

# IAPS Constitution

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## **Article I: Name**

Section 1: The name of the organization, established on December 28, 1972, at Boston, Massachusetts, USA, shall be the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport. (Name amended October, 2001).

## **Article II: Purpose**

Section 1: The purpose of the Association shall be to stimulate, encourage, and promote study, research, and writing in the philosophy of sporting (and related) activity; to demonstrate the relevance of philosophic thought to matters of concern within sport-related professions and practices; to organize and conduct meetings concerning the philosophy of sport; to issue publications concerning the philosophy of sport; to support and to cooperate with local, national, and international organizations of similar purpose; to affiliate with national and international organizations of similar purpose; and to engender national, regional, and continental affiliates devoted to the philosophic study of sport.

Section 2: The Association shall conduct its activities solely for scholarly and literary purpose, not for pecuniary benefit.

Section 3: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Association is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the Association, or any private individual (except that

reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association), and no member, trustee, officer of the Association, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on dissolution of the Association.

No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or by participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the Association shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to another organization to be used in such a manner as in the judgment of the membership will best accomplish the general purpose for which this Association was formed.

### **Article III: *Membership***

- Section 1: There shall be five types of membership: Standard, Sustaining, Emeritus, Honorary, and Student.
- Section 2: Anyone interested in the philosophy of sport shall be eligible for Standard Membership.
- Section 3: Standard Members may be designated as Sustaining Members by the voluntary payment of additional dues. In all other respects, the rights and duties of Sustaining Members shall be identical to those of Standard Members.
- Section 4: Any Standard or Sustaining Member who retires from regular, full-time professional employment shall be eligible for Emeritus Membership. The rights and duties of Emeritus Members shall be identical to those of Standard Members.
- Section 5: Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the philosophy of sport. Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be made by the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee to the Executive Council at least one month prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting in which they are to be considered. A majority vote of the Executive Council shall decide the fate of all such nominations. Although Honorary Members pay no dues and may not serve as Officers, their rights and duties shall be otherwise identical to those of Standard Members.
- Section 6: Any full-time or part-time college or university student pursuing study in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program shall be eligible for Student Membership. Although Student Members are not eligible to serve as Officers of the Association, the rights and duties of such Members shall be identical to those of Standard Members.

Section 7: Membership of all types shall become effective upon receipt of applicable dues by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 8: Membership entails all participating and voting rights herein prescribed and it also entitles to single copies of all official Association publications issued in the period of membership.

#### **Article IV: *Officers***

Section 1: The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a Conference Chair, an Elections Chair, a Secretary-Treasurer, a Journal Editor, a Newsletter Editor, four Members-at-Large, and a Webmaster.

A President shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the President at the conclusion of the Annual General (Business) Meeting in the calendar year of the election.

A Conference Chair shall be elected, in even-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall assume the position at the conclusion of the Annual General (Business) Meeting in the calendar year of the election.

An Elections Chair shall be elected, in even-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall assume the position at the conclusion of the Annual General (Business) Meeting in the calendar year of the election.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be nominated for a three-year, renewable term by the Executive Council. In the case of a single nominated candidate, that candidate shall be presented to the membership for ratification by a two-thirds majority of those voting. In the case of two or more nominated candidates, those candidates shall be presented to the membership for election by a plurality of those voting.

The Journal Editor shall be nominated, in even-numbered years, for a two-year, renewable term by the Executive Council. In the case of a single nominated candidate, that candidate shall be presented to the membership for ratification by a two-thirds majority of those voting. In the case of two or more nominated candidates, those candidates shall be presented to the membership for election by a plurality of those voting.

The Newsletter Editor shall be nominated, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year, renewable term by the Executive Council. In the case of a single nominated candidate, that candidate shall be presented to the membership for ratification by a two-thirds majority of those voting. In the case of two or more nominated candidates, those candidates shall be presented to the membership for election by a plurality of those voting.

The four Members-at-Large shall be elected for two-year, renewable terms; two shall be elected in odd-numbered years and two in even-numbered years.

The Webmaster, whose position on the executive is nonvoting, will be appointed by the President for a renewable two-year term.

No member of the Association may concurrently be nominated for, nor may concurrently occupy more than one position on the Executive Council (i.e., more than one Officer's position).

