

**NPΨ**  
**Nu Rho Psi**  
**THE NATIONAL HONOR**  
**SOCIETY**  
**IN NEUROSCIENCE**

**Transition Plan**  
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*Nu Rho Psi will undergo several stages of development as the honor society becomes the organization described in the Constitution and By-Laws:*

**Phase 1: National structure – under FUN control:** Nu Rho Psi will be managed by the officers of the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) for a minimum of 2 years after the establishment of the society. During this period, the FUN officers, or their designates, will conduct all of the functions that will eventually be assigned to the National Council and National Office of Nu Rho Psi. During this initial period the main focus of Nu Rho Psi will be to establish local chapters of the society. National conventions of Nu Rho Psi will not be held during this phase. The *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* will not be published in paper form during this period. However, updates on the status and growth of the society will be documented on a Nu Rho Psi web page which shall be part of the FUN web page.

**Phase 2: Regional structure:** If, after at least 2 years, Nu Rho Psi has established enough local chapters to warrant the transition, the society will evolve into a regional structure of governance as described in the Constitution and By-Laws. A majority vote of the officers of FUN will decide on the date of transition. At this point, National Officers will be elected, National Council established, and Executive Director and appropriate National Staff hired. Following this transition, the *Nu Rho Psi Newsletter* will be published in paper form – unless deemed otherwise by National Council. Following this organizational transition, the seminal relationship between FUN and Nu Rho Psi will be acknowledged in communications and publications of the new honor society but the management of Nu Rho Psi will be independent of FUN.

**Phase 3: International structure:** It is the intent of the organizers of Nu Rho Psi to eventually offer membership to students, scientists and educators throughout the world. At the point when the society is self-sufficient and self-governing (employing the regional structure described in the Constitution and By-Laws) and there exists interest in membership extending beyond the U.S. borders, the National Council will work towards transitioning the society to an international structure of governance and participation. This would take the proposal of significant amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws – as prescribed in Article X of the Constitution.