

Article I: Name of Organization  
Stanford Biosciences Student Association (SBSA), also known as Biomass.

Article II: Statement of Purpose

The purpose of our group is to provide useful career resources and information, arrange fun social events, and impart a political voice to the approximately 800 students enrolled in biological science graduate programs in approximately 14 research departments here at Stanford University. In addition to the biological sciences, SBSA has members in the departments of physics, applied physics, chemistry as well as departments in the school of engineering.

Article III: Eligibility for Membership

All students in the Stanford biological sciences are invited to take an active part in the administration of the group. The group's membership is opened to other programs on an adjunct basis and an especially important focus for us is outreach to other departments where networking can be mutually beneficial to Biological sciences students, including Business and law schools.

Article IV: Officers

A. President

- a. In charge of organizing monthly SBSA meetings.
- b. Makes primary decisions about directions for the group that are then approved or denied based on meeting participants.
- c. Must be a graduate student in one of the biosciences programs.
- d. Will be elected by simple majority vote at the end of the year meeting and will serve for one academic year.
- e. Can be reelected for up to two years.

B. Treasurer

- a. Works with GSC funding sources to support varied events.
- b. Reports to monthly meetings with upcoming events, budgetary status, etc.
- c. Will be elected by simple majority vote at the end of the year meeting and will serve for one academic year.
- d. Can be reelected an unlimited number of times.

C. Other elected officials

- a. Specific roles will be filled at the time of yearly officer elections and on an as-needed basis.
- b. Bring viewpoints from diverse groups at monthly meetings.

Article V: Dissolution of Organization

At which time the student membership in the group makes it not worthy of representing the overall Biosciences the groups care will be decided by acting president and meeting participants.

Article VI: Procedure to Amend Constitution

The constitution can be amended by a simple majority at any SBSA monthly meeting. Amendments will be considered for approval for one month from their first introduction, except in case where three-quarters of the meeting attendants agree that there is urgency in the decision.

Article VII: General Voting Procedure

For each topic publicly announced to be on a meeting's agenda, anyone present for the discussion can call for a vote, to be decided by simple majority. All meeting attendees are eligible to vote. Under extenuating situations, the President may call for an "override" vote by the SBSA Officers. The outcome of that vote supersedes the general vote.