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ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section I

Name

The name of the organization is the International Institute for Bioenergetic Analysis (IIBA).

Section II

Definition

Bioenergetic Analysis is a specific form of body psychotherapy - based upon the continuity between mind and body - rooted in the work of Wilhelm Reich and founded by Alexander Lowen.

Purpose

- A. The IIBA is an international membership organization of psychotherapists devoted to the development and practice of Bioenergetic Analysis. Members belong to the IIBA through membership in their local society or as a member at large. Local societies are in four (4) regions globally: Europe, Latin America, North America and New Zealand and International Faculty.
- B. The IIBA shall promote and develop an interest in the theory and techniques, principles and practice of Bioenergetic Analysis throughout the world.
- C. The IIBA shall encourage and support the development, growth and continuing education of local societies, training groups and study groups which will be recognized as organizations affiliated with the IIBA. Each such society or group shall receive yearly confirmation by the President, recognizing its affiliation with the IIBA upon its adherence to the principles of the IIBA as enumerated in the By-Laws herein and upon the payment of the annual dues to the IIBA as established by the Board of Trustees of the IIBA. The recognition and affiliation of a local society, training group and study group as an affiliated organization is dependent upon and shall continue to be dependent upon the approval of the Executive Committee of the IIBA.
- D. The IIBA will sponsor and organize a regular biennial International Conference on Bioenergetic Analysis, on a rotational regional basis, and Professional Development Workshops.
- E. The IIBA, through its International Faculty and local societies, will conduct professional development workshops and classes in furtherance of its basic purposes.
- F. The IIBA will publish a newsletter, journals, monographs, books, periodicals, and other papers in the field of Bioenergetic Analysis on a national and international scale.
- G. The IIBA will sponsor and carry out research in all aspects of Bioenergetic Analysis.
- H. The IIBA will support efforts by local societies to improve human functioning in their social environments.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNMENT

Section I

Board of Trustees

To enable the IIBA to function, the government, management, supervision and control of the IIBA shall be vested in a Board of Trustees.

Section II

Qualifications and election of trustees

- A. Trustees of the IIBA shall be Active Members with at least five (5) years of experience as a Certified Bioenergetic Therapist (CBT).
- B. The Trustees shall be selected as follows:
 - One (1) Trustee shall be elected by the Active Members of the International Faculty as their representative;
 - four (4) Trustees shall be elected by the Active Members of Europe as their representatives;
 - three (3) Trustees shall be elected by the Active Members of North America and New Zealand as their representatives;
 - three (3) Trustees shall be elected by the Active members of Latin America as their representatives under rules established by the Board of Trustees;
 - one (1) Trustee (who will serve as Treasurer) from the country where the IIBA Administrative Office resides shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and
 - the past President shall be a Trustee for a term of up to one (1) year.
- C. Trustees shall serve for a three (3) year term of office. Trustees may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.
- D. Terms begin with the first date of the official (in-person) BoT meeting, usually held in Spring.
- E. Composition of the Board of Trustees must consist of at least one IIBA Faculty member from each region and at least one CBT (not an IIBA Faculty) from each region. An Election Committee of the Board will submit a list of nominees proposed for election to the Active Members. The nominees can be proposed by the Board (through the Election Committee) or by the Active Members. The election of Trustees shall take place under rules established by the Board of Trustees. The Election Committee will review nominees to make sure they meet the minimum requirements of office and send relevant biographical information together with the list of nominees to the Active Members prior to each election.

Section III

Powers and duties of trustees

The Trustees shall have all the powers granted to them under the Indenture of Trust creating the original Institute dated October 2, 1956 and the amendment thereto dated April 25, 1959 as well as all other powers granted to them by the membership, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Quorum. A majority of the whole number of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Meetings. A regular specific-location meeting shall be held at least once a year on such dates as set by the Board of Trustees. Additional meetings, virtual or locational, which dates shall be set by the Board, may also be set on their own adjournment or upon written request of one-third (1/3) of the whole number of Trustees. Notice of the time, place and type of every meeting shall be communicated in reasonably sufficient time to the usual email address of each Trustee.
- C. Removal of Trustees. Any Trustee who fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without excuse accepted as satisfactory by a majority of Trustees shall be deemed to have resigned. In the event of the incapacity, illness or inability to act of any Trustee, the Board of Trustees shall remove such Trustee by two-thirds (2/3) vote. The Board of Trustees shall have the right to remove any Trustee whose actions shall be determined to be detrimental to the IIBA by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees.
- D. Interim Appointments. The Board of Trustees shall have the right to fill any vacancy on the Board that arises as a result of death, disability, resignation or removal. The term of any person so appointed shall be set by the Board of Trustees so as to maintain staggered terms of the Board.

