individuals are admitted into the membership of the Society under the following conditions:

- Individuals may become members of the Society provided they are citizens of the Republic of Serbia and that they have appropriate psychoanalytic qualifications according to propositions of IPA, which are specifiend by the guidliness of the Society.
- A foreigner may become a member of the Society if such a person complies with the criteria of the Society.
- On the basis of recommendations of the Committee for Education and the proposal of the Executive Board the Assembly adopts the decision on the membership.
- A list of all members is kept and updated by the Society General Secretary.

KINDS OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 9

1. Membership,

2. Honorary Membership.

MEMBERS' RIGHTS

Article 10

The members of the Society have the right to:

1. participate in achieving the objectives of the Society on an equal footing with other members;
2. elect and be elected to the Society organs;
3. be promptly and fully informed about the work and activities of the Society;
4. practicing psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy.

MEMBERS' DUTIES

Article 11

The Society members have to:

1. observe the Society Constitution as well as other decisions and acts based on the Society Constitution;
2. observe the Ethic code of the Society;
3. pay membership fees;
4. performs the tasks entrusted to him by election to the organs of the Society and is responsible for its work to the Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

Article 12

The Society membership shall be terminated in case of:

1. the member's decease.
2. if the member resigns on his/her own free will.
3. if the member violated the clauses of the Constitution, the reputation of the Society, or acts contrary to objectives of the Society or the Ethic code.
4. if the member has not paid the membership fee for a period of two years.

The member must be able to express himself/herself around the reasons for which the proposal is submitted for a decision on the termination of his/her membership in the Society when membership is terminated for the reasons mentioned in this article on counts 3 and 4.

Chapter III - THE ORGANS OF THE SOCIETY

THE ORGANS

Article 13

The Society organs are the Assembly, the Executive Board, the Education Committee, the Council of training analysts and Ethics Committee. The Society forms Commissions in addition to the listed organs.

The President represents the Society.

THE ASSEMBLY

Article 14

The Society Assembly consists of all members and is the upper body of the Society.

The Assembly is convened at least once a year.

An extraordinary session may be called following an argued proposal of the Society Executive Board, as well as following a written initiative of at least one third of the total membership of the Assembly. The initiative is submitted to the Executive Board in writing and shall state the issues which should be considered. The Executive Board is obliged within one month to consider the proposal and take into account initiatives of members of the Assembly and then convenes an extraordinary session of the Assembly.

The President of the Society, in writing, calls the Assembly at least three weeks prior to the session, with notice of the time and place of the Assembly and the proposed agenda included.

The session is chaired by a person who is elected by public vote at the beginning of the session. A written record is made during the sessions. The Chair of the Assembly and two verifiers signs it.

COMPETENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Article 15

The Assembly has the following competences:

1. adopting the Constitution, as well as changes and amendments, following the written initiative of the Society Executive Board or at least one third of the members of the Assembly;
2. adopting the Bylaws of the Society, Ethic Code and other general legal acts, as well as changes and amendments;
3. adopting the Plan and program of activities for the next year upon the proposal of the Society Executive Board;
4. discussing and ratifying, once a year, the reports of all organs of the Society and commissions;
5. discussing and ratifying the financial report for the past year submitted by the Treasurer of the Society, and the financial plan upon the proposal of the Society Executive Board;
6. electing and dismissing members of all organs of the Society;
7. deciding on the admittance of new members, as well as on the termination of membership;
8. deciding on the formation and dissolution of the Society Commissions on the basis of a reasoned proposal of the Executive Board or members of the Association;
9. deciding on the change of the title of the Society;
10. deciding on the change of the address of the Society;
11. deciding on joining federations and other associations in the country and abroad;
12. deciding on the membership fee;
13. deciding on the termination of activities of the Society and the transfer of ownership rights on the property of the Society after his cessation.

DECISIONS MAKING IN THE ASSEMBLY

Article 16

The decisions of the Assembly are valid if at least one half of the total of its members are present at the session.

The Assembly makes decisions by the simple majority of votes of members present at the session unless otherwise specified.

Two-thirds majority is needed for the following issues:

1. termination of membership in the Society;
2. changes in the Constitution and termination of the activities of the Society;
3. modifications and amendments of Constitution.
4. modifications and amendments of Bylaws.

THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 17

The Executive Board is the executive organ of the Society, whose task is to implement the realization of the objectives of the Society established by this Constitution. Izvršni odbor ostvaruje ciljeve Udruženja na osnovu Plana i programa za narednu godinu koji usvaja Skupština. The Executive Board is achieving the objectives of the Society according to the Plan and program for the coming year adopted by the Assembly.

