

Society of Family Planning Research Fund

A Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation

(Nonmembership)

Bylaws

**ARTICLE 1**

**PURPOSES**

1.1 The purposes of the Corporation are exclusively charitable as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. In pursuing such purposes, the Corporation shall not act so as to impair its eligibility for exemption under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**ARTICLE 2**

**OFFICES**

2.1 Registered Office. The registered office of the Corporation shall be at such location in Pennsylvania as the Directors may from time to time determine.

2.2 Other Offices. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places as the Directors may select and the business of the Corporation shall require.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEMBERS**

3.1 Membership Corporation. The Corporation shall have no members.

3.2 Honorary Titles. The Board may create such classes of “membership,” such as contributing members or honorary members, as the Directors see fit, but such persons shall not have the rights of members under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended (the “Act”).

## ARTICLE 4

### DIRECTORS

4.1 Powers. The Directors shall have all powers and duties for the conduct of the activities of the Corporation except as otherwise required by these Bylaws or a resolution duly adopted by the Board.

4.2 Qualifications of Directors. Each Director shall be an individual of at least 18 years of age, who need not be a resident of Pennsylvania.

4.3 Number, Election, Term. The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than twelve (12) or more than twenty (20) persons as determined by the Board. Directors shall be chosen annually by the Directors at the annual meeting of the Directors and shall serve for terms of three (3) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. As nearly as possible, an equal number of terms shall expire each year. No directors may serve for more than two terms or six (6) years total.

4.4 Removal. Any Director may be removed from office, with or without the assignment of any cause, by a vote of a majority of the Directors in office at any duly convened meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of the intention to consider removal of such Director has been included in the notice of the meeting. No Director shall be removed without having the opportunity to be heard at such meeting, but no formal hearing procedure need be followed.

4.5 Quorum. A majority of all Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board, and the acts of a majority of the Directors present at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board, unless a greater number is required by the Act or these Bylaws.<sup>1</sup>

4.6 Vote. Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

4.7 Unanimous Consent of Directors in Lieu of Meeting. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a consent or consents in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Directors in office and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

4.8 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Directors shall be held each year at the annual scientific meeting convened in the fall, or upon thirty (30) days' notice at such other time and place as the Directors shall determine.

4.9 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Directors shall be held as determined by the Board.

<sup>1</sup> Section 5546 of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors in office to approve the purchase, sale, mortgage, leasing away, or other disposition of real estate if there are less than 21 members on the Board, or a majority of all Directors if there are 21 or more members on the Board.

4.10 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by one-quarter of the Directors at any time. At least five (5) days notice stating the time, place and purpose of any special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board.

4.11 Teleconference Meetings. Any Director may participate in a meeting of the Board or any committee thereof by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

4.12 Evaluation. The Directors shall at least every other year evaluate their own performance and the composition of the Board in terms of the skills, experience, diversity, and contributions of its members to identify ways it may improve its effectiveness by selection of new Directors and otherwise.

## ARTICLE 5

### OFFICERS

5.1 Positions, Election, Term. The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Immediate Past President who, with the exception of the Immediate Past President, shall be elected by the Directors from among the Directors at the annual meeting of Directors and shall serve for a term of two years (2) and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Directors may elect such other officers or assistant officers, who need not be members of the Board, as they deem appropriate from time to time.

5.2 Consecutive Terms. Officers may be elected for one (1) consecutive term in one position, or a total of four (4) years.

5.3 Duties. The duties of the officers shall include the following:

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Directors and Executive Committee; shall generally supervise the business of the Corporation; and shall execute documents on behalf of the Corporation. The President shall be an ex-officio member of every Corporation committee.

(b) A President-elect shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe or as the President may delegate.

(c) The Secretary shall assure that minutes are prepared and maintained for all meetings of the Board; shall assure that appropriate notice is given for all meetings of the Board; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or by the President.

(d) The Treasurer shall assure that accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation are maintained; shall cause financial reports to be provided to the Board as requested, but not less than once a year; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or by the President.

(e) The Immediate Past President shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe or as the President may delegate.

5.4 Removal of Officers. Any officer or agent of the Corporation may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation may be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights of any person so removed.

## ARTICLE 6

### COMMITTEES

6.1 Establishment. The Board may establish one or more committees to consist of one or more Directors of the Corporation. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board forming the committee, shall have and may exercise any of the powers and authority of the Board, except that no committee shall have any power or authority as to the following:

- (a) The filling of vacancies on the Board.
- (b) The adoption, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws.
- (c) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board.
- (d) Action on matters committed by the Bylaws or by resolution of the Board to another committee of the Board.

If any person who is not a Director is appointed to any committee of the Board, such non-Director shall have no right to vote on any question that would create a binding obligation of the Corporation.