Terms of office for Association Officers shall begin at the conclusion of the Annual General (Business) Meeting in the calendar year of their election/ratification.

Section 2: *The President shall*

assume the executive responsibility of the Association;

enforce the Constitution of the Association;

schedule and preside over meetings of the Executive Council;

schedule and preside over the annual General (Business) Meeting;

prepare the agenda for meetings of the Executive Council and for the Annual General (Business) Meeting;

solicit agenda items from the membership for Executive Council meetings and for the Annual General (Business) Meeting;

appoint members to special (ad hoc) committees;

appoint a Parliamentarian/Constitutionalist and an Archivist to three-year, renewable terms; both appointments shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Council; the Parliamentarian/Constitutionalist shall chair the Constitution Committee; the Archivist shall gather and preserve the records of the Association, s/he shall administer the repository of the Association;

liaise with members of the Association; most notably, with members of the Executive Council and with members of standing and special committees;

prepare and deliver the Presidential Address at the Annual Meeting at the conclusion of his/her term;

announce, commend, and publicize recipients of honors and awards; and represent the Association to the broader public.

Section 3: *The Conference Chair shall*

chair the Program Committee, which shall be responsible for establishing the program of the Annual Meeting, and which shall serve at the sufferance of the Executive Council;

serve as, or appoint, a Conference Convener, who shall care for the logistic details of the Annual Meeting on site, who shall be confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Council, and who shall serve at the sufferance of the Executive Council;

assume the duties of President if necessary;

transmit a “Call for Papers” and a notice stipulating the time and place of the next Annual Meeting to the Newsletter Editor not more than one month following the Annual Meeting in which office is assumed; and

transmit an account of the logistic arrangements and schedule of the learned sessions for the Annual Meeting not less than three months prior to the annual Meeting over which jurisdiction is held.

Section 4: *The Elections Chair shall*

chair the Nominations, Elections, and Membership Committee;

solicit nominations for Conference Chair, two Members-at-Large, and a member of the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee; and

assist the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee in the selection of its Chair.

Section 5: *The Secretary-Treasurer shall*

record, retain, and appropriately distribute “Minutes” of all executive Council meetings and the Annual General (Business) Meeting;

transmit the “Minutes” of the Executive Council Meeting and the Annual General (Business) Meeting to the Newsletter Editor not more than one month following the Annual Meeting in which these meetings occur;

transmit proposed constitutional amendments to the Newsletter Editor not more than one month following their approval by the assembled membership at the Annual General (Business) Meeting;

administer the elections for all proposed constitutional amendments/revisions;

keep current mailing, telephone, facsimile, and e-mail lists of all Association members;

transmit current membership list to the publishers of the Journal and to the Newsletter Editor not more than ten days prior to the publication dates of all issues of the Journal and the Newsletter;

administer all membership transactions and collections of dues;

keep accurate records of the fiscal resources of the Association;

supervise and process all expenditures;

make an annual, formal report to the Executive Council and to the Annual General (Business) Meeting concerning the financial status of the Association and concerning new and continuing members;

compile and present an annual, formal, proposed budget to the Executive Council and to the Annual General (Business) Meeting;

make all pertinent records available to the Finance Committee for its annual fiscal accounting;

liaise with members of the Association in respect to the responsibilities of the position;

maintain and appropriately distribute operating codes for Secretary/Treasurer, Journal Editor, and Newsletter Editor; and

conduct the duties of the position in accord with approved operating codes for it.

Section 6: *The Journal Editor shall*

be responsible for producing a scholarly, professional Journal;

recommend the appointment of an Associate Editor, for a two-year, renewable term, to the Executive Council for its confirmation by majority vote; the Associate Editor shall assist the Editor in whatever manner requested and shall act on behalf of the Editor in any circumstances entailing an apparent conflict of interest;

recommend appointments to, and dismissals from the Editorial Review Board of the Journal to the Executive Council for its confirmation by majority vote, appointments to the Editorial Review Board shall be for two-year, renewable terms;

solicit scholarly manuscripts, discussion essays, and book reviews for the Journal;

establish, co-ordinate, and execute the review process for the Journal;

negotiate a publishing contract, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Executive Council;

arrange for the printing and distribution of the Journal; review, revise, and recommend formal editorial review policy to the Executive Council for its confirmation by majority vote;

make an annual report to the Executive Council and to the Annual General (Business) Meeting in respect to the state of the Journal;

convene and preside over an annual meeting of the Editorial Review Board;

liaise with other Journals concerning announcements pertinent to the Journal and the Annual Meeting;

establish re-print and back issue fees for the Journal; and

conduct the duties of the position in accord with approved operating codes for it.