The Assembly elects the members of the Executive Board on the proposal of the members of the Society by a simple majority vote of the members present. The Executive Board consists of three members:

- The President of the Society, who represents and acts on behalf of the Society in legal affairs, and has the rights and obligations in financial matters;
- The Secretary of the Society, authorized to act on behalf of the Society in the absence of the President;
- The Treasurer of the Society, who administers all the financial dealings of the Society.

The Executive Board holds sessions at least four times a year. The President or the Secretary calls the sessions. Sessions of the Executive Board may attend the presidents of other organs of the Society and members of the Society, at the invitation of the Executive Board.

Summary minutes shall be submitted for review to members of the Society.

The Executive Board must submit a report of its activities to the Assembly once a year.

The Executive Board members' mandates last two years. The Executive Board members may be re-elected for once for a consecutive term.

THE COMPETENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 18

The Executive Board has the following competences:

1. managing the activities of the Society between sessions of the Assembly and taking decisions relating to the objectives of the Society;
2. organizing regular activities of the Society in accordance with the adopted Plan and program;
3. delegating specific tasks to individual members of the Society;
4. proposing to the Assembly the establishment of new commissions and committees as auxiliary organ of the Society on its own initiative or at the proposal of the members of the Society;
5. initiating the start of the procedure of changing and amending the Constitution and the Bylaws, on its own initiative or at the proposal of at least one third of the members of the Society, and preparation of proposals for changes and amendments, to be submitted to the Assembly for adoption;
6. proposing to the Assembly the financial plan and report and deciding on ongoing financial matters;
7. proposing to the Assembly membership in other organizations and associations at home and abroad, on its own initiative or at the proposal of at least five members of the Society, in accordance with the Constitution and the Law;
8. proposing to the Assembly changes in membership status, on the proposal of the Education Committee, or termination of membership;
9. submitting the report of its activities to the Assembly once a year.
10. carrying out other activities in accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Society and the Law.

DECISION MAKING IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 19

The Executive Board takes decisions by the majority of votes of the members present at the session. In the case of equal votes the President of the Executive Board the makes final decision.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Article 20

The Education Committee organize and supervise the training for becoming psychoanalyst.

The Committee consists of three members, at least two members should have the status of training analyst, elected by the Assembly on the proposal of the Society's members by a simple majority vote of the members present. The third member, if does not have status of training analysts, have to meet the requirements for training analysts.

If necessary, the Committee may consult, request opinions or engage on temporary terms other members of the Society for particular matters.

Among its members, the Committee elects the Chair and Secretary.

The Education Committee holds regular sessions. The Chair of the Committee, or the Secretary, calls the sessions. The sessions are held, when the necessity arises, but at least four times a year. A written record is obligatory and summary minutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board.

The Education Committee operates in strict confidentiality about all personal data of the candidates.

The Committee submit a report to the Assembly once a year without specifying confidential data.

The mandates of the Committee members last two years. They may be re-elected for once for a consecutive term.

COMPETENCE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Article 21

The Committee has the following competences:

1. organizing assessment and decision-making on admission to the training for psychoanalysts;
2. organizing training of candidates for psychoanalysts;
3. monitoring the progress of candidates;
4. send recommendations to the Executive Board for the admission of candidates to membership of the Society upon completion of training for psychoanalysts; the Executive Board submits the proposal to the Assembly;
5. update the documents related to all the issues of education;
6. performing other activities in accordance with the Society Bylaws or as ordered by the Assembly.

DECISION MAKING IN THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Article 22

The Committee shall take decisions by consensus. In a situation where a decision can not be brought the Council of training analysts should be convened, and decisions are made by majority vote of training analysts present.

THE COUNCIL OF TRAINING ANALYSTS

Article 23

The Council of training analysts consists of all training analysts who are members of the Society.

The main activity of the Council of training analysts is to develop theoretical knowledge and skills of psychoanalyst through various forms of individual and group work, supervision, seminars etc.

At the first session, the Council of training analysts elect the Chair among its members by a simple majority vote of the members present for a term of 6 months.

Council meetings are held as necessary, but at least four times a year. Chairperson of the Council convene meetings.

On the decisions of the Council of Training Analysts members can appeal to the Assembly.

Summary minutes of the Council shall be submitted for review to members of the Society, and an annual report to the Assembly.

COMPETENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF TRAINING ANALYSTS

Article 24

The Council of training analysts has the following competences:

1. proposing changes and amendments of Guidelines for education for psychoanalysts;
2. proposing changes and amendments about the type and program of theoretical seminars;
3. consideration of appeals of the candidates on the decision of the Education Committee;
4. consideration of applications of the members for admission to status of training analysts and deciding on the election to the new status;
5. other tasks defined by Guidelines for education for psychoanalysts.