6.2 Appointment to Committees. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the President shall have the power to appoint and remove members and chairs of all committees.

6.3 Creation and Composition of Advisory Boards. The Corporation may, in its discretion, establish Advisory Boards that may include persons who are not Directors. Such Advisory Boards shall have no power to bind the Corporation and shall have only such responsibilities and duties as may be delegated to them by the Board or the President.

## ARTICLE 7

### RESIGNATION AND VACANCIES

7.1 Resignations. Any Director or officer may resign such position at any time, such resignation to be made in writing and to take effect from the time of its receipt by the Corporation, unless some later time may be fixed in the resignation, and then from that date. The acceptance of the resignation shall not be required to make it effective.

7.2 Filling Vacancies.

(a) If a vacancy exists among the positions available for Directors, by virtue of a desire to fill unfilled positions, or by reason of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, the Directors in office may choose a person or persons who may serve as a Director for the remainder of the applicable term(s).

(b) If the position of any officer becomes vacant, by an increase in the number of officers, or by reason of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, the Directors may choose a person or persons who shall hold office for the remaining term.

**ARTICLE 8**

**MEETINGS AND NOTICE**

8.1 Place of Meetings. Meetings may be held at such place within or without Pennsylvania as the Board may from time to time determine.

8.2 Notice. Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person, it may be given to such person either personally or by sending a copy thereof by first class or express mail, postage prepaid, or courier service, charges prepaid, or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, to that person's address (or facsimile number or e-mail address) appearing on the books of the Corporation, or in the case of Directors, supplied by that person to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If the notice is sent by mail or courier service, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail, or deposited with a courier service for delivery to such person or, in the case of facsimile or electronic mail, when dispatched. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and any other information which may be required by the Act or these Bylaws.

8.3 Waiver of Notice. Any required notice may be waived by the written consent of the person entitled to such notice either before or after the time for giving of notice, and attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

8.4 Electronic Mail. Any action which may be done, or is required to be done, in writing under these Bylaws or the Act, including agreement to a unanimous written consent, shall be valid if sent and received by electronic mail.

**ARTICLE 9**

**LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

9.1 General Rule. A Director shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as a Director for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless:

(a) the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of Director in accordance with the standard of conduct contained in Section 5712 of the Act and any amendments and successor acts thereto; and

(b) the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness;

Provided, however, that the foregoing provision shall not apply to (a) the responsibility or liability of a Director pursuant to any criminal statute or (b) the liability of a Director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state or federal law.

9.2 **Indemnification.** The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or Director [or employee or other representative] who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, (and whether or not by, or in the right of, the Corporation) (a “Proceeding”) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a representative of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a representative of another domestic or foreign corporation for-profit or not-for-profit, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such Proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, and with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reason to believe such conduct was illegal, provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Article in any instance in which the action or failure to take action giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness; and provided, further, however, in instances of a claim by or in the right of the Corporation, indemnification shall not be made under this section in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person has been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court of common pleas of the judicial district embracing the county in which the registered office of the Corporation is located or the court in which the action was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that the court of common pleas or other court shall deem proper.

9.3 **Procedure.** Unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Section 9.2 or otherwise permitted by law shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth under that section. Such determination shall be made:

(1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the action or proceeding; or

(2) if such a quorum is not obtainable or if obtainable and a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

9.4 Advancement of Expenses. The Corporation shall advance expenses incurred by an officer or Director [or employee or other representative] who may be eligible for indemnification pursuant to this Article in defending a Proceeding unless such Proceeding is brought against the person by or in the right of the Corporation, and may advance such expenses in any case in which it decides indemnification may be appropriate, in advance of the final disposition of such Proceeding, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay the amount so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation.

9.5 Continuing Right to Indemnification. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided pursuant to this Article shall continue as to any person who has ceased to be an officer or Director of the Corporation and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

9.6 Other Rights. This Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which the Corporation may have to indemnify any person as a matter of law.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **AMENDMENTS**

10.1 The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation and the Bylaws may be amended only by a majority of all Directors at any duly convened meeting of Directors after notice of such purpose has been given, including a copy of the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

11.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

11.2 Policies. The Board shall adopt policies dealing with conflicts of interest, whistleblower protection, and document retention and destruction.

11.3 Headings. In interpreting these Bylaws, the headings of articles shall not be controlling.

11.4 Bond. If required by the Board, any person shall give bond for the faithful discharges of his or her duty in such sums and with such surety as the Board shall determine.

11.5 Subventions. The Corporation shall be authorized, by resolution of the Directors, to accept subventions on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Act and to issue certificates therefor.

11.6 Corporate Seal. The corporate seal of the Corporation shall be in circular form and shall bear the name of the Corporation and the words “Corporate Seal, Pennsylvania \_\_\_\_.”

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