

Bylaws of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities.

Proposed changes to the Articles and Bylaws.

Article I

Section 2.

Paragraph b. **Reads:** Organise international and regional congresses, conferences and seminars.

To read: Organise international and regional congresses, conferences, seminars and meetings of Special Interest Research Groups.

Paragraph f. **Reads:**

Encourage and assist in the creation of international organisations concerned with scientific study of intellectual disabilities.

To read:

Encourage and assist in the creation of national organisations, and research centres concerned with the scientific study of intellectual disabilities.

Article 11

Section 2.

Member organisations.

Paragraph c **Reads:**

Each member organisation and research centre is entitled to appoint a delegate to the Assembly as specified by the Council.

To read:

Each member organisation and research centre is entitled to appoint a voting representative to the Assembly as prescribed in these Bylaws.

Paragraph d **Reads:**

Each member organisation is privileged to attend and speak at the meeting of the Assembly though not entitled to vote unless serving as a delegate.

To read:

Each individual member of a member organisation is privileged to attend but not entitled to vote at the meeting of the Assembly unless as the named voting

representative of the member organisation or as otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws.

Paragraph e New article.

To read: Each Special Interest Group, in good standing with the association, is entitled to appoint a voting representative to the Assembly or as otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws.

Section 4.

Paragraph b **Reads:**

A subscribing individual member is privileged to attend and speak at the meetings of the Assembly though not entitled to vote unless as a delegate.

To read: A subscribing individual member is privileged to attend, speak and vote at the meetings of the Assembly as prescribed in these Bylaws.

Paragraph c. Reads –

The Council may appoint individual members to serve as a delegate to the Assembly. This delegate is entitled to speak and vote in the Assembly.

Proposal - **Delete.**

Paragraph d. **Reads -**

The privileges ascribed to subscribing individual members should be those assigned by Council, including, but not limited to, complimentary subscription to the Association's official journal and newsletter and member directory. Individual subscribing members shall be eligible for reduced registration at the IASSID World Congresses and other meetings as deemed by Council or Meeting Program committees.

To read: The privileges ascribed to a subscribing individual member shall be those assigned by the Council, including but not limited to the Association's official journal and membership directory. Individual subscribing members shall also be eligible for reduced registration at the IASSID World Congresses and other meetings as deemed by the Council or Meeting Program Committees.

Section 5.

Paragraph b **Reads:**

Honorary members are considered as individual members of the Association with the privileges of subscribing individual members excluding complimentary provision of the official journal and reduced registration fees of World Congresses. They are privileged to attend and speak at the meeting of the Assembly though not entitled to vote unless serving as a delegate.

To read:

Honorary members are considered as individual members of the Association with the privileges of subscribing individual members and a reduced registration fee at world Congresses as determined by Council. They are privileged to attend and speak at the meetings of the Assembly though not entitled to vote unless as an individual subscribing member or as named representative by a member organisation or research centre.

Section 7

Paragraph b. **Reads:** Member organisations and subscribing members in default of payment of annual fee shall be given an additional year in which to pay. If the annual fee is not paid at the end of one year extension, the Council may elect to place the member organisation or subscribing members in probationary status. During the probationary status, the individual member of the member organisation and subscribing member shall be ineligible to vote, to hold office or be a member of any committee of the Association. A member organisation or individual member is in good standing with the Association if its / his / her fees or dues are paid within the year of membership. Membership normally lapses at the end of each calendar year and a member is only in good standing with the payment of fees prior to the beginning of or during the next calendar year.

To read: A member organisation or individual member is in good standing with the Association if its / his / her fees or dues are paid up within the year of membership. Membership lapses at the end of each calendar year and a member is only in good standing with payment of fees prior to the beginning of or during the next calendar year.

Section 8 Termination of membership.

Paragraph b. **Reads** A member may be terminated from membership for conduct which tends to injure the Association, contrary to or destructive of its

purpose. Charges of such conduct shall not be entertained unless submitted to the Council, in writing, and signed by two members of the Association. Upon receipt of charges, the Council shall determine whether the charges shall be dropped. If the charges are not dropped, the member concerned shall be given an opportunity, either to resign, or be heard in defence. If said member chooses a hearing, he / she shall not be terminated from membership except by 3/4th vote of the Council members present and 3/4th of the delegates present at an Assembly of the Association.

To read: **The IASSID may terminate from membership a member for conduct which is contrary to the purpose and means of the Association as set out in Article 1, sections 1 and 2 of the Association. Council shall entertain a proposal of termination of membership when submitted in writing and signed by two members of the Association. Membership will be terminated by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Council members present and three-fourths (3/4) vote of those members entitled to vote in vivo or by proxy at an Assembly of the Association.**

Article III The Assembly of Members.

