



The SPA Board has voted to change the bylaws to allow undergraduates to be members of the Society. The rationale for this change involves our effort to increase involvement from excellent students. We believe that more involved students are more likely to be actively involved in personality assessment and SPA after they finish their education, and that students who are involved with SPA at the undergraduate level will be more likely to pursue graduate training in personality assessment and to be members of SPA. In addition, many undergraduates already attend the annual conference, and we believe that this change will make them feel more welcome and perhaps promote their active involvement in the Society and at the meeting.

Presently, the SPA Bylaws state the following:

Article II. Section 4. Student Affiliates

- a. Graduate students enrolled in a regionally accredited program in psychology or a related field may be elected as student affiliates.
- b. Student affiliates are automatically members of SPAGS.
- c. Graduate students may be enrolled in the Student Affiliate category for a maximum of five (5) years.

The following change in wording (underlined) to the Bylaws has been voted on by the Board and the Board solicits the approval of the membership (Members, Life Members, Fellows, and Life Fellows):

Article II. Section 4. Student Affiliates

- a. Graduate students enrolled in a regionally accredited program in psychology or a related field may be elected as student affiliates.
- b. Undergraduates who are majoring in psychology or a related field and who are sponsored by a doctoral level SPA member may be elected as student affiliates.
- c. Student affiliates are automatically members of SPAGS.
- d. Students may be enrolled in the student affiliate category for a maximum of five (5) years of accredited graduate study and a maximum of eight (8) years total.