

The Constitution of Cerebrals

Preamble

Cerebrals society is dedicated to the search of high intellectual giftedness among individuals, bringing highly gifted individuals together, and making full use of high intellectual giftedness for the good of human society in general, where possible.

Cerebrals society will strive to reach understanding and promote thoughtfulness within as without, to spread what it gathers and reach always one step further into uncertainties of humanity. In this, we may fail from time to time, but final successes are always traced by the failures that preceded.

Section I Membership in Cerebrals

Article 1

Following the purpose stated in the preamble, two criterions have been set through which highly gifted individuals are discriminated as such:

1. Based on the scores obtained on the standardized supervised intelligence tests and intelligence tests designed and developed by Mr. Xavier Jouve, psychometrician.
2. Based on their activity on the Cerebrals forums and the range of giftedness they demonstrate there,

According to which two levels of membership in Cerebrals are set:

1. **Members** - persons who have submitted a valid proof of at least one score on the accepted IQ tests at or above the 99.7th% of the general population
2. **Subscribers** - persons who have submitted a valid proof of at least one score on the accepted IQ tests at or above the 99th% of the general population

And an honorary status of:

1. **Associates** - persons who intensively take active part for a period of at least one month in the Cerebrals forums (*II Amendment*)*

Article 2

- A person will have established one of the two levels of membership or the honorary status of associate upon satisfying the appropriate criterion from Section I, Article 1, and submitting Application Form to the Cerebrals officers in charge.

Article 3

- For each of the three categories, membership is free and voluntary, and therefore can be terminated on personal request.

Article 4

- Associates to the society are allowed and encouraged to become subscribers or members in case they score high enough on at least one of the accepted intelligence tests.

Article 5

- If an associate remains constantly inactive over the period of six months, and makes no reply to the inquiry of the Cerebrals officers in charge about his/her associate status in the Cerebrals, that associate will no longer be considered associate and his/her name will be removed from the list of associates.
- Former associates may regain their associate status, by showing a renewed interest through intensive activity in the Cerebrals forums over a period of at least one month.

Section II
Privileges of Members, Subscribers and Associates

Article 1

- Members, subscribers and associates will all be equal in their rights to participate in the Cerebrals Forums, Cerebrals Online Journal and Cerebrals Bulletin.
- Each member and member alone will be eligible to any of the offices of Cerebrals.
- Each member and member alone will be entitled the right to vote in the elections for the Cerebrals officers and on any other issue that is ever put to vote.
- Subscribers and associates will not be entitled the right to vote in the elections for the Cerebrals officers and on any other issue that is ever put to vote.

Article 2

- Members, subscribers and associates are encouraged to send in their suggestions to all the elected officers.
- Members, subscribers and associates are encouraged to send to the Publisher their writings and other creations for publication in the Cerebrals Online Journal.

Article 3

- There are no duties whose omission would bring the termination of member and subscriber status.
- The only failure that can bring the termination of the associate status is referred in Section I, Article 5.

Article 4

- No member, subscriber or associate can pretend to voice the opinion of Cerebrals neither within Cerebrals, nor outside Cerebrals, for there is no such thing as opinion of Cerebrals.
- Cerebrals society may not be held responsible for any possible negative action of any of it's members, subscribers or associates outside the Cerebrals society.

Section III
Cerebrals Officers

Article 1

- With the purpose of making the management of the Cerebrals society easier and providing the enactment of all the provisions set hereby, this Constitution establishes following offices:
 - a) Two Co-Presidents**
 - b) Vice-President**
 - c) Cerebrals Web Officer**
 - d) Psychometrician**
 - e) Publisher**

Article 2

- This Constitution sets forth the honorary title of Founder of Cerebrals to the society's founder Xavier Jouve.
- All the provisions of this Constitution will apply to the Founder of Cerebrals equally as they apply to all other members, subscribers and associates.

Article 3

- There will be no material compensation for serving in any of the Cerebrals offices.

