

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

 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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