Section 7: *The Newsletter Editor shall*

be responsible for compiling, printing, and distributing at least three issues of a Newsletter per year (i.e., three issues between Annual Meetings):

the first of these shall be published not more than two months following the Annual Meeting and must include election results, the “Call for Papers” (together with a notice stipulating the time and place of the next Annual Meeting), “Minutes” of the just-prior Executive Council meeting and Annual General (Business) Meeting, proposed constitutional amendments/revisions (if any), and other notices of concern to the society (if any).

the second of these shall be published not more than six months after and must include a re-printing of the “Call for Papers” (together with a notice stipulating the time and place of the next Annual Meeting), ballot information and materials pertinent to membership voting in respect to proposed constitutional amendments/revisions (if any), solicitation of nominations from the membership for honors/awards and for Conference Chair, two Members-at-Large, and a member of the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee, the current membership list of the Association, and other notices of concern to the Association (if any).

the third of these shall be published not more than three months prior to, and not less than one month prior to the Annual General (Business)

Meeting and must include an account of the logistic arrangements and the schedule for learned sessions for the forthcoming Annual General (Business) Meeting, a solicitation for additional agenda items for the forthcoming Annual General (Business) Meeting and ballot information and materials for elections to offices and for honors/awards, proposed constitutional amendments/revisions (if any), and other notices of concern to the Association (if any).

publish all constitutionally mandated transmittals from members of the Executive Council and from the chairs of the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee, the Nominations, Elections and Membership Committee, and the Program Committee;

make an annual report to the Executive Council and to the Annual General (Business) Meeting in respect to the state of the Newsletter;

liaise with members of the Association; most notably, with members of the Executive Council and with members of standing and special committees, in order to ensure that the Newsletter functions as a effective medium of communication in respect to the affairs of the Association; and

conduct the duties of the position in accord with approved operating codes for it.

Section 8: *The Members-at-Large shall*

serve on the Nominations, Elections, and Membership Committee in the first year of their terms; and

serve on the Program Committee in the second year of their terms.

Section 9: *The Webmaster shall*

design and maintain the IAPS web site;

make an annual report to the Executive Council and to the Annual General (Business) Meeting in respect to the state of the web site; and

liaise with members of the Society, most notably with members of the Executive Council and with members of standing and special committees, in order to ensure that the web site functions as an effective medium of communication about IAPS business for both IAPS members and the broader public.

## **Article V: *The Executive Council***

- Section 1: Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, the management of all Association affairs shall be vested in the Executive Council.
- Section 2: The Executive council shall consist of the Officers of the Association, who must represent at least four nations and two continents.
- Section 3: Six members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 4: The Executive Council shall conduct an annual, formal gathering not more than one week prior to the official commencement of the Annual Meeting of the Association, at a time and place designated by the President. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by any five members of the Executive Council on at least two-weeks written notice to all members of the Council.
- Section 5: Except as otherwise provided by law and this constitution, decisions of the Executive Council shall be taken by majority vote of its members present and voting. All members of the Council shall hold full voting rights except the presiding officer, who shall not vote except in the affirmative to decide a tie otherwise rendered. In actions taken by the Council with special respect to one of its members, that member shall not vote.
- Section 6: The Executive Council shall provide for the un-expired term of any Office or committee vacancy by appointing a member, within one month of the vacancy's occurrence, to serve that term.
- Section 7: The Executive Council shall provide for the recall of any Officer or committee member of the Association by recommending such an action to the membership, which must, in turn, ratify the recommendation by majority of those voting in order to affirm it.
- Section 8: The Executive Council shall nominate candidates for Secretary-Treasurer, Journal Editor, and Newsletter Editor and shall order the election of all candidates for office with the Nominations, Elections, and Membership Committee.
- Section 9: The Executive Council shall act on all constitutionally mandated recommendations for appointment and other operations brought to it.
- Section 10: The Executive Council shall review and act on all operating codes pertinent to the work of the Association.

