

Constitution of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology

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Preamble

The International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) was established on March 1, 1972 and held its inaugural meeting in Hong Kong in August, 1972. Its purpose was then, and remains, to further the study of the relationship between cultural factors and human behavior. Through regional and international conferences, publications, and other means of formal and informal exchanges, IACCP provides a vehicle for communication and cooperation among its Members and a means of drawing the attention of other scholars and practitioners in psychology and in related disciplines to the dynamic interactions between culture and behavior. IACCP is committed to the pursuit of excellence in scholarship and research, to the application of knowledge in the amelioration of social problems, and to promoting high ethical standards in research and practice.

Constitution

1. Title

The name of the Association shall be the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, with IACCP as the authorized abbreviation.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1.** The aims of the IACCP are to: facilitate communication and cooperation among scholars who study the relationships between culture and human behavior; further the advancement of knowledge about psychological functioning of humans in all human societies; develop and test theories about the relationships between culture and human behavior; test the generalizability of theories about human psychological functioning, which have been developed in particular sociocultural communities, across other human societies and cultures in order to establish universal and culturally specific understandings of human affect, cognition, and behavior; encourage the development of new research methodologies including but not limited to new measurement techniques and procedures in the study of human experience, personalities, and behavior in various socio-cultural communities; encourage the development of a psychology in which cultural and cross-cultural research on psychological phenomena and processes constitute fundamental approaches to the development of psychological knowledge; and develop and promote the application of psychological knowledge in all countries.
- 2.2.** For these purposes the Association shall: hold regional and international conferences; publish journals, websites, and books; affiliate with other organizations in pursuit of common aims and appoint delegates or representatives to such organizations; establish ethical standards for research; and engage in such other activities as may be necessary for the furtherance of its aims and objectives. Through a vote of the Executive Council and approval by Members at a General Meeting, the Association may authorize the establishment of sub-divisions of the Association on a regional, national, or functional basis.

3. Incorporation and Board of Directors

The Association shall be incorporated as a non-profit or not-for-profit corporation in the United States of America. For purposes of incorporation and banking, it is referred to as International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Inc. or IACCP, Inc. The Association will maintain tax exemption as a 501(c)(3) corporation under the United States federal tax code. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be the Officers of the Association, as described in the Bylaws.

4. Official Address

The official address of the Association is the address determined by Executive Council.

5. Use of IACCP Name and Logos

The right to use the name of the Association and the Association's logos for any publication, conference or related activity, or any other public activity resides with the Executive Council.

6. Relationships with Other Organizations

The Association encourages relationships and possible formal affiliation with other organizations or associations that have similar aims. The Executive Council shall approve these relationships, and shall appoint, as necessary, members to serve as liaison with such organizations or associations.

Bylaws

1. Membership

1.1. Categories of Membership

There shall be the following categories of members:

1.1.1. *Members*

Persons who have a major academic qualification in psychology or other related academic disciplines and who show evidence of interest in cross-cultural, cultural or indigenous psychology. Members may include students who show an interest in these areas.

1.1.2. *Honorary Fellows*

Persons who have made a distinguished contribution to the advancement of cross-cultural, cultural or indigenous psychology over a substantial period of time. This is not a voluntary category of membership. Honorary Fellows are nominated by Members and evaluated by the Standing Committee on Awards to the Executive Council for approval. The procedure for achievement of Honorary Fellow membership is outlined in these Bylaws.

Honorary Fellows shall be elected in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Bylaws and shall not be required to pay dues to the Association in perpetuity.

All Members of the Association of ten or more years in good standing are eligible except those currently serving on the Executive Council or in the Standing Committee on Awards.

1.1.3. *Lifetime Members*

The Executive Council may, at its discretion, waive the dues of long-standing Members of the Association upon their retirement.

1.1.4. *Sponsored Members*

Members whose dues payments have been covered by someone other than the member themselves.

1.1.5. *Probationary Members*

Members who are one year in arrears on dues payments shall be designated Probationary Members.

1.2. Qualifications for Membership

1.2.1. *Members shall demonstrate evidence that they either:* (a) have a major academic qualification in psychology or have other qualification of an equivalent standard in a discipline related to the intersection of psychology and culture; or (b) are a graduate student studying in such an area.

