

## **Justification of Proposed By-Laws Changes:**

The key issues presented with the following recommendations are:

- 1) reordering of the NAN membership categories within Article 1. Members,
- 2) removing the word “corporate” as a membership levels, which was previously approved by the membership but not removed from the language in the by-laws
- 3) expanding the Emeritus membership level to include language of the current “special category” level,
- 4) revising the nature of the "Special Category" level, and
- 5) including a Post-Doctoral/Early Career membership level.

The Membership Committee discussed changes to the Emeritus and Special categories. The expansion of the Emeritus category allowed for changes in the meaning of the Special Category.. It will become a category of membership that is honorary--meaning it will be used for specific purposes at the discretion of the Board. For example, through the ongoing efforts of key NAN board members we have been able to lay the groundwork and build upon our growing relationships with the presidents of allied organizations. This category would provide an excellent opportunity for the NAN president and board to extend to key individuals a Special Category NAN membership, which would be reserved for such "political" ties that further the goals and direction of NAN.

These bylaw changes were discussed and unanimously recommended by the Membership Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors.

*[Note to membership: Section numbers within Article 1 would reflect the new order in the Revised Language of Section 1 Classes of Members with no other changes within those respective sections.]*

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I. MEMBERS**

#### **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

##### **SECTION 1. Classes of Members.**

There shall be seven classes of members: professional, fellow, associate, student, affiliate, special category, and corporate. All members of the Academy shall be subject to the By-laws of the Academy and to any subsequent revisions or amendments.

#### **REVISED LANGUAGE**

##### **SECTION 1. Classes of Members.**

There shall be eight (8) classes of members: Fellow, Professional, Post Doctoral/Early Career, Associate, Affiliate, Student, Emeritus (Active and Inactive), and Special Category. All members of the Academy shall be subject to the By-laws of the Academy and to any subsequent revisions or amendments.

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## **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

### **SECTION 7. Special Category.**

A special category member shall have been a member in good standing for a minimum of 10 consecutive years immediately prior to applying for special category status, shall have reached the age of 70 or be permanently and totally disabled, be employed part-time and shall pay one-half (50%) of the professional member dues rate. Special category members may vote and serve on committees but may not hold office. Special category status is granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors following a recommendation for special category status from the Membership Committee after receipt of a letter of application for special category status from the member and verification that the aforementioned criteria have been met. They will also receive the Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology.

## **REVISED LANGUAGE – and NEW SECTION NUMBER**

### **SECTION 9. Special Category**

Special Category status is granted based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the President and is approved on an annual basis. This membership level is considered “honorary” and members in this category cannot vote or hold office.

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## **ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

### **SECTION 8. Emeritus**

An emeritus member is an individual who is completely retired from practice and earns no more than 25% of their last year’s income in nonpractice related consultation fees. There will be no dues assessed this category. If the individual would like to continue to receive the Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology a fee will be assessed based on the current subscription price.

## **REVISED LANGUAGE**

### **SECTION 8. Emeritus**

An Emeritus member shall have been a member in good standing prior to applying for emeritus status, shall have reached the age of 60 or be permanently and totally disabled, be completely retired, and earn no more than 25% of his/her last year’s income from consultation fees or other employment. Members who meet the eligibility requirements for Emeritus status may make application for either Active Emeritus or Inactive Emeritus status to the Membership Committee by written request and verification that the aforementioned criteria have been met.

1. Active Emeritus members shall pay one-half (50%) of the professional member dues rate, retain all member and voting rights, continue to receive the *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology* and may serve on committees. Active Emeritus members may not hold office.
2. Inactive Emeritus members pay no dues, and may not vote, serve on committees, or hold office, and will not continue to receive the *Archives of Clinical*

*Neuropsychology*. Inactive Emeritus will continue to receive all other organizational benefits and will be included in the official membership directory.

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## **RECOMMENDED NEW CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 4. Post-Doctoral/Early Career**

Post-Doctoral/Early Career status is available for two years after completion of a doctoral degree in psychology for those who are completing post-doctoral supervision/studies leading to psychology licensure. Student members who meet the eligibility requirements for Post-Doctoral/Early Career status may make application to the Membership Committee by written request and verification that the aforementioned criterion has been met. Post-Doctoral/Early Career members do not have voting privileges, may not hold office; but may be members of committees.