

**Constitution of the  
North American Society of Adlerian Psychology**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Association is the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology (hereinafter referred to as NASAP or the Society) shall be:

- to promote the knowledge, training, and teaching of Individual Psychology, defined as the psychological theory and practice originating with and so named by Alfred Adler;
- to support the activities, efficiency, and development of individuals and groups in Individual Psychology;
- to encourage research in and to stimulate the further scientific development of Individual Psychology;
- to establish training centers and institutes of Individual Psychology;
- to extend the availability of psychotherapeutic services;
- to publish journals, books and pamphlets on Individual Psychology;
- to maintain contact with other groups, associations, and schools of thought in the fields of psychology, education, etc.;
- to encourage and assist local or area groups and training institutes to organize and affiliate with the Society.

2. This Society is organized and will be operating for exclusively educational and scientific purposes, which will include the enlistment and involvement of all persons and groups who support the principles of Individual Psychology.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

1. There shall be three types of members -- General, Affiliate and Associate.

2. New members shall be accepted upon receipt of an application and upon receipt of the first year's dues.

1 3. Dues shall be determined by the Council of Representatives and shall be payable  
2 annually in advance of the first day of the fiscal year.  
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#### 5 **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS** 6

7 1. The Society shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Affiliate  
8 Liaison, Section Liaison, President-elect and Past-President. Officers serve on the Board  
9 of Directors.  
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11 a. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Affiliate Liaison,  
12 Section Liaison, and Past-President shall have a two-year term in office.  
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14 b. The President-elect shall have a one-year term in office before assuming  
15 the office of President, after which service s/he will assume the office of  
16 Past-President.  
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18 2. The election of Officers President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be  
19 conducted by the Nominating Committee of which the Past-President is the Chair. The  
20 slate of nominees for each office shall be approved by the Council of Representatives and  
21 presented to the full membership of the Society for election.  
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23 3. The Affiliate Liaison shall be elected from and by the Affiliate Representatives  
24 within three months following the Annual Conference of the year in which the  
25 president of NASAP takes office.  
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27 a. The Affiliate Liaison shall have served at least one year previously on the Council  
28 of Representatives as an Affiliate Representative.  
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30 b. The Section Liaison shall have served at least one year previously on the Council  
31 of Representatives as a Section Representative.  
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33 4. Any General Member of the Society may be nominated to run for the Board of  
34 Directors with the exception of the Affiliate Liaison and Section Liaison who shall be  
35 selected from the eligible Affiliate and Section Representatives on the COR.  
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37 5. With the exception of the officers of NASAP, no one may serve on the Board of  
38 Directors and the Council of Representatives simultaneously.  
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40 6. The President may not serve consecutive terms as President.  
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42 7. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board of Directors,  
43 except when the second term is as President Elect.  
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45 8. All board members must be residents of, and physically reside in, North America.  
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**ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The final authority in managing the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall administer the affairs of the Society, prepare an annual budget, manage the finances of the Society and enter into or terminate contracts.
3. The officers and Affiliate and Section Liaisons shall constitute the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI - COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES**

1. The Constitution and By-laws shall be established by the Council of Representatives to govern the deliberations and actions of the Council of Representatives, the Board of Directors, its Officers and Agents, and any other person(s) who shall in any way be responsible for any part of the work of the Society.
2. The Council of Representatives includes: the Members of the Board of Directors and two types of Representatives elected to the Council: Representatives from Affiliates and Representatives from Sections.
3. Any Representative elected or appointed within the provisions of the Constitution shall serve and hold office for a period of three years. No Representative shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms. Upon completion of a second consecutive full term, a Representative shall not be eligible to serve until two years have passed.
4. Representatives shall be seated at the beginning of the meeting of the Council of Representatives which follows an appropriated election or appointment.

**ARTICLE VII – SECTIONS**

1. Sections shall be established to promote contact among specialized interest areas significantly represented within the Society and to insure representation in the governance of the Society.
2. Any 50 General Members in good standing may petition the Council of Representatives to form a Section. Upon approval from the Council of Representatives, the petitioning group may organize itself into a Section.
3. Each Section shall establish its own by-laws, may collect its own dues and present its own programs. The by-laws and operations of the Section shall be subject to the approval of the Council of Representatives. The by-laws of the Section shall not violate the laws of the Society.
4. Sections may be dissolved by a majority vote of the Council of Representatives.

1 5. "Section Representatives" shall be elected from and by each Section.

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3 6. The number of representatives is specified in the By-laws of the Society.

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5 **ARTICLE VIII – AFFILIATES**  
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7 1. To qualify as an Affiliate Member, an organization must submit a membership list and  
8 a constitution, by-laws or statement of purpose consistent with the goals of NASAP to the  
9 Council of Representatives. Upon approval from the Council of Representatives, the  
10 petitioning group shall be designated as an Affiliate member.

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12 2. To qualify for a Representative to the Council of Representatives, Affiliates must have  
13 a specified number of NASAP members.

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15 3. "Affiliate Representatives" may be elected or appointed by each qualified Affiliate.

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17 4. The number of representatives accorded Affiliates is specified in the By-laws of the  
18 Society.

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20 5. Affiliate Representatives shall be members of the Affiliate and General Members of  
21 NASAP.

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23 **ARTICLE IX - SUSPENSION, EXPULSION**  
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25 1. A member whose dues are not paid within 30 days of the member's dues anniversary is  
26 automatically suspended from good standing, and may neither exercise the rights nor  
27 enjoy the privileges of membership during the period of this suspension. Such suspension  
28 is automatically lifted and a good standing is immediately restored when the member's  
29 dues are paid. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period  
30 of one year, the Board of Directors shall make efforts to determine the member's  
31 intentions and secure payment of dues.

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33 2. The Board of Directors may suspend or expel a member for cause by two-thirds vote,  
34 after an appropriate hearing. In such cases it shall be mandatory to invite the member to  
35 such a hearing, to allow that member the opportunity to respond in person to the accusers  
36 and the Board.

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38 3. Any member may resign by submitting a written resignation with the President.  
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40 **ARTICLE X - OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY**  
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42 1. No Affiliate, or Section, including any Section created by the Board of Directors, shall  
43 enter into, make, perform, or carry out contracts of any kind, or assume obligations or  
44 incur liabilities with any person, firm, corporations, private or public, other than and only  
45 to the extent that the same shall be done in its own name and shall not constitute a joint or  
46 several liability or obligation of the Society and its Board of Directors.

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2 2. The Society in furtherance of its purposes shall not guarantee or assume liability for  
3 the payment of any obligation or indebtedness of a Section or Affiliate.

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5 **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY**  
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7 The Society, should dissolution take place, will divide the assets on a pro-rated basis  
8 among the several affiliated organizations which are exempt under Section 501 c (3) of  
9 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

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11 **ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**  
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13 The Council of Representatives shall act upon amendments to this Constitution proposed  
14 by the General Membership or by the Council of Representatives itself. An Amendment  
15 proposed to the Council of Representatives by petition of 25 General Members in good  
16 standing of the Society must be acted upon by the Council of Representatives. Proposed  
17 amendments which are accepted by a two-thirds vote of the  
18 Council of Representatives shall be recommended to the total General Membership for  
19 ratification by mail ballots. A two-thirds vote of the General Members voting is required  
20 for ratification.

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22 Adopted April, 1978

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