

# BIOMOUTH RESEARCH GROUP

- Charter -

## I. NAME:

The name of this research group shall be the Biomouth Research Group

## II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this organisation shall be to:

1. Foster communication and collaboration between existing research groups within New Zealand that are involved or interested in mastication, jaw mechanics, food development, dentistry, or other related areas.
2. Raise our profile and showcase our research locally and internationally.
3. Seek collaboration with overseas laboratories.
4. Actively seek research funding for collaborative Biomouth projects.

## III. MEMBERSHIP.

1. There shall be no membership fee.
2. Everyone shall be entitled to apply for an official membership through:
  - a. Contacting an existing member
  - b. The Biomouth Research Group's official website, <http://www.biomouth.org>.
3. Only official members of the Biomouth Research Group may hold office and vote in elections for the organization's officers.

## IV. EVENTS AND MEETINGS.

1. The Biomouth Research Group shall meet once per year.
2. The Biomouth Research Group shall host conferences, symposia, debates, speakers, and discussion meetings according to the statement of purpose.
3. The Biomouth Research Group shall acknowledge outstanding papers and posters at conferences organised by themselves with "Best Contributed Talk" and "Best Poster" awards.

## V. OFFICERS.

The Biomouth Research Group shall have 2 officers:

1. The President of the Biomouth Research Group
  - a. Shall have a good understanding of the overall areas of research related to mastication.
  - b. Shall be the official spokesperson for the organization.

- c. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the organization.
2. The Secretary of the Biomouth Research Group
  - a. Shall have a good understanding of the overall areas of research related to mastication.
  - b. Shall be the administrator of the membership lists.
  - c. Shall be in charge of collecting, assembling, and emailing a quarterly Biomouth newsletter.
3. Failure of any officer to uphold the duties of their office are grounds for removal from office.
4. An officer may be removed from office by 2/3 of the votes of registered members of Biomouth Research Group.

## **VI. CRITERIA FOR HOLDING OFFICE.**

1. All individuals holding office must be registered Biomouth Research group members.
2. The election shall take place with the December Biomouth newsletter every 2 years and shall be elected by a majority vote of the registered members
3. In the case of a resignation of an officer from office, a special election meeting may be held to fill the office until the next election.
4. All officers hold their position until the next elections.
5. There are no limitations on the number of terms of office an individual may hold.

## **VII. CRITERIA FOR CHANGING THE CHARTER.**

1. The charter shall be changed after a special ballot results in either of the following:
  - a. One officer and 50% of the votes are in favour of a change.
  - b. Two-thirds of the votes are in favour of a change.

After agreeing at the Biomouth Symposium in Auckland (14-15.12.2006) to formally establish the NZB Research Group, this Charter shall take effect on the 1.1.2007. The founding members are:

- Prof. Jules Kieser, University of Otago
- Prof. Mike Swain, University of Otago
- Prof. Peter Xu, Massey University
- A/Prof. John Bronlund, Massey University
- Prof. Andrew Pullan, University of Auckland
- Dr. Oliver Röhrle, University of Auckland