Section II Composition of Assembly.

Paragraph a. **Reads:** The Assembly shall consist of:

- i) Voting members who are delegates of member organisations, research centres, regional groups, special interest research groups and individual members designated as a delegate by the Council.
- ii) Non-voting members who are the other members of the Association.

To read: **The Assembly shall consist of:**

Designated voting members of –

**Member organisations.
Research centres.
Special interest research groups.
and
Individual members.**

- iii) Non-voting members, who are the other members of the Association.

Paragraph b.

Reads: Each member organisation or research shall appoint voting delegates to the Assembly as specified by Council.

- one voting delegate for an organisation with less than 100 members,
- two voting delegates for an organisation with 100 to 500 members.
- Three voting delegates for an organisation with over 500 members.

To read:

Each member organisation and research centre shall appoint a designated representative to vote on their behalf at the Assembly as prescribed in these Bylaws.

- a. **One named voting member for an organisation with less than 300 members.**
- b. **Two named voting members for an organisation with 300 or more members.**

Paragraph c. **Reads:**

The Council may appoint individual members to serve as delegates to the Assembly. Such delegates will be those from each country represented in the membership.

Proposal: **Delete.**

Paragraph d.

Reads: Council and Officers cannot be appointed as delegates to the Assembly.

Proposal: **Delete.**

Paragraph e.

Reads: Regarding the identification of eligible voters at a General Assembly meeting, the Secretary will provide as many signed cards to member organisations, research centres and special interest research groups as they are entitled to have voting delegates as well as to the delegates appointed by Council. Delegates should make themselves known to the Secretary before the meeting in order to be entitled to vote in the General Assembly.

To read:

A designated voting member(s) of member organisations, research centres, special interest groups, will identify themselves to the Secretary prior to the General

Assembly. The Secretary will provide signed cards to designated voting members of member organisations, research centres, special interest research groups, and individual members.

All designated voting representatives and individual members must be in good standing with the Association two months prior to the General Assembly.

Paragraph f **Reads:**

The period between Assembly – meetings of one world congress to the next is considered the term of office for a voting delegate.

To read:

Designated voting representatives may vote by proxy. A proxy vote must reach the Secretary of IASSID at least two weeks before a General Assembly or extraordinary general meeting of the association. Proxy votes may be delivered via post, electronic mail or by fax in a format prescribed by Council.

Paragraph g **Reads:** One third (1/3) of the member organisations, subscribing individual members, who are appointed as delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

To read:

One third (1/3) of those members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV

The Council of the Association – section 2 – composition of Council.

Reads:

The Council of the Association shall consist of the Officers and the Council of the Association, each of whom shall be elected by the Assembly as described in these Bylaws.

To read:

The Council of the Association shall consist of the elected officers and councillors of the Association, each of whom shall be an individual member in good standing with the Association elected by the Assembly or as otherwise prescribed in these Bylaws.

Article V.

Section 1. Officers

Reads:

The Officers of the Association are the President, the President-elect, Four Vice-Presidents, The Secretary, The Treasurer and the immediate past-President.

To read: The elected Officers of the Association are the President, the President-elect, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The President can appoint from the members of Council not more than 4 Vice Presidents as prescribed in these Bylaws. A Vice President may serve successive terms, at the discretion of the President and Council, if the Vice Presidents responsibilities to Council remain the same.

Section 2 – Nomination, Election and Term of Office.

Paragraph a **Reads:** Officers and Honorary Officers presented for election shall be drawn from a list of nominees as set out by the Nomination and Elections committee following consultation with the current officers, councillors and member organisations, individual members and formal SIRGs, all in good standing with the Association.

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Section 4 President-elect.

Reads: The President-elect shall serve for one term or until a successor is elected and shall succeed to the office of President upon completion of his / her term of office. He / she shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council or the President. In the absence or temporary disability of the President-elect, necessary duties shall be undertaken by:

- (i) Vice-President (Chairperson of Nominations & Elections Committee).
- (ii) Vice-President (Chairperson of Awards & Recognitions Committee).

To read: The President-elect shall serve for one term or until a successor is elected, and shall succeed to the office of President upon completion of his / her term of office. He /she shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Council or the President. In the absence or temporary disability of the President-elect, necessary duties shall be undertaken by an officer or member of Council as recommended by the Officers of the Association and agreed by the Council.

Section 5. Vice-Presidents.

Reads: A Vice-President shall serve not more than one term. Vice-Presidents, appointed to complete the term of a vacated Vice-Presidency may stand for election for another term. A Vice-President may serve more than one term provided the additional term is not in succession. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Council or President.

