

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

I.

Name

The name of this corporation is the Southern California Psychiatric Society.

II.

Purposes

A. This corporation was originally formed pursuant to the California General Nonprofit Corporations Law. Pursuant to California Corporations Code section 9912, subd. (a) operative as of January 1, 1980, this corporation is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized under the Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity, other than credit union business, for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

B. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

1. To further the study of subjects pertaining to the nature, treatment and prevention of mental disorders.
2. To further the interests, the maintenance and the advancement of standards of hospitals for mental disorders, or outpatient clinics, and of all other agencies concerned with the medical, social and legal aspects of these disorders.
3. To further psychiatric education and research.
4. To apply psychiatric knowledge to other branches of medicine, to other sciences and to the public welfare.
5. To serve the American Psychiatric Association as a District Branch, as provided in that Association's governing documents, to conform with the rules, regulations and administration procedures of that Association.
6. To make available and disseminate to the community, and to the people of the State of California, general information for the public welfare on matters pertaining to psychiatry and allied branches of medicine.

7. To maintain and advance and improve the professional standards of practice of the medical specialty of psychiatry.

8. To serve an advocacy function for the rights of patients and the profession of psychiatry.

9. To establish and support standards for psychiatric practice and peer review.

C. The corporation is intended to qualify as an organization described in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding provisions of the succeeding law and is an organization not organized for profit, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

III.

Agent For Process

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's agent for service of process is:

Mindi Thelen, Executive Director
Southern California Psychiatric Society
2999 Overland Avenue, Suite 208
Los Angeles, CA 90064

IV.

Nonstock Corporation

This corporation is a nonstock corporation.

V.

Limitation On Purposes And Powers

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

VI.

Council

This corporation shall have a board of directors which is called a Council. The Council membership and duties are defined in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

VII.

Amendments

A. Proposals to amend these Articles of Incorporation may originate either (a) by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) or more voting members; or (b) by resolution of the Council.

B. Proposed amendments to these Articles of Incorporation, whether originating from Council or from petition, shall be mailed to all members within a reasonable time. Transmission to or from members eligible to vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and/or of the written ballots to vote on such amendments may be by mail and/or by electronic transmission as approved by the SCPS Council and as authorized by California law. Wherever possible, pro and con discussion shall be included with the text of proposed amendments. If at least twenty-five (25) percent (%) of the members eligible to vote cast their votes, and if more than two-thirds ($2/3$) of the votes cast are favorable to the proposed amendment, such a proposed amendment shall be deemed adopted and shall become effective thirty (30) days after certification by the persons charged with the responsibility of tabulating the vote. An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may alternatively be approved by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voting members of a regular membership meeting at which a quorum is present.

Date: _____, 2008