Article4

- The two Co-Presidents and the Vice-President will be in charge of providing the enactment of all the provisions set by this constitution.
- The two Co-Presidents and the Vice-President will be in charge of receiving Application Forms for establishing any of the two levels of membership and the honorary status of associate by prospective members, subscribers and associates and for confirming the acceptance of new members, subscribers and associates to the Cerebrals society.
- The two Co-Presidents and the Vice-President will be in charge of keeping data of all voting results, dates and acts and making them public.

Article 5

- Cerebrals Web Officer will be in charge of maintaining the Cerebrals Web Pages.
- Cerebrals Web Officer will be assisted in his/her task by both Co-Presidents and the Vice-President, on his/her own request.

Article 6

- Psychometrician will be in charge of approving submitted scores and checking submitted answers to the accepted tests sent in by prospective members and subscribers.
- Psychometrician will be in charge of selecting tests accepted for admission to the Cerebrals. This selection will be argued by the psychometric properties of the test chosen in an article published in the COJ and resumed in the Bulletin.
- Psychometrician will be assisted in his/her task by both Co-Presidents, the Vice-President and Cerebrals Web Officer on his/her own request.

Article 7

- The Publisher will be in charge of collecting the requisite material from members, subscribers and associates for publishing the Cerebrals Online Journal (COJ).
- The Publisher will be entitled to determine deadlines for the publication of the COJ with a maximum of 3 months between any two issues.
- The Publisher will be entitled to change the design of the COJ if he/she deems that the composition of the COJ can be better. If so, the Publisher will propose a template to the Web Officer for the publication on the Cerebrals web site.
- The Publisher will be in charge of collecting the requisite material for publishing the monthly Cerebrals Bulletin.
- The Publisher will be entitled to change the design of the Bulletin if he/she deems that the composition of the Bulletin can be better. If so, the Publisher will propose a template to the Web Officer for the publication on the Cerebrals web site.
- The Publisher will be assisted in his/her task by both Co-Presidents, the Vice-President and the Cerebrals Web Officer, on his/her own request.

Article 8

- The Co-Presidents, the Vice-President and the Psychometrician will co-operate closely in providing the enactment of provisions set in Section I, Articles 1 – 2.

Article 9

- The term of duration for each of the offices will be one year.
- The term for each of the offices will start on the first day of March, and will end on the first day of March of the following year.

Article 10

- Same person will not hold both offices of Co-President, or the office of Co-President and the office of Vice-President at the same time.
- Same person will be allowed to hold any other two elected offices at the same time.

Article 11

- No person will hold elected offices for more than three consecutive terms.

- After the one year pause, same person may be re-elected and may remain in any office for another three consecutive terms. This can be repeated multiple times.

Article 12

- Provisions from Section III, Article 11 do not apply to the office of Psychometrician.
- Only individuals who have been properly trained in psychometrics will occupy the office of Psychometrician. The Psychometrician will especially have a high-level of knowledge in the psychometric methods of the accepted tests (history of tests, psychometric properties, structure of cognitive abilities, etc.) and will follow its actuality.
- If there is no more than one person properly trained in psychometrics within the Cerebrals society, that person will be the only eligible to the office of Psychometrician.

Article 13

- Any person holding the Cerebrals office, may resign from the office on personal request.
- In case of resignation of any Cerebrals officer, the extraordinary elections will be held within a month time from the resignation of that officer.

Section IV Voting Procedures

Article 1

- Because of the specific nature of the communication means through which members of Cerebrals stay connected, there will be a general voting period.
- The general voting period will last three days, except when electing Cerebrals officers.
- When electing Cerebrals officers, the general voting period will last ten days.

Article 2

- Elections and votings will be performed on the special password protected pages of the Cerebrals society's web pages or with a Ballot published in the Bulletin.
- Passwords for access to the election and voting pages will be sent to every member upon joining Cerebrals or in the e-mails notifying members about the coming elections and votings.

Article 3

- The period for submitting candidacies for the Cerebrals offices will start on the 15th day of January and will be concluded on the 10th day of February.
- All the candidacies will be sent to the Publisher for publication in the Bulletin.
- All the candidacies will be made public to all the members, subscribers and associates in the Cerebrals Bulletin.

Article 4

- All members will be notified by e-mail about the coming elections or other votings and about the closing date for casting their votes.
- After the closing date, voting will be considered completed and no further votes will be accepted.

