Bylaws and Proposed Revisions for Division Two

In May 1994, the Division's Long-Range Planning Task Force proposed to the Executive Committee that the name of the division be changed to the Society for the Teaching of Psychology—Division Two of the American Psychological Association. This change has been contemplated by the Division since 1991 when President Joseph Palladino set up a task force to look at the pros and cons of a name change. The task force endorsed the idea of a name change but did not specify a particular name. Since that time, the Executive Committee has considered this issue but did not have time to discuss the implications thoroughly at its August meetings. The Long-Range Planning Task Force discussed this issue at its February 1994 meeting and recommended the proposed new name to the Executive Committee. In May 1994, the Executive Committee voted to recommend a bylaws change to the division membership to change our name. The Executive Committee believes the proposed change is appropriate for several reasons.

a. **It would more accurately reflect the division's identity.** At present, about 40% of our members are affiliates who do not belong to APA. The percentage of affiliates is expected to increase as we continue our active efforts to recruit high school and community college teachers. Also, the pool of APA members who are likely to become Division Two members is small and not expected to increase. Like a number of other divisions, we have evolved into a semiautonomous organization that increasingly plans, develops, and executes programs on its own for many members who are not members of APA. In light of these changes, the Division needs a new name that more accurately reflects its identity and composition.

b. **It would help us with recruiting.** Our efforts to recruit members who are not likely to be or become APA members would be helped if our name more accurately reflected our diversity. If people view us as the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, they may be more likely to realize one does not have to be an APA member to be a member of our society.

c. **It would be consistent with recent name changes by other divisions.** The proposed name would add to our current name and not abandon our old name. We could continue to refer to our organization as Division Two of APA while adding another, more precisely descriptive name that could be emphasized in certain contexts, namely, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. This name would be consistent with recent name changes made by other divisions; for example, Divi-
sion 8 is now the Society for Personality and Social Psychology and Division 23 is now the Society for Consumer Psychology. This approach has also been favored by recently formed divisions such as the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues (Division 44) and the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45).

In addition to the name change, several other minor changes are proposed. In Article III, 1, the Executive Director of the Office of Teaching Resources (OTRP) is added to the Executive Committee. In Article III, 6, the OTRP Advisory Task Force is changed to the OTRP Advisory Board. This is a standing board and not a temporary advisory group as the name task force implies. In Article III, 10, Editor of the Division's newsletter is added to the Secretary's duties because this is one of the most important responsibilities of the Secretary. In Article VII, 3, it is recommended that terms of committee members should be staggered to provide continuity on committees. In Article VII, 7, the position of Associate Program Chair is added because APA now requires that each division have an Associate Program Chair to rotate into the Program Chair position.

Only the sections in which changes are proposed are listed below. The bylaws revision indicates wording that is proposed for deletion (in italics and in parentheses). New language is underscored. The Executive Committee has approved these changes, and they are now being forwarded to the membership for a vote.

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President

ARTICLE I—Name and Purpose

1. The name of this organization shall be the (Division on the Teaching of Psychology) Society for the Teaching of Psychology—Division Two of the American Psychological Association.

ARTICLE III—Officers

1. The elected officers of the Division shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and one or more Representatives to the Council of Representatives, as provided for in the bylaws of the APA. The officers appointed by the Executive Committee shall be the Chairs of the standing committees, (and) the Editor of TEACHING OF PSYCHOLOGY, and the Executive Director of the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology.

6. The Executive Director of the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP), appointed by the Executive Committee, will serve as (an ex officio) a member of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to maintain the office that distributes teaching materials approved by the OTRP Advisory (Task Force to the OTRP) Board, to facilitate the development of the materials, to assist with editing and direct production of the OTRP projects, and to take directives from the OTRP Advisory (Task Force) Board appointed by the President. The term of office for the Executive Director will normally be 3 years, with the possibility for one or more additional terms. The OTRP Advisory (Task Force) Board will consist of up to five members, one of which will serve as Chair, for 3-year appointments. Efforts will be taken to assure that the OTRP Advisory (Task Force) Board is composed of representatives from different types and levels of educational institutions. The OTRP Advisory (Task Force) Board will determine and oversee all aspects of the office, including editorial decisions and policy.

ARTICLE VII—Committees and Task Forces

3. Committees shall ideally be constituted of persons selected from among all four categories of membership, and the Executive Committee should attempt to distribute membership category representation on Committees when appropriate. Because the Chair of Committees often is the person serving the third year of a term and because Affiliates may not serve as a Committee Chair, the usual rotation of Committee members into the Chair must take this into account, perhaps by adding an extra Committee member or changing the rotation. Division Two Affiliates are eligible to chair a Task Force. When possible, terms of committee members should be staggered.

7. The Program Committee shall consist of (three) at least four members. The Chair shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee for a 2-year term. The Associate Chair shall be appointed by the President for a 2-year term. The Associate Chair becomes the Chair upon appointment by the President. Other members of the Committee shall be the President and President-Elect. The program reviewers shall be selected by the Program Chair from all more than a range of institutions and areas of interest as possible. In addition, the Secretary shall be an ex officio member of this Committee. It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to make arrangements for the program and annual meeting of the Division in accordance with Article VI of these bylaws and to coordinate the program with the convention program arranged by the Program Committee of the APA.
Ballot on Bylaws Revision

Only members of Division Two (Fellows, Members, Associates, and Affiliates) may vote on bylaw changes. To verify your membership, please print your name on the outside of the envelope in which you return the ballot. Please return the ballot by April 15, 1996, to the Division Two Secretary at the following address:

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ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose
(a) Change name to Society for the Teaching of Psychology—Division Two of the American Psychological Association.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______

ARTICLE III: Officers
(a) Add Executive Director of Office of Teaching Resources to Executive Committee.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______
(b) Change name from Advisory Task Force to the OTRP to OTRP Advisory Board.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______
(c) Add editor of the division’s newsletter to the responsibilities of the Secretary.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______

ARTICLE VII: Committees and Task Forces
(a) Indicate committee terms should be staggered where possible.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______
(b) Add the office of Associate Chair of the Program Committee.

IN FAVOR _______ OPPOSED ______