## **Article VI: *Committees***

- Section 1: The Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee shall consist of three Standard, Sustaining, or Emeritus Members of the Society, who have been members of the Association, at these levels, for a least the three consecutive years immediately preceding their nomination, and who shall be elected by the membership of the Association to rotating three-year terms (such that a vacancy comes open each year). Current Officers of

the Association may not serve on this Committee. The Chair of this Committee shall be elected by its members in a process initiated and conducted by the Elections Chair at the Annual Meeting in which they are installed/continued. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to solicit/identify candidates for honors/awards, to prepare a slate of such candidates to be put before the membership for vote less than four months prior to the Annual Meeting in which the honors/awards are to be presented, to conduct the election itself (to be decided by a plurality of those voting), and to report the results of the election to the Executive Council not less than one month prior to the Annual Meeting in which the honors/awards are to be presented. It shall be likewise the responsibility of this Committee to solicit/identify candidates for Honorary Membership whose names shall be brought to the Executive Council at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting in which they are to be considered. Candidates for future sites shall be brought to the Executive Council at least four months before the Annual Meeting prior to that for which such sites are under consideration. It shall also be the responsibility of this Committee to study issues concerning honors, awards, and future sites brought to it by the Executive Council.

- Section 2: The Nominations, Elections, and Membership Committee shall consist of the two Members-at-Large in the first year of their terms and of the Elections Chair, who shall serve as Chair. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to solicit/identify nominations for Conference Chair, for two Members-at-Large, and for a member of the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee, to prepare a slate of candidates for such expected vacancies, to include in this slate the nominations from the Executive Council for the positions of Secretary-Treasurer, Journal Editor, and Newsletter Editor of these positions coming vacant in the period under the Committee's jurisdiction, to present this slate (together with pertinent biographical data and statements of intent from all candidates) to the Executive Council for its consideration at least one month prior to the Annual meeting in which successful candidates are to be installed, and to study issues pertaining to the membership of the Society brought to it by the Executive Council.
- Section 3: The Program Committee shall consist of the two Members-at-Large in the second years of their terms and of the Conference Chair, who shall serve as Chair. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to issue a "Call for Papers" within one month following the Annual Meeting prior to that for which the Committee holds jurisdiction, to adjudicate the papers/proposals submitted to it, to establish the program for the Annual Meeting, and to coordinate the program with the logistic imperatives of the Annual meeting that shall be arranged on site by the Conference Convener.
- Section 4: The Finance Committee shall consist of three members of the Executive Council appointed on an ad hoc basis by the President. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to audit the financial statements of the Association on an annual schedule and to submit the certified results to the Executive Council for its consideration.
- Section 5: The Constitution Committee shall consist of three Standard, Sustaining, or Emeritus Members of the Association, who have been members of the Association, at these levels, for at least the three consecutive years immediately preceding their nomination, and who shall be appointed on an ad hoc basis by the President. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Parliamentarian/Constitutionalist of the Association. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to study the Constitution in ongoing terms and to advise the Executive Council in respect to constitutional issues.

Section 6: The Editorial Review Board of the Journal shall consist of between 25 and 35 members appointed by the Editor to two-year, renewable terms. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to review, and to judge the suitability for publication of, all manuscripts submitted to it by the Editor or the Associate Editor.

Section 7: Such other special (ad hoc) committees shall be appointed by the President as required by the work of the Association.

## **Article VII: *Meetings***

Section 1: There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association held at a time and place designated by the Executive Council (which presides over the previous such Meeting). This Meeting shall contain academic sessions arranged by the Program Committee and an Annual General (Business) Meeting. The agenda for the Annual General (Business) Meeting, which concerns the logistic affairs of the Association, shall be arranged by the President, who shall preside over the Meeting.

## **Article VIII: *Elections***

Section 1: The Nominations, Elections, and Membership Committee shall conduct all elections ordered by the Executive Council. The Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee shall conduct all elections pertaining to honors and awards.

Section 2: All elections falling under the auspices of the Committees shall be conducted by mail ballot (all forms of mail) of the Association's entire membership. In the case of a single nominated candidate for a position, that candidate shall be presented to the membership for ratification by a two-thirds majority of those voting. In the case of two or more nominated candidates for a position, those candidates shall be presented to the membership for election by a plurality of those voting.