DECISION MAKING IN THE COUNCIL OF TRAINING ANALYSTS

Article 25

The Council of training analysts makes decisions by majority vote of the training analysts present.

For the decision to change the status of psychoanalyst-members, as well as decisions on appeals, the presence of two thirds of the members of the Council is necessary.

THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Article 26

Ethics Committee has the duty to uphold, promote and oversee the ethical aspects of psychoanalytic practice and training of members and candidates of the Society, to conduct procedures and make decisions in accordance with the Ethic Code of the Society.

The Committee consists of three members elected by the Assembly by a two thirds majority. If provided number of members is not elected in repeated two votes they shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the members present. The Assembly shall elect the President of the committee.

Ethics Committee holds regular meetings convened by the Chairman of the Committee at least twice a year and more often if necessary. Summary minutes shall be submitted to the Executive Board.

Ethics Committee is working on a strictly confidential basis with regard to all personal data of psychoanalysts and their analysands or clients.

The Committee shall submit to the Assembly a report on its work once a year, without specifying the confidential information.

The mandate of the Committee is two years. They may be re-elected once for a consecutive term.

COMPETENCE OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Article 27

The Committee has the following competences:

1. Convergence of the Ethics Code of the Society with the Ethics Code of IPA and other relevant valid legal documents in the Republic of Serbia.

2. Updating the documents related to all ethical questions.
3. Receipt and consideration of ethical complaints, taking the necessary action, replying on the complaint and writing report to the Executive Board in accordance with the Ethics Code and Bylaws of the Society.
4. Receiving and reviewing applications seeking interpretations related to ethics in psychoanalytic practice, Ethics Code, as well as procedures related to ethical complaints.
5. Submitting recommendations to the Executive Board to take appropriate measures against members of the Society who are found to violate the Ethics Code of the Society. The Executive Board submits the proposal to the Assembly.
6. Organizing lectures, seminars, workshops and other forms of work in order to inform and training members of the Society in connection with ethical rules in psychoanalysis.
7. Performing other activities in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society or by decision of the Assembly.

DECISION MAKING IN THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Article 28

The Committee shall take decisions by consensus. In a situation where a decision can not be brought the Assembly is authorized.

THE COMMISSIONS

Article 29

The Commission consists of three or more members elected by the Assembly with a specific mission and mandate. In accordance with the task of the Commission receives adequate name.

The Commission shall elect the President and Secretary from among its members. The Commission holds regular meetings. The frequency of meetings, duration and place are determined by the mutual agreement of members, and the President or Secretary convened meetings. Summary minutes shall be submitted to the Executive Committee not later than one week after the meeting.

The Commission shall submit to the Assembly a report on its work once a year.

The Commission makes decisions by majority vote of the members present at the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes the President of the Commission makes a final decision.

Chapter IV - FINAL PROVISIONS

O RELATIONS AND COOPERATION OF THE SOCIETY WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Article 30

In order to realize its objectives, the Society establishes contacts and cooperation with other professional, scientific, educational and similar associations in Serbia and abroad.

The Society may join international organizations dealing with psychoanalysis and other allied and similar disciplines. The Society Assembly takes these decisions, usually based on a proposal by the Executive Board or at least one third of the members of the Society.

Joining international organizations is registered with the authorized state organ within thirty days.

FINANCING

Article 31

The Society is financed through:

1. Membership fees and its members' contributions

2. Donations, projects, legacies and presents
3. Incomes as a result of its basic activities in compliance with the objectives of the Society and the Law
4. From other sources, in compliance with the Law

WORK TRANSPARENCY

Article 32

The work of the Society is transparent.

President of the Society takes care to timely inform members and the public about the work and activities of the Society, directly or through internal publications, and through press releases, or in any other appropriate manner.

TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES

Article 33

The Society shall terminate its activities following the decision of the Assembly, in case of the cessation of conditions for the realization of its objectives, as well as in cases foreseen by the Law.

In the case of termination of the activities of the Society, recipient of the Society assets will be local non-profit legal entity established to achieve the same or similar objectives, and as will promptly decide the Society Assembly.

COMING INTO EFFECT

Article 34

This Constitution will come into effect on the day of its adoption by the Assembly, a primenjivaće se od dana upisa u registar kod nadležnog organa. Prethodni statuti se smatraju nevažećim.

In Belgrade, November 5, 2014

The Chairperson of the Society Assembly