1.2.2. *Application for Membership*

Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Treasurer and must show evidence of qualifications and interest. Acceptance for membership shall be determined by the Treasurer in consultation with the Secretary-General.

1.2.3. Member Dues

Member dues shall be determined by the Executive Council and adjusted as needed to maintain the financial well-being of the Association. Dues shall be published on the Association's web site and through other suitable media.

No applicant shall be considered to have become a Member unless the specified dues to the Association have been received by the Treasurer.

1.2.4. Voluntary Termination of Membership

Membership will be terminated when a Member notifies the Treasurer in writing, effective at the beginning of the following calendar year.

1.2.5. Loss of Membership Status

1.2.5.1 Arrears in Paying Dues.

Members who become delinquent in the payment of annual dues shall, after one year of non-payment, be placed on probationary status, and be so informed; and shall, after two years of non-payment, have their membership cancelled. Persons removed from membership in the foregoing manner may re-apply for membership in the usual fashion.

1.2.5.2. Involuntary Loss of Membership due to Violation of Ethics

The Association shall adopt of code of professional ethics and publish it for Members' examination. Membership may be withdrawn from Members who violate this code of ethics. Such an action is taken by the Standing Committee on Membership and Professional Standards as described elsewhere in the Bylaws. A supermajority of two thirds of the Executive Council must approve this action.

1.2.6. Nondiscrimination Statement.

Neither membership in, nor services provided by the organization will be denied to anyone on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental handicap, age, sex, sexual orientation, ethnicity, ancestry, or medical condition.

1.3. Rights of Members

1.3.1. Honorary Fellows and Members

All Members who have paid the appropriate annual dues as prescribed in the Bylaws, and all Honorary Fellows, shall have the right to attend all meetings and conferences arranged by the Association, vote on any issues or motions before the Association, participate in the election of the Officers of the Association, and be eligible to hold office or to nominate persons for various offices and to serve on the Executive Council of the Association except that only those Honorary Fellows and Members currently listed as being from a Region shall be eligible to vote for a Representative of that Region to serve on the Executive Council.

1.3.2. Publications

All Members shall be entitled to receive the publications of the Association and access Member-online benefits on such terms and conditions as decided by the Executive Council. Probationary Members may receive publications and online benefits as determined by the Executive Council.

2. Administrative Structure and Processes

2.1. The Executive Council

The Executive Council shall be responsible for dealing with all matters of the administration of the Association.

The membership of the Executive Council shall comprise:

The Officers of the Association (as designated in 2.1.1)

The Regional Representatives as specified in the Bylaws;

The Early Career Representative

The Student Representative

Members co-opted for special purposes as specified in the Bylaws.

2.1.1. Officers of the IACCP

The Officers of the IACCP shall be the President, the Immediate Past-President, the President-Elect, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, the Treasurer, and the Chairperson of the Communication and Publications Committee. The Officers shall serve as the Board of Directors for purposes of incorporation.

2.1.2. Residence and Citizenship of Treasurer

To maintain United States (USA) tax exemption and banking arrangements in the USA, the Treasurer shall be a Citizen or permanent resident of the United States, and shall reside in the United States.

2.1.3. Powers and Duties of the Executive Council

2.1.3.1. The Executive Council shall appoint standing committees, establish *ad hoc* committees, fill vacancies by cooptation, authorize the holding of meetings, and supervise the finances of the Association.

2.1.3.2. The Executive Council shall establish rules and procedures for the administration of the Executive Council. *Roberts Rules of Order* shall be employed unless the Executive Council chooses to use other meeting procedures.

2.1.3.3. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Council.

2.1.3.4. The Executive Council may appoint and engage staff members who shall perform such duties and exercise such powers and hold office upon such terms for such periods and under such conditions as the Executive Council from time to time determines.

2.1.3.5. The Executive Council shall authorize admission to the categories of membership on the recommendation brought to the Executive Council by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Membership and Professional Standards and the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Awards.

2.1.3.6. The Executive Council shall set the amount of annual membership fees and any other special assessments.

2.1.3.7. The Executive Council shall hold meetings when required. Virtual or electronic meetings shall have the same standing as face-to-face meetings and the Executive Council may vote electronically when necessary.

- 2.1.3.8. The Executive Council shall appoint the Treasurer, the Chairperson of the Communication and Publications Committee, members to the Standing Committees, as well as members of other committees as are decided upon by the Executive Council.
- 2.1.3.9. The Executive Council shall appoint the Early Career Representative and the Student Representative after having called for nominations from the membership. The Early Career Representative shall be a member in good standing who has received the PhD degree no more than ten years before the end of a term of office. The Student Representative shall be a member in good standing who is registered as a student and has not completed a doctoral degree before being appointed for a term of office.
- 2.1.3.10. The Executive Council shall appoint the editors of IACCP publications and determine the terms of their appointment under the conditions set down elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.1.3.11. The Executive Council shall have the power to propose amendments to the Constitution for the effective functioning of the Association consistent with its Aims and Objectives.
- 2.1.3.12. Questions arising at any meeting of the Executive Council shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote.
- 2.1.3.13. Any vacancy amongst the Officers or ~~in~~ the other members of the Executive Council may be filled by the Executive Council, except that in the case of the President the vacancy shall be filled by the President-Elect. Any member of the Executive Council so appointed shall retire at the next General Meeting and for the purpose of re-election shall not count as an elected member of the Executive Council.
- 2.1.3.14. In case of vacancies amongst elected members of the Executive Council, runners-up of the most recent election are born candidates for cooptation to the Executive Council if no other provisions of the Bylaws speak against this. If such born candidates are not available, the Executive Council, instead of filling vacancies by cooptation, may also call for interim elections.
- 2.1.3.15. The Executive Council may appoint other persons as *ad hoc* members of the Executive Council due to some special, temporary status which they occupy as, for example, the organizers of forthcoming IACCP conferences. Such persons shall be appointed for a fixed term and, ordinarily, shall not be reappointed. They shall have voting rights for their term of office.
- 2.1.3.16. The Executive Council may further appoint other persons as non-voting *ad hoc* members of the Executive Council due to the special tasks they perform, such as an IT-officer, a webmaster, a newsletter editor and/or a social media liaison. Upon decision of the Executive Council such persons may be remunerated by the Association for their service. The duration of their appointment and the volume of their remuneration lies in the discretion of the Executive Council. All such *ad hoc* members report to the Secretary-General, and, where appropriate, to the Chair of the Communication and Publications Committee.
- 2.1.3.17. All members of the Executive Council may request support from the Associations to attend regular on-site meetings of the Executive Council at International Congresses and Regional Conferences of the Association. The amount of possible support is decided upon by the Executive Council. If requested by a member of the Executive Council, the amount of support can be reviewed by the Committee of Ombudspersons.

2.2. Duties of Officers, Regional Representatives, and Appointed Members of the Executive Council

2.2.1. The President Shall:

- 2.2.1.1. Call and preside over all meetings of the Executive Council and all General and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Association.

- 2.2.1.2. Approve the agenda that is prepared by the Secretary-General for all meetings of the Executive Council and for all General and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Association.
- 2.2.1.3. Serve as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Elections.
- 2.2.1.4. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.2.2. *The President-Elect Shall:*
 - 2.2.2.1. Carry out the President's duties in the absence of the President; and in the absence of both the President and the President-Elect the Executive Council shall choose one of its other members to carry out the President's duties.
 - 2.2.2.2. Serve on the Standing Committee on Elections, serve as Chairperson of the Witkin/Okonji Award Sub-committee, and the Travel Award Sub-committee, as specified in the Bylaws.
 - 2.2.2.3. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.2.3. *The Immediate Past-President shall:*
 - 2.2.3.1. Serve as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Awards.
 - 2.2.3.2. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.2.4. *The Secretary-General shall:*
 - 2.2.4.1. Be responsible for the administration of the Association, including but not limited to: prepare all meeting agendas as set in consultation with the President; send notices of General, Extraordinary General, and Executive Council Meetings; record and keep the minutes of these meetings; and supervise the Treasurer.
 - 2.2.4.2. Report to the General Meeting on behalf of the Executive Council giving an account of the main activities in the Association since the previous General Meeting.
 - 2.2.4.3. Serve as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Membership and Professional Standards.
 - 2.2.4.4. Share equal legal authority over and access to all banking, financial, and accounting records and assets of the Association with the Treasurer.
 - 2.2.4.5. Share equal access to the membership records of the Association with the Treasurer.
 - 2.2.4.6. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.2.5. *The Deputy Secretary-General Shall:*
 - 2.2.5.1. Assist the Secretary-General in the general administration of the Association and perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Executive Council.
 - 2.2.5.2. Serve as Chairperson the Harry and Pola Triandis Doctoral Thesis Award selection committee.
 - 2.2.5.3. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.
- 2.2.6. *The Treasurer Shall:*
 - 2.2.6.1. Be responsible for all the funds of the Association and present a financial report at each Executive Council Meeting and at the General Meeting.

- 2.2.6.2. Maintain adequate financial records as legally required by the U.S. State of incorporation and all legal entities, such as the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, that require such records for tax or other purposes; file state and federal tax returns.
- 2.2.6.3. Share banking, financial, and accounting records with the Secretary-General at all times.
- 2.2.6.4. Be responsible for transferring funds to support the Association's activities and maintaining adequate records of said transfers.
- 2.2.6.5. Coordinate the annual collection of membership dues.
- 2.2.6.6. Serve on committees as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws
- 2.2.7. *The Chairperson of the Communication and Publications Committee Shall:*
 - 2.2.7.1 Preside over all meetings of the Communication and Publications Committee
 - 2.2.7.2 Solicit nominations for the positions of JCCP Editor, Editor of the Online Readings in Psychology and Culture, Editor of a subordinate information medium for Members, if such an outlet exists, IACCP Webmaster, Information Technology Officer; and Social Media Coordinator.
- 2.2.8. *The Early Career Representative shall represent the interests and speak for members in the early phase of their academic career (initial 10 years after their doctoral degree)*
- 2.2.9. *The Student Representative shall represent the interests and speak for members still in the phase of studying for an academic degree ("predocs")*
- 2.2.10. *The Regional Representatives shall be responsible for promoting the work of the Association in their respective Regions.*
 - 2.2.10.1 Act as liaison between the Executive Council and the organizers of all IACCP-sponsored conferences in their Region.
 - 2.2.10.2 Serve on the Program Committee for all IACCP sponsored conferences in their Region.
 - 2.2.10.3 Serve on the Harry and Pola Triandis Doctoral Thesis Award selection committee.
 - 2.2.10.4 Develop and encourage activities in their Regions.
 - 2.2.10.5 Report to the Association on activities undertaken in their Region to promote IACCP.
- 2.2.11. In case the Executive Council has appointed an IT-Officer, *the IT-Officer Shall:*
 - 2.2.11.1 Be responsible for the proper functioning of all electronic media of the Association.
 - 2.2.11.2 Be responsible for the proper handling of elections of the Association as proposed by the Committee on Elections
 - 2.2.11.3 Report results of elections to the Members of the Standing Committee on Elections
- 2.2.12. In case the Executive Council has appointed a webmaster, *the webmaster shall be responsible for servicing the Association website in a timely and efficient manner.*
- 2.2.13 Should the Executive Council appoint further non-voting ad hoc members; their duties will be laid down upon their appointment.

2.3. Duration of Office

- 2.3.1. The President, Immediate Past-President and President-Elect shall hold office for two years and may not be re-elected. On completion of the term of office of the President, the Immediate Past-President shall retire from office, the President-Elect shall become the President and the former President shall become the Immediate Past-President.
- 2.3.2. The Secretary-General and Treasurer shall hold office for four years.
- 2.3.3. The Deputy Secretary-General shall hold office for two years and may be re-elected for one additional term.
- 2.3.4. The Secretary-General may be re-elected for one additional term.
- 2.3.5. The Chair of the Communication and Publications Committee and the Editors of IACCP publications shall hold office for the duration specified by the Executive Council
- 2.3.6. The Early Career Representative is appointed for two years and may be reappointed if regulations specified elsewhere in the Bylaws still pertain.
- 2.3.7. The Student Representative is appointed for two years and may not be reappointed
- 2.3.8. The Regional Representatives shall hold office for four years. Elections for half their number shall be held every two years on a rotation basis such that half the number of representatives complete their term of office and half continue for the following two years. Regional Representatives may serve no more than two consecutive terms but, subsequently, may be re-elected.

2.4. Election of Members of the Executive Councils

2.4.1. Elected and appointed Members of the Executive Council

The following Officers shall be elected by the membership: President-Elect, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary General. The following Officers will be appointed by the Executive Council: Treasurer, and Communication and Publications Committee Chairperson. The Early Career Representative, the Student Representative, and ad hoc members of the Executive Council as specified in the Bylaws will also be appointed.

2.4.2. Nominations

The Standing Committee on Elections shall prepare a list of candidates for all vacancies to be filled in a particular election. At least six months prior to the General Meeting the Chairperson of the Elections Committee, in consultation with Committee members, shall call for nominations from the membership at large. The call for nominations shall be published electronically or in print at least twice. Using the nominations received, the Committee shall choose and construct a list of two or more nominees for each upcoming Executive Council vacancy. In the event that insufficient nominations are received from the membership, the Elections Committee is authorized to solicit additional nominations. After the Committee has determined that each person is willing to serve if elected, an election shall be conducted at a date chosen by the Standing Committee on Elections. The election shall conclude no later than sixty days prior to the General Meeting.

2.4.3. Voting Eligibility

Members in good standing, Honorary Members, and sponsored Members may vote. Members must have paid their annual dues, and sponsored Members must have received their sponsorship, by February 1 of the year of the election.

2.4.4. Distribution of Ballots

As advised by the Standing Committee on Elections, the IT-Officer is responsible for producing and distributing the ballots, receiving and tabulating the results. The President is responsible for informing the General Meeting of the results. Electronic voting is valid in a form determined by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Elections in consultation with the Officers.

2.4.5. Voting Procedure

Each Member shall indicate his or her choice among the candidates for each vacancy and shall return the ballot by the date determined by the Standing Committee on Elections. Members may only vote for Representatives in their own Region. Assignments of countries to Regions are presented in the Appendix.

When two candidates stand for election to a position, the nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. When more than two candidates stand for election, the Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) method shall be used to conduct the election for that position. In the IRV method, voters rank the candidates in order of preference. If no votes are cast from a Region, the Standing Committee on Elections may select a Regional Representative for that Region from among the nominated candidates. In the event of a tied vote, the Standing Committee on Elections shall choose the person to be declared elected.

2.5. Regional Representation

The ten geographic Regions for the purpose of determining regional representation on the Executive Council are as follows: (1) Europe; (2) North Africa and the Middle East; (3) Sub-Saharan Africa; (4) Central and South Asia; (5) Southeast Asia; (6) East Asia; (7) Insular Pacific; (8) North America; (9) Central America and the Caribbean, and (10) South America.

There shall be one Representative from each Region, except that for Europe and North America there shall be two Representatives from each Region. In Europe and North America, the two Representatives shall be from different countries. The Appendix provides a list of country assignments to Regions. Changes in assignment of countries to Regions will be decided by a vote of the Executive Council when placed on the Executive Council meeting agenda. The Executive Council is entitled to appoint an additional Regional Representative from Region (2) and decide about their voting rights.

2.5.1. Out of Region Voting

Members are to exercise their voting rights in the Region of their academic affiliation, not in their country of citizenship, if the latter differs from the former. Members who are working temporarily in another Region, such as on a sabbatical, or studying outside their home Region, may vote in their temporary Region if they declare this intention prior to the membership deadline as indicated in Section 2.4.3, Voting Eligibility.

2.6. Dismissal of Members of the Executive Council

All Officers and members of the Executive Council serve at the pleasure of the Executive Council and can be dismissed for cause during their terms subject to dismissal procedures specified in this section. Dismissal procedures will be initiated upon a supermajority vote of the Executive Council (two thirds or more voting to initiate). Any voting Executive Council member may initiate this action.

2.6.1 Review

When an Officer's performance is reviewed, the Officer will be given the opportunity to (a) hear the details of the evaluation; and (b) provide input and voice into the evaluation procedure.

2.6.2. *Committee of Ombudspersons*

A Committee of Ombudspersons, appointed by the President, will attempt to mediate and resolve disputes involving dismissal. The Committee will be composed of three former Presidents of the Association. In the case that an insufficient number of former Presidents is willing to serve, the President shall choose former Secretaries-General. The members of the Committee shall elect its Chairperson.