Section 3: The results of these elections shall be publicly announced at the Annual Meeting in which successful candidates are to be installed.

## **Article IX: *Awards***

Section 1: The awards program of the Association shall be managed by the Honors, Awards, and Future Sites Committee and shall recognize scholarly and service contributions to the philosophy of sport in general and to the International Association of the Philosophy of Sport in particular.

Section 2: The Association shall honor scholarly contributions to the philosophy of sport by means of its *IAPS Distinguished Scholar Award*. The recipient must have contributed eminent

manuscripts to the philosophic literature concerning sport for at least five years, need not be a member of the Association, will receive a certificate commemorating her/his achievement, and will be appropriately recognized in Association publications and by the President of the Association. The recipient of this Award will be invited to present an original essay at an Annual Meeting following her/his selection; this normally would be in the form of the *Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lecture*.

Section 3: The Association shall honor service contributions to the philosophy of sport by means of its *IAPS Distinguished Service Award*. The recipient must have made sustained and meaningful contributions to the Association through active participation and leadership for at least ten years and have been a member for at least the same number of years. The recipient will receive a certificate commemorating her/his achievement and will be appropriately recognized in Association publications and by the President of the Association.

Section 4: The Association shall present the *R. Scott Kretchmar Student Essay Award* to an undergraduate or graduate student for an essay of outstanding quality addressing any philosophical issue arising in sport or a related area. The recipient will receive a certificate commemorating his/her achievement and will be appropriately recognized in Association publications and by the President of the Association. The recipient of this Award will present the paper at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

## **Article X: Publications**

Section 1: The Association shall publish, on a regular schedule, a refereed Journal, *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, and a Newsletter, *IAPS News*.

Section 2: The publication of proceedings (of Annual Meetings), bibliographies, and other materials of interest to the membership may also be authorized by the Executive Council.

## **Article XI: Dues and Finance**

Section 1: The Executive Council shall recommend the level of annual dues to the assembled membership at the Annual General (Business) Meeting. The membership shall then set this level by majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 2: Honorary Members shall pay no dues. Emeritus and Student Members shall pay dues reduced as against those required of Standard Members.

Section 3: The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1 and shall end on December 31 of the immediately following calendar year. All dues shall be therefore payable annually by December 31.

Section 4: Members who have been excluded from the Association for non-payment of dues shall be duly reinstated upon receipt of full payment (of outstanding dues) by the Secretary-

Treasurer, if such payment is received during the year in which the member(s) was (were) excluded.

Section 5: Although the Secretary-Treasurer cares for all current financial documents of the Association, executes all financial transactions for the Association, and prepares all budget proposals of the Association, the final authority over all financial/budgetary matters is vested in the Executive Council.

## **Article XII: *Amendments***

Section 1: Either the Executive Council (by two-thirds majority vote) or any five members of the Society in good standing (Standard, Sustaining, Emeritus, Honorary, and/or Student Members) may propose amendments/revisions to the Constitution by presenting their proposals to the Secretary-Treasurer not less than two months prior to any Annual Meeting. The Secretary-treasurer shall distribute such proposals to all members of the Association not less than one month prior to that Meeting.

Section2: Such proposals shall be then considered by the assembled membership at the Meeting. If approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the Meeting, the proposed amendments/revisions shall be distributed to all members of the Association by the Secretary-Treasurer for voting by mail ballot (all forms of mail). The proposal to amend/revise the Constitution shall include reference to the date on which the amendments/revisions shall become effective if approved. If approved by two-thirds majority of those voting by mail ballot, the amendments/revisions shall become effective on the date indicated.

## **Article XIII: *Parliamentary Authority***

Section 1: Insofar as they are applicable and insofar as they are not contrary to the provisions of this Constitution, the rules of organization and procedure contained in *Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the affairs of the Association.

## **Article XIV: *Seal/Logotype***

Section 1: The seal/logotype of the Association shall be that adopted by the executive Council and it shall appear on all official correspondence (stationary) and publications of the Association.

Section 2: The seal/logotype of the Association shall include: identification of the Association by name and the year of the Association's organization.