Article 5

- Members, subscribers and associates will all be entitled the right to propose candidates for the elected offices from among the members only, if they chose to do so.
- Members, subscribers and associates will propose only one person per office from among the members only.
- Members will be allowed to submit their own candidacy for up to two offices at the time, providing that it is not contrary to the provision set in Section III, Article 10.

- The names of all the persons proposed for any of the Cerebrals offices will be entered on the election ballots.

Article 6

- Cerebrals officers will be elected by the largest number of votes gained out of the total number of votes cast by the members before the completion of the general voting period.

Article 7

- The candidate for any office, except the office of Co-President, with the largest number of votes gained will be considered elected to the office he was candidate for.
- The two candidates for Co-Presidents with the largest numbers of votes gained will be considered elected to the office of co-president.

Article 8

- When there is only one candidate for a certain office after the closing date for submitting candidacies, that candidate will be considered elected, without voting.
- When there are no candidates for a certain office, members will vote for whoever they consider fit. The office will be offered to the person who gained most votes.
- When the person who gained most votes declines the offer to take the office, the office will be offered to the next person in number of votes gained.
- This will be repeated until the office is filled.

Article 9

- Elections for the Cerebrals offices will be held each year in the second half of February.
- When organizing the elections, care will be taken of the provisions set in Section IV, Article 1

Article 10

- When a constitutional amendment is proposed by at least ten percents of the total number of members, subscribers and associates, that constitutional amendment will be put to vote.
- When both Co-Presidents and the Vice-President propose a constitutional amendment jointly, that constitutional amendment will be put to vote.
- When some other issue is proposed for voting by at least five percents of the total number of members, subscribers and associates, that issue will be put to vote.
- When an issue is proposed for voting jointly by both Co-Presidents, that issue will be put to vote.

Article 11

- Constitutional amendments will be adopted by at least two-thirds majority of the total number of members. (I Amendment)*
- Other issues will be settled by at least fifty percents plus one, of the total number of members who cast their votes during the general voting period.
- If the above conditions are not met, proposed constitutional amendments or issues proposed for vote, will not be further considered for a period of at least six months.

Article 12

- If the same person is elected to more than two different offices, that person will chose two among these, that he/she will occupy, providing that it is not contrary to the provision set in Section III, Article 10.
- The remaining offices not chosen by such person will be occupied by the candidates following in number of votes gained out of the total number of votes cast by members for each respective office.

Article 13

- If a tied result occurs during elections, the tied candidates will go for a second round of voting.
- If a tie remains unresolved after the second round and no candidate is willing to concede, the tie will be resolved by random choice.

- Procedure for the random choice will be as follows:
The two Co-Presidents will assign one number, known only to themselves, to each of the tied candidates.
Votes will be cast by members, as regular, for one of the assigned numbers.
The two Co-Presidents will not take part in that voting.
- If a tie still remains unresolved this procedure will be repeated multiple times until the resolution of the tie.
- If the tie causes a delay in the start of the office term, that term will nevertheless terminate on the first day of March of the following year.

This Constitution of Cerebrals has been adopted by a two thirds majority of the total number of members who cast their vote on the 7th day of March 2002.

This Constitution drawn by Stevan M. Damjanovic
2nd February 2002

Amendments

I Amendment

Amendment to Section IV, Article 11, paragraph 1
proposed by: Stevan Damjanovic, Co-President
seconded by: Xavier Jouve Ph.D, Co-President & Barry C. Howard, Vice-President
February 7th 2004

(adopted February 10th 2004 by 96% majority of Cerebrals members who cast their vote)

- Constitutional amendments will be adopted by at least two-thirds majority of the total number of members who cast their votes during the general voting period.

II Amendment

Amendment to Section I, Article 1
and all related provisions concerning the Associate status
proposed by: Stevan Damjanovic, Co-President
seconded by: Xavier Jouve Ph.D, Co-President & Barry C. Howard, Vice-President
February 21st 2004

(adoption confirmed February 24th 2004 by 93% majority of Cerebrals members who cast their vote)

- The honorary status of the Cerebrals Associate will no longer be available and no person will be accepted to that status.