

BYLAWS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KNOWLEDGE AND SYSTEMS SCIENCES (ISKSS)

ARTICLE I: NAME, LOCATION AND PURPOSE

1.1 Name.

The name of this corporation shall be International Society for Knowledge and Systems Sciences, with the acronym "ISKSS", herein referred to as the ISKSS or the Society.

1.2 Location.

The location of the Society's principal office, termed International Business Office, shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Persons and institutions may be members of the Society without regard to their location.

1.3 Purposes.

ISKSS is a non-profit organization. The overall purpose of ISKSS is to promote development of knowledge science and systems science, as well as collaboration between both of two sciences. It further seeks to encourage research and facilitate communication between and among scientists and professionals from various disciplines and professions at local, regional, national, and international levels.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Application and Categories of Membership.

Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Treasurer and Vice-President for Funds or Vice-President for Administration of the ISKSS and approved by the Board of Directors. The ISKSS shall be composed of members in the following categories:

A. Regular Member--an accepted individual who wishes to further the purpose of the ISKSS.

B. Student Member--an accepted individual who is actively pursuing a formal educational program in knowledge and systems science or a related field.

C. Honorary Fellow--an individual who is selected for special recognition by the board of directors.

D. Institutional Member--an accepted organization, which promotes the objectives of the ISKSS.

2.2 Privileges, Dues and Fees.

Individual members shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Society, the Council, and the Board of Directors. All regular and student members shall vote in person, when in attendance, at all duly-called meetings of the Society, and by mail ballot on proposed

amendments to these by-laws, upon proposed resolutions of the membership, and the election of officers and directors. All members are entitled to receive such publications and communications as are from time-to-time provided by the Society.

Institutional members shall be entitled to send voting representatives, receive designated publications, and receive appropriate recognition.

The Council shall determine annual dues and admission fees which shall be paid by each member in accordance with such classifications as it deems appropriate, and may require dues of a different amount for each class so created. Annual dues shall be for a twelve-month period, beginning from January 1. All changes in the amounts of dues shall be ratified by simple majority vote of voting members at the next annual meeting of the membership of the Society.

2.3 Suspension or Termination.

Membership may be suspended or terminated for failure to pay dues or other financial obligations to the Society. Furthermore, the Board of Directors may suspend or terminate any membership it determines to be detrimental to the Society's goals and objectives.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION AND ELECTION

The collective membership of International Society for Knowledge and Systems Sciences shall be known as the Society. The Society shall meet in business session annually to ratify such items as are required to be ratified by the Society by these bylaws and such other items as the Council may desire to submit for ratification.

3.1 Council.

The governing body of the Society shall be the Council. The Council may exercise all powers requisite for the purposes of the Society, that are not inconsistent with these bylaws or with duly enacted resolutions of the membership, including, but not limited to, the authority to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Society and to enact resolutions binding upon the Board of Directors, the officers, committees, and staff.

3.2 Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall act as the administrative committee of Council, and shall exercise all powers of Council except those reserved to Council in these bylaws or by resolutions of the Council. The Board of Directors shall be composed of seven regular officers of the Society, namely, the President, Secretary and VP for Protocol, Treasurer and VP for Funds, VP for Administration, VP for Membership and Conferences, VP for Research and Publication, and VP for Communication and Systems Education. However, in the event of a full vote that is tied, the votes of the seven regular members shall determine the outcome.

3.3 Executive Committee.

The committee generally shall direct ordinary business under duly established policies but it may act on behalf of the Board of Directors in emergency situations.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of at least three of the following four members: the President, the Treasurer, the VP for Administration, and one other voting member of the Board of Directors, preferably the one who is most concerned or knowledgeable about an issue under consideration and who is readily available for consultation.

3.4 Elections and Terms

The board of directors shall authorize a nomination and selection procedure. Terms of the president and all vice presidents shall be 3 years. The president and vice presidents shall be elected one year prior to the presidential term.

Vacancies of the office of President may be filled by Council. Vacancies in any other office may be filled by the Board of Directors. Vacancies in committees and commissions may be directly appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

4.1 Meetings of the society

- **Annual Meeting.** A regular or annual meeting of the Society shall be held, at a place and on a date to be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Council may change the period in which the meeting may be held. In an emergency, the Board of Directors may change the date and location of the meeting.
- **Special Meetings.** The President shall call a special meeting of the Society when directed by the Council or the Board of Directors, or upon the written request by signed petition of at least 10 percent of the membership of the Society or 25 percent of the members of the Council. Special meetings shall be held at places and times designated by the Board of Directors.

4.2 Meetings of the Council.

- **Regular Meeting.** A regular annual meeting of the Council shall be held prior to the annual meeting of the Society at the same place.
- **Special Meetings.** The President shall call special meetings of the Council when requested to do so by the Board of Directors or when requested in writing by signed petition of at least 25 percent of the Council members. Special meetings of Council shall be held at the times and places designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

New bylaws may be adopted, or these bylaws may be amended or repealed, by the approval of a majority of the authorized board of directors or by the approval of the members.