

Organizations for by-laws investigation

Organization/Assignee name

- ☐ [Earth Science Information Partners \(ESIP\) \(by-laws\)](#) / Anne Thessen (and I can also ask my friend with a non-profit management MBA)

- ☐ Things I think are useful for Ronin:

- ☐ Maintained in GitHub by a governance committee. Committee activities are transparent (recorded in a wiki)
- ☐ Sections of bylaws are pasted below - seem like basic non profit stuff
- ☐ Sections are minimalist
- ☐ Specifics about voting, defining a quorum, membership, resignations
- ☐ Duty of care and conduct stuff
- ☐ Policies and procedures and position descriptions are separate from the bylaws

- ☐ Things I think are not useful for Ronin

- ☐ All the stuff about meetings

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| Article 01 Offices |
| Article 02 Purposes |
| Article 03 Members |
| Article 04 Directors Election and removal |
| Article 05 Director duty of care and conduct |
| Article 06 Meetings of the Board |
| Article 07 Officers |
| Article 08 Committees |
| Article 09 Execution of instruments, deposits and funds |
| Article 10 Corporate records, reports and seal |
| Article 11 Miscellaneous provisions |

- ☐ Here is a link to [bylaws](#) for a cat rescue. They have things like term limits and something about pronouns that we may want to include. Also an indemnification section and section on parliamentary procedure
- ☐ [Research Data Alliance \(RDA\) \(by-laws\)](#) / Rebecca Koskela
- ☐ [The Practicing Institute of Engineering, Inc.](#) /
- ☐ [American Society of Civil Engineers \(by-laws\)](#) /
- ☐ [American Geophysical Union \(AGU\) \(by-laws\)](#) /
- ☐ <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/nonprofit-bylaws.html> / Jorrit
- ☐ New Jersey-Based Non-Profit Bylaws / Jovita

- ☐ Not-For-Profit Governance and “Best Practices Guide with sample forms (NY) (https://www.weil.com/-/media/files/pdfs/2024/may/2024-guide-to-not-for-profit-governance_final.pdf)
- ☐ Nonprofit & Social Service Organizations Desk Reference Manual (Third Edition – 2013) Prepared by Sobel & Co, LLC CPAs
<https://static.wilentz.com/docs/desk-reference-manual-for-nonprofit-and-social-service-organizations-2013.pdf>
- ☐ **Northwest Registered Agent New Jersey Bylaw Template**
<https://www.northwestregisteredagent.com/nonprofit/new-jersey/bylaws>
- ☐ **New Jersey City State College Development Fund, Inc Bylaws**
<https://www.njcu.edu/about/support-njcu/njcu-foundation/njcu-foundation-bylaws>
- ☐ **DVRPC Foundation for New Jersey, (a trust)**
https://cdn.dvrpc.org/sites/default/files/inline-images/4502_DVRPC-Foundation-for-NJ-Bylaws.pdf
- ☐ **Neuromatch (Delaware Bylaws)**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m8S6Zgz2YooNiF4pVLNnp5RGKoNVfnH/view>
- ☐ International Society for Transgenic Technology (bylaws)(<https://www.transtechsociety.org/index.php>)/ Elena
- ☐ Tangentially it may be worth reviewing NSF guidelines for grantees so that we may incorporate them into the new bylaws: (Rami Saydjari)
https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/aag_4.jsp
- ☐ NSF procedures for Grant Administration Disputes and Misconduct:
https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf10_1/aag_7.jsp (Rami Saydjari)
- ☐ Plan to call, ask specifics about what we as members of Ronin could and couldn't do to keep Ronin open, given the bylaws we have <http://www.njnonprofits.org/> Elena- they do not accept calls, only email so sent email to center@njnonprofits.org 6/11/24, 1 hr before receiving the “Ronin Institute Update” email from the Ronin Board of Directors
- ☐ **Neuromatch Institute**/Nick Jackson
 - ☐ Neuromatch seems to have an innovative structure whereby the Board holds day-to-day governance power but one member is selected by Neuromatch Academy, one by Neuromatch Conference, and the remainder by a majority vote of members.
 - ☐ Removal of board members occurs at a meeting of Members, but it seems that the board has control over scheduling those meetings.
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