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To read: **A Vice-President may be appointed for successive terms by the President, with the approval of Council. A Vice-President shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or Council.**

Section 7 Treasurer

Paragraph b. new article

To read: **The outgoing Treasurer may serve in an advisory capacity, at the request of the President, and the agreement of the Council, one further year to assist the incoming Treasurer.**

Section 8 Immediate past President

Reads: The Immediate Past President shall serve for one term, beginning immediately at the termination of his / her presidency. He / she shall be a full member of the Council, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Council or the President.

To read: **The immediate past President, as an ex-officio member of Council, shall serve one term beginning immediately at the termination of his / her Presidency. He / she will be a full member of the Council and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Council or the President.**

Section 9 Miscellaneous provision –

Paragraph a.

Reads: In the event of a Vice-President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer are unable to perform the duties of their respective offices, they may ask the President to be relieved of their responsibilities. The Officers can appoint a deputy-officer in his / her place. For this a postal

election can be held. A majority of the votes from the Officers is required. Upon the decision of the Council, one Officer may be vested with more than one office.

To read: In the event of a Vice President, the Secretary, Treasurer, are unable to perform the duties of their respective office, they may ask the President to be relieved of their responsibilities. The Officers can appoint a deputy officer in his / her place. An electronic election can be held. A majority votes can be sufficient to determine the outcome.

Section 9 New article

Paragraph e.

To read: The editors of JPPID, JIDR (as long as it remains affiliated with IASSID) and the Association's website are ex-officio non voting members of Council.

Article VI Section 8 Finance Committee.

Reads: The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as its chairperson and three members appointed by Council for one term or until successors are appointed. It shall be concerned with the financial affairs of the Association.

To read - The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as the chairperson, the outgoing Treasurer and three members appointed by Council for one term or until successors are appointed. They shall be concerned with the financial affairs of the Association.

Article X Amendments & Dissolution:

Section 1. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

Reads: Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be instituted on recommendation of the Council or by a postal petition of one-third (1/3) of the member organisations and subscribing individual members who are appointed as Delegates to the Assembly. Notice of proposed amendments shall be mailed to the member organisations and subscribing individual members entitled to vote by the Secretary at least three months prior to a meeting of the Assembly. An amendment, cancellation or addition of which due notice has been given, will be carried to the Articles when accepted

at a meeting of the Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Delegates in attendance.

To read:

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be instituted on recommendation of the Council or by a petition, postal or electronic, of one-third (1/3) of the member organisations, research centres, SIRGs designated as voting members, and individual members, all in good standing with the organisation. Notice of proposed amendments shall be communicated to member organisations, research centres, subscribing individual members and SIRGs entitled to vote by the Secretary at least two months prior to a meeting of the Assembly. An amendment, cancellation or addition of which due notice has been given, will be carried to the Articles when accepted at a meeting of the Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members entitled to vote at an Assembly of the Association and in attendance.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws.

Reads: Amendments to the Bylaws may be instituted on recommendation of the Council or by motion of five Delegates to the Assembly at a regular meeting. A simple majority of the votes given by the Delegates entitled to vote shall be necessary to carry on an amendments, cancellation, suspension or addition to the Bylaws.

To read - **Amendments to the Bylaws may be instituted on recommendation of the Council or by motion of five members entitled to vote, as prescribed in these Bylaws, at an Assembly at a regular meeting. A simple majority of the votes given by those members entitled to vote shall be necessary to carry on an amendments, cancellation, suspension or addition to the Bylaws.**

Section 3. Dissolution.

Reads: The Association shall be dissolved only by consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the member organisations at a meeting of the Assembly. There shall have been notification to the member organisations and the subscribing individual members of the proposal to consider dissolution at least six months prior to the meeting. This proposal is made by the Council and sent to the Secretary. Should there be no possibility to hold an Assembly meeting within one year after the proposal is made, or should there be representation of less than two-thirds of the members entitled to vote at the Assembly meeting at which dissolution is considered, a postal referendum shall be effected and consent of two-thirds of the member organisations and

subscribing individual members entitled to vote shall be required for dissolution.

To read - **The Association shall be dissolved only by consent of 2/3rds of the member organisations as per article 3 Section 2(a), 1, b, c, d, e, g. There shall have been sufficient notification to the membership of the proposal to consider dissolution at least 6 months prior to the meeting. This proposal is made by the council and sent to the Secretary. Should there be no possibility to hold an Assembly meeting within one year after the proposal is made or should there be a representation of less than of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership entitled to vote at the Assembly meeting at which dissolution is considered, an electronic referendum shall be affected and consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership entitled to vote shall be required for dissolution.**