INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIOMECHANICS
CONSTITUTION

Name and Headquarters

Article 1

The International Society of Biomechanics (ISB) is an international organization with headquarters in the locality where the President resides.

Article 2

The International Society of Biomechanics (ISB) has the purpose of promoting the study of biomechanics of movement with special emphasis on human beings.

- It shall encourage international contacts among scientists in this field, promote knowledge of biomechanics on an international level, and cooperate with related organizations.

Membership

Article 3

The Society shall consist of three categories of members:

a. Honorary members who shall be a restricted number of individuals with particular merit in the development of biomechanics.
b. Charter and full members who shall be individuals with a professional scientific interest in biomechanics.
   - Charter members will be recorded as those were included in the first full list of full members by the ad hoc organizing committee.
   - Other full members shall be accepted by the Executive Council upon written nomination of 2 members.
c. Collective members who shall be national associations on biomechanics or related organizations with approved and effective by-laws.

The use of membership for any kind of political, sales and Public Relations promotion is prohibited.

Governing Board

Article 4

The Boards of the International Society of Biomechanics shall be:
- The Executive Council
- The General Assembly of Members

Executive Council

Article 5

A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary General, a Treasurer and a limited number of Council Members representing various disciplines in biomechanics shall constitute the Executive Council.
- The Executive Council shall be elected from among the full members by the General Assembly for a term of 4 years. Each can be reelected once.

The first Executive Council shall be proposed by the ad hoc Organizing Committee and confirmed by the charter members at the organizing meeting that ratifies this constitution.

1. The Executive Council shall approve and grant all individual membership applications.
2. The Executive Council shall exclude those members who do not fulfill their responsibilities towards the society under Art. 3.
3. The Executive Council shall appoint all sub committees as considered desirable.
4. The Executive Council shall delegate to a local committee or other appropriate body the powers necessary to organize each international congress or symposium.
5. The Executive Council shall sponsor and coordinate smaller regional meetings.

- Decisions of the Council shall be made by simple majority of the council members present at a meeting, or, in voting by mail, by simple majority of the respondents. A quorum shall consist of ¾ of its members.

- The Council shall meet at least once a year.

General Assembly

Article 6

All members of the society may attend the General Assembly.

The General Assembly is presided over by the President of the Council, or in his absence, by the Vice-President.

1. The General Assembly shall receive the President's and the Treasurer's reports, as well as those of the Council Members, and shall discharge then from responsibility of the past tenure of office.

2. The General Assembly at four year intervals shall elect by secret ballot the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, and the Treasurer and the Council Members.
Nominations shall either be in writing to the Secretary General at least one month prior to regular elections or from the floor.

3. The General Assembly shall elect honorary members.
Nominations shall be made by the Executive Council and the election shall be by open vote.

4. The General Assembly shall approve and grant all collective memberships.
Nominations shall be made by the Executive Council and the approval shall be by open vote.

5. The General Assembly shall transact any additional business as may arise.

6. The General Assembly shall determine the dues following recommendation made by the Treasurer.

- The General Assembly normally shall be held every second year during designated international congresses organized by the society or by related organizations.

- Either the President or a majority of the Executive Council may convene an extraordinary General Assembly meeting of the Society. They must convene an extraordinary General Assembly at the request of at least 10% of all members.

- Honorary members and full members shall have one vote each. Each full member who does not attend a General Assembly meeting may send a proxy ballot.
Each collective member shall have one vote.

- For ordinary motions at meetings, except ones concerning constitutional amendments, a simple majority of eligible voters present shall rule.

- Written motions to amend the Constitutions shall be submitted to the Council and distributed by a mail ballot to all members for decision which shall require a simple majority of all ballots returned to the Secretary. Notice of the results shall be given to all members, when upon the amendment will become effective.

Fiscal Year

Article 7

The fiscal year of the Society shall begin each January 1st and end December 31st of the same year.

Annual Subscription

Article 8

Dues of at least $ 5 for individual members, or an equivalent credit slip, per annum must be paid by January 1st to the Treasurer for administrative expenses.

Honorary members shall be exempt, whereas collective members pay an amount of $ 30.

Ratified at the occasion of the IVth International Seminar on Biomechanics at the Pennsylvania State University, USA.

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