

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, the official acronym for which is IAICS.

ARTICLE II – Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of the IAICS shall be to promote study, criticism and research in intercultural communication, to enhance the teaching of intercultural communication, and to increase the usefulness of our knowledge about intercultural communication for the general public.

Section 2. The IAICS is a nonprofit organization that exists for educational and scholarly purposes only. No part of the organization's net revenues shall be used for the private benefit of any individual or group.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Membership in the IAICS shall be open to any person or institution interested in promoting the organization's purposes.

ARTICLE IV – Affiliate Organizations

The Board of Directors may, upon petition from an association whose objectives are consistent with those of the IAICS, grant to such association the status of affiliate organization. Granting of such recognition shall constitute neither an endorsement of the activities of the organization nor a financial commitment to the organization on the part of the IAICS.

ARTICLE V – Officers

Section 1. The officers of the IAICS shall be President, President Elect, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Editor of the Association's publications.

Section 2. The President, President Elect, Executive Director, and Editor shall be nominated and elected as specified in the Bylaws.

Section 3. The President Elect shall succeed to the office of President.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

Section 5. In the event of the incapacity of an officer, the Board of Directors shall, at its discretion, elect a replacement or establish a nomination and election procedure for so doing.

ARTICLE VI – Executive Board

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the principal policy making body of the IAICS and shall be responsible for managing its resources and affairs.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of IAICS members representing broad geographical areas and, as non-voting members, the past Presidents of IAICS.

ARTICLE VII – IAICS Publications

Section 1. IAICS shall sponsor a journal titled "Intercultural Communication Studies," the acronym for which is ICS.

Section 2. The responsibilities of the Editor of the Association's publications shall be specified in the By Laws.

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

Section 1. A majority of the Board of Directors may initiate amendments to this Constitution.

Section 2. Any thirty members of the Association may present a petition to any member of the Board of Directors. The proposed amendment shall be circulated to all Board of Directors members for consideration.

Section 3. After no less than 30 days following the distribution of a proposed amendment, the President shall distribute a ballot to the Board of Directors. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required for adoption of an amendment.

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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: Membership

Section 1. The Association is a non-profit organization and is financed by membership dues, contributions, and conference income. There shall be five classes of membership in the Association: Life, Organizational, Regular, Student and Retired.

Section 2. Membership in this association is open to any person or institution that is interested in promoting the Association's purposes.

Section 3. The full membership of the Association shall be those persons who attend meetings of the Association at the annual IAICS convention and those individuals who submit a written request to be a member of the Association. Paid membership includes a subscription to the IAICS journal.

Section 4. The qualifications for each category of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II: Dues and Fees

Section 1. Annual dues in each membership category shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Registration fees for the annual meeting and other meetings and activities of the Association shall be established by the Executive Director with the approval of the Board of Directors. Fees for library journal subscriptions, subscriptions to the Association's journal, special publications, and services provided to members, affiliates, organizations and others, shall be similarly established.

ARTICLE III: Meetings

Section 1. The Association shall ordinarily sponsor a convention during each calendar year. The convention shall be under the general direction of the Executive Director with policy implementation and financial obligations subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The convention shall include a business meeting of the Board of Directors and a meeting for Editorial Board members. The President shall preside over each meeting. The agenda for the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director in consultation with the President. The agenda of the Editorial Board meeting shall be the responsibility of the Editor of the Association's publications in consultation with the President and the Executive Director. All decisions at these meetings shall be under the general direction of the Executive Director with policy implementation and financial obligations subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Convention social activities shall be under the general direction of the Executive Director with policy implementation and financial obligations subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: Nominations and Appointment of Officers

Section 1. Members of the Board of Directors shall nominate the President-Elect, the Executive Director, and the Editor of the Association's publications. The candidates shall be elected with the majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. An IAICS Treasurer and members of the International Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Executive Director subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Editorial Board Members of the Association's journal and other publications shall be appointed by the Editor subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Elected Association officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the business meeting of the Board of Directors at the convention immediately following their election.

ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall serve for two years. The President shall serve as the presiding officer of the annual convention, as the chair of the Board of Directors meeting, and as the chair of the Editorial Board meeting. The President may appoint ad hoc committees to work on IAICS issues.

Section 2. The President Elect shall serve for two years. The President Elect shall have responsibility for assisting the President. The President Elect shall succeed to the Presidency when that office is vacated. The President Elect shall succeed automatically to the Presidency at the conclusion of the business meeting of the Board of Directors at the convention over which his or her predecessor has presided.

Section 3. The Executive Director shall serve for a three year term, renewable subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall represent the Board of Directors, shall be responsible for the IAICS website, shall schedule the annual convention events, and serve as the business manager of the Association. The Executive Director shall appoint a Treasurer for IAICS and shall appoint an International Advisory Board.

Section 4. The Treasurer, who is appointed by the Executive Director, shall serve for a three-year term, renewable subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration of all Association funds and shall prepare an annual financial report to the Board of Directors meeting and the general business meeting of the Association.

Section 5. Members of the International Advisory Board, who are appointed by the Executive Director, shall serve for two years. The members shall serve as the Association's advisors and function as a liaison between the different groups within and without the Association.

Section 6. The Editor of the Association's journal shall serve for a three-year term, renewable subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Editor shall be responsible for the Association's publications subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Editor may appoint issue editors and members of the Editorial Board, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Members of the Editorial Board shall serve for a three-year term, renewable subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - Publications

Section 1. The Association shall publish a scholarly journal. The name of this journal shall be "Intercultural Communication Studies."

Section 2. All editorial, format, and financial policies governing "Intercultural Communication Studies" and all other IAICS publications shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. All material published in "Intercultural Communication Studies" shall be copyrighted in the name of the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies.

Section 4. Material published in "Intercultural Communication Studies" may be used for any professional purpose as long as its source is clearly indicated.

ARTICLE VII – Affiliate Organizations

Section 1. Affiliate organizations are those groups whose objectives are consistent with those of the Association and have been endorsed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. If a group wishes to become an affiliate organization of the Association, it must petition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – Awards

The granting of any award for scholarship, teaching, and/or service in the name of the Association may be proposed to the Board of Directors by any member of the Board.

ARTICLE XIV - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by a majority of the Board of Directors or by a petition addressed to the Board of Directors and signed by ten members of the Association.

Section 2. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for the adoption of a proposed amendment to these Bylaws.

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