

Bylaw

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the “[city or university] Young Minds Section” (hereafter called “the Section”).

Article II: Objectives

The objectives of the Section shall be:

1. to promote awareness of physics research and applications in the academic and local communities,
2. to serve as a means of communication and interaction between students, faculty, and administration on a local, national and international level,
3. to establish interaction between students and young researchers, peer YoungMinds Sections, and the European Physical Society governance,
4. to broaden the member's and insight into post-graduate research and career opportunities.

Article III: Membership

Membership in the Section shall be open to any student or graduate with a strong interest in physics. In accordance with the objectives stated in Article II, members of the Section shall be either students or Individual Members of the European Physical Society, or members of one of its member societies.

Article IV: Quorum

A quorum of thirty percent of the total membership of the Section shall be required for business to be transacted or elections held at any meeting.

Article V: Organization

A. Young Minds Section Officers

- a. All officers shall be full time students or researchers of [your local university], members of good standing with the European Physical Society or one of its member societies.

B. Nominations and Elections

- a. The elected officers will be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The officers shall be elected annually.
- b. Nominations for the officers shall be conducted by a committee consisting of three members appointed by the President. The committee's role will be to ensure a full slate of candidates for the officers.
- c. Nominations will be open for one week after the first regular meeting of either the Fall or Spring semester.
- d. Elections will be held at the second regular meeting of the either the Fall or Spring semester. Voting must continue until a candidate wins by majority of members present. If no majority is obtained, the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be

eliminated and voting will continue.

- e. In case of a vacant office, a special election will be held at the next regular meeting.

C. Term of Office

- a. The term of all officers shall begin at the completion of the election.

D. Removal from Office

- a. An elected officer can be removed from office for misconduct or failure to perform the duties of his/her office.
- b. Removal must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present, after the charges have been openly preferred against the officer by a member of the Young Minds Section – one meeting prior to the meeting at which the removal vote is to be taken.

E. Duties of Officers

- a. President — To run meetings in an orderly fashion, to make necessary decisions, and to represent and be responsible to the Young Minds Section.
- b. Vice President — To assist the President and to serve in his/her absence. To preside over activities of the Young Minds Section.
- c. Treasurer — To be responsible for the financial obligations to the Young Minds Section, identify and apply for grants, coordinate payment of dues, and distribute funds accordingly.
- d. Secretary — To take minutes of all Young Minds Section meetings and to be responsible for all correspondence of the Young Minds Section. To maintain communications with the European Physical Society and the corresponding national society. To assume responsibility for submitting annual reports to the European Physical Society and all other supporting institutions.

Article VI: Funds

Young Minds Section dues shall be paid, and funds will be managed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall provide appropriate membership information and materials and coordinate dues payments to the European Physical Society.

Article VII: Collaboration

This Young Minds Section shall collaborate with peer Sections in local institutions, national bodies and international organizations to generate broad support and to secure funding for its activities. All collaborations shall be organized including supporting professional circles.

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Notification

The [name of the YM section] is founded under the approval of the Department/Institution where most of the members are enrolled.

The Department/Institution formally approves the creation of the student group [name of the YM Section], and encourages and supports the collaboration with the department/institution members, It will also support the EPS Young Minds Section with all its facilities (rooms, management, etc.)

[city][date]

Signature of the Department Head

Institution: _____

Department: _____

Name of the Department Head (print): _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ email: _____

Signature of the Faculty Advisor

Department: _____

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