Section IV

Executive committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the IIBA and are elected by the Board of Trustees (BOT) at their first meeting. The role of the Executive Committee is to execute the policies of the IIBA. It shall manage the current business of the organization in accordance with the Mission Statement and Goals of the organization as defined by the Board of Trustees. These include, among other things,

- making decisions on current business as defined by the Board of Trustees;
- appointing Chairs of Committees and Working Groups and appointing coordinators for specific tasks;
- keeping in contact with the International Faculty and overseeing Teaching activities;
- presenting an annual budget and an annual report on the financial situation of the IIBA to the membership;
- overseeing the organization of the International Conference, and
- officially representing the IIBA outside the organization.

The President of the BOT shall preside over meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section V

Officers

- A. The Officers of the IIBA shall be as follows:
 - 1. President: The President shall be the principal administrative officer of the IIBA.
 - 2. Vice President: She (or He) shall serve as the principal administrative officer of the IIBA in the absence of the President.
 - 3. Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary shall be responsible for the books and records of the IIBA, including the minutes of all meetings and for the financial records of the IIBA and shall make sure that all financial filings, including tax filings, are properly made.
 - 4. Officer for Teaching Matters.
- B. Election of Officers: Officers shall be elected by the BOT at their first meeting, which is presided over the Past President, and will take office immediately.
- C. Term of Office (except as provided herein): Officers shall serve for a period of three (3) years following their election to office. Officers may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms.
- D. Removal of Officers: In the event of the incapacity, illness or inability of any Officer, the Board of Trustees shall remove such Officer by two-thirds (2/3) vote. The Board of Trustees shall have the right to remove any Officer whose actions shall be determined to be detrimental to the IIBA by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the BOT.
- E. Interim Appointment of Officers: The Board of Trustees shall elect a successor for any vacant Officer position by a majority vote of the BOT. Any Officer so elected shall serve only until the next election of Officers.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Classes of members

Membership in the IIBA shall consist of the following classes:

- A. Active Members
 - 1. International Faculty: Any active or retired member of the IIBA Faculty who has paid dues as provided herein.
 - 2. Europe: Any Certified Bioenergetic Therapist (CBT), any student/trainee who has successfully completed at least four (4) years of Bioenergetic Analysis Training or any

- retired CBT whose address with the IIBA is in Europe and who has paid dues as provided herein.
3. North America and New Zealand: Any Certified Bioenergetic Therapist (CBT), any student/trainee who has successfully completed at least four (4) years of Bioenergetic Analysis Training or any retired CBT whose address with the IIBA is in North America or New Zealand and who has paid dues as provided herein.
 4. Latin America: Any Certified Bioenergetic Analyst/Therapist (CBT), any student/trainee who has successfully completed at least four (4) years of Bioenergetic Analysis Training or any retired CBT whose address with the IIBA is in Latin America and who has paid dues as provided herein.
- B. Student Member**
Any student/trainee in Bioenergetic Analysis Training who has not yet successfully completed four (4) years of Bioenergetic Analysis Training and has paid dues as provided herein.
- C. Supporting Members**
Any person who is interested in the goals and principles of Bioenergetic Analysis and who wants to support its development and participate in the activities of the IIBA and has paid dues as provided herein.

Section II

Voting rights of members

All Active Members shall have full voting rights.

Section III

Revocation of membership

- A. Any member or local society whose dues are in arrears shall be notified of the delinquency and if such dues are not paid within the time prescribed by such notice to the delinquent society or member, said society or member shall, in the discretion of the Executive Committee, be dropped from the rolls of the IIBA as a member or as an affiliated society.
- B. If an Active Member is in breach of the IIBA Code of Ethics, she/he will be brought before the Ethic Consulting Group. Her/his membership can be revoked for her/his breach of the IIBA Code of Ethics by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

Annual Membership Dues for the various categories referred to shall be set by the Board of Trustees of the IIBA.

ARTICLE V - DISSOLUTION

The Board of Trustees, by a three-quarters (3/4) vote may, at a special meeting called for said purpose, cause the Institute to be dissolved. In the event of dissolution, the trust estate shall be distributed in compliance with appropriate laws and the terms of the indenture of trust creating the Institute.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

As permitted by appropriate laws, By-laws may be amended

- by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members voting or
- by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees.