

Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics (SBMT)

The Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics (SBMT) it is a non-profit society organized for the purpose of encouraging basic and clinical scientists who are interested in areas of brain mapping (e.g. engineering, stem cell, nanotechnology, imaging and medical device, etc.) to improve the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients afflicted with neurological disorders. Dr. Babak Kateb established SBMT in 2003 out of the collaboration between NASA/JPL-USC-Keck School of Medicine and Caltech through an initial summit at NASA/JPL. This initial think-tank summit gradually grew overtime to a larger think-tank international convention. Throughout the years, SBMT has been a pioneer in research, advocacy, and service to the medical community.

SBMT student chapters provide a platform for students with an interest in neuroscience, medicine, and various other disciplines to collaborate with different professionals within the scientific community in order to discuss and share new ideas in research, public policy, get involved in community service, and submit research to various national conferences, including SBMT's annual world congress (April 13th-15th, 2018; see website <http://www.worldbrainmapping.org/Annual-Congress/>)

Membership in SBMT enables one to access an incredibly vast network of elite doctors, scientists, professors, and various other professionals throughout the world. Student chapter members participate in a wide range of programs and activities that enhance their undergraduate and graduate experiences and prepare them for successful careers. The activities of student chapters can include discussions about career opportunities in medicine, research business, academia, etc., lectures given by guest speakers, team research projects led by postgraduate mentors, social functions and community service. It is the responsibility of each student chapter president and his/her officers/board members to integrate the interests of chapter members on activities and research topics. Research related interests, ideas, and other pursuits can be brought up to senior members of SBMT and distributed accordingly throughout the scientific and professional community.

Current Chapters

- University of California Los Angeles
- University of Southern California
- Wayne State University
- Florida International University
- Nova Southeastern University

Sample LLU Constitution

Article I - General Provisions

1. The name of this organization shall be the Loma Linda University Student Chapter of the Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics.
2. The membership of this organization shall consist of any LLU student, undergraduate or graduate.
3. For the purposes of this Constitution, a registered member is defined as one who attends meetings on a regular basis.
4. The financial records of this organization shall be made available to university administrators upon request.
5. The Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or age in any of its policies, procedures, or practices.

Article II - Purpose

1. To promote the pursuit of knowledge and research into fields of brain mapping, engineering, stem cell, nanotechnology, imaging, and medical device to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with neurological disorders.
2. To provide information into student research opportunities related to said fields and to develop student researcher skills, such as abstract writing and poster presentations.
3. To relay information related to national research conferences in the said fields to the members.
4. To encourage student involvement and to promote service activities within said fields.
5. To act as a medium for the members' social, cultural and political objectives.

Article III - Organization

1. The Board
 - A. The board shall consist of the following officers in order of succession:
 - a. The President

- b. The Vice President
- c. The Research Coordinator
- d. The Secretary
- e. The Treasurer
- f. The Social Chair

B. If the president decides, under the power granted to him/her by the Constitution, that a new, appointive position is necessary for his/her administration, the appointee must be confirmed by a vote of the general membership.

2. The President

A. Powers

- a. Appoint committee chairpersons
- b. Appoint members to newly-created positions
- c. Fill vacancies in elective and appointive offices
- d. Call special meetings of the entire organization or Board when deemed necessary
- e. Act as an ex-officio member of all committees
- f. Call a special election when necessary

B. Duties

- a. Preside over all meetings of the organization
- b. Act as official representative of the organization
- c. Sign all necessary correspondence

3. The Vice President

A. Powers

- a. Shall assume all the powers of the President when the President is absent or is unable to execute the duties of the office

b. Act as an ex-officio member of all committees

B. Duties

a. Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or when he/she is unable to execute the duties of the office

b. Coordinate external affairs

c. Ensure that a newsletter is published and distributed to each registered member

d. Sign all necessary correspondence

5. The Research Coordinator

A. Powers

a. Call research meetings including workshops to improve scientific writing skills and discussion meetings on various research papers

B. Duties

a. Coordinate and lead research meetings

b. Search for national research conferences to deliver to members

6. The Secretary

A. Duties

a. Keep an accurate written record of each general meeting or board meeting

b. Keep a record of all committee decisions and activities

c. Handle all correspondence

7. The Treasurer

A. Powers

a. Handle all financial transactions

B. Duties

a. Keep an accurate record of all income and expenditures

b. Report monthly to the President and the general membership on the financial

status of the organization

8. The Social Chair

A. Duties

- a. Post to all social medias to ensure that there is public awareness of the organization's events
- b. Organize all social events including fundraisers and game nights
- c. Actively work to raise money for the organization

Article IV - Elections

1. Voting

- A. All registered members shall be allowed to vote.
- B. All officers appointed by the President shall be approved by consent of the general membership.

2. The Election Process

- A. The election for office shall be held by secret ballot.
- B. Elections for office shall be held annually. They are to be held no later than Friday of the third week of spring quarter. The newly elected officers shall begin their terms immediately at the end of spring quarter.
- C. Write-in voting shall be legal and possible on all ballots for the election of officer candidate(s) for the office in question.
- D. A recount, and if necessary, another election shall take place if desired by the candidate(s) for the office in question.
- E. A simple majority (fifty percent plus one vote) of votes cast is required for election to any office. If no candidate receives a simple majority, then a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes for the office(s) in question shall be held the following week.
- F. Completed ballots will be counted and verified by the SOLE Advisor.

3. The Elected offices shall be:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Research Coordinator,

Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair

4. Qualifications

Any registered member desiring to be considered a candidate, for any elective office shall meet the following requirements:

A. Be a registered member of the Loma Linda University Student Chapter of the Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics.

B. Candidates for President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President must have served at least two (2) quarters as a registered member of the Loma Linda University Student Chapter of the Society for Brain Mapping and Therapeutics.

Article V - Recall Elections

1. All elected officers are subject to recall by a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of all registered members. Such recall elections shall be held within fifteen (15) school days after said petition is submitted to the general membership and to the officers in question, provided that the petition is found to have the required number of valid signatures.

2. The petition that is presented must state the reasons for which the officer is being recalled. All signers of the petition must know that they are requesting a recall of an officer on the specific grounds stated on the petition.

3. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is necessary for recall.

4. Any officer subjected to recall shall be given the opportunity to address the organization before the election. After the officer being recalled has had the chance to address the organization, he/she must not be present during pre-vote discussion or during the vote for recall.

5. Any appointed officer may be removed by a simple majority vote of the general membership. Any stipulations from Article V, Section IV, that are not mentioned in this section must also be adhered to.

6. If an officer is recalled, the President, under the powers granted to him/her by the Constitution may appoint a different member to fill the vacant office.

Article VI - Amendment Process

1. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by any member. It must then be present to the general membership. Proposed amendment must be made available to all members at least five (5) school days prior to voting. Any proposed

amendment requires a two- thirds ($2/3$) approval and shall go into effect immediately, unless otherwise specified, but never later than the last day of the quarter when it was approved