In the case that the dismissal proposal is brought against the President, the President-Elect shall replace the President in this process and the Past-President shall replace the President-Elect.

2.6.3. *Acceptance of Mediation*

The results of the Committee of Ombudspersons' recommendations will be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

2.6.4. *Move to Dismiss*

If the Committee of Ombudspersons determines that mediation has failed, the President (President-Elect if the dismissal action concerns the President) can move to dismiss the Officer. The President, acting on behalf of the Executive Council, the chair of the Ombudspersons Committee, and the Officer being considered for dismissal shall each write formal statements to the Executive Council describing the situation. The motion for dismissal must pass with a supermajority of the Executive Council (two thirds voting in favor of dismissal).

2.6.5. *Replacement of Dismissed Officer*

When an Officer or Regional Representative is dismissed, the Executive Council shall select a replacement to serve out the dismissed Officer's term. In the case of the dismissal of a President, the Executive Council shall choose, by vote, a replacement from either the incoming or past-president to complete the President's term. The Executive Council is also free to call for an interim election.

When an Officer or Regional Representative is dismissed all materials that belong to the IACCP or are needed for continued functioning of IACCP must be sent to a person designated by the Executive Council within 30 calendar days.

2.7. **The Standing Committees of the IACCP**

The Executive Council shall appoint the chairpersons and members of each Standing Committee except for those specific Officers named herein as Chairpersons or members. The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall present reports at all Executive Council Meetings and, unless excused by Executive Council, at all General Meetings.

2.7.1. *The Standing Committee on Membership and Professional Standards*

The Standing Committee on Membership and Professional Standards shall consist of the Secretary-General, the Treasurer, and the Deputy Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall chair the Committee, and the Deputy Secretary-General shall specifically attend to the recruitment of new Members. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Council on the qualifications of persons applying to become Members in cases specified elsewhere in the Bylaws, shall recruit new Members, and shall deal with any matter pertaining to membership that is referred to it. Based on a Code of Conduct, the Committee shall also consider any matters concerning professional ethics and standards of any of the Members of the Association that may be brought to its attention by the Executive Council or by petition of ten or more Members of the Association. In such cases, the Committee shall consider the case with utmost care and confidentiality, and shall develop

any procedures it deems necessary to adjudicate the matter quickly, completely and fairly. It shall also provide for an appeal procedure through the Committee of Ombudspersons, should there be found sufficient evidence to consider terminating the membership of the accused or reprimanding him or her in any way.

2.7.2. *The Standing Committee on Awards*

2.7.2.1. Membership

The Standing Committee on Awards shall consist of the Immediate Past-President (Chairperson), the Deputy Secretary-General, and two other members appointed by the Chair. The Committee shall be responsible for the administration of nominations for Honorary Fellowships of the Association, the Outstanding Contribution Award, the Early Career Award, and such other awards as the Executive Council shall from time to time establish. The Committee may establish sub-committees for the administration of each award and co-opt other members of the Committee for special purposes. The Harry and Pola Triandis Award, the Witkin-Okonji Award, and the Regional Conference Travel Award are administered as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws.

2.7.2.2. Award of Honorary Fellows

The following procedures govern the consideration of those who have been nominated for the award of Honorary Fellowship: Nominations must be made in writing by any current Member of the Association and supported in writing by at least two other persons who must be current Members of the Association. Referees from outside the IACCP membership may be used but are not mandatory. The nomination must be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae, together with a summary statement of support for the nominee and reasons for the nomination. Normally, the nominee is not informed of the fact that she or he is being nominated. The Association will notify and inform the membership of the nomination procedure and will issue calls for nominations. Nominations and supporting documents must be sent to the Standing Committee on Awards. Nominations will be considered by the Standing Committee on Awards. If the Committee consensually supports the nomination of a candidate, it will recommend to the Executive Council that the Executive Council consider the candidate for the award. The Executive Council will then vote on the candidate. A positive decision requires that at least two thirds of those voting be in favor, and that at least two-thirds of the Executive Council cast ballots. The ballot may be conducted either at a meeting of the Executive Council or by postal or electronic ballot, whichever is the more expeditious. The entire procedure must take place within twelve months of the initial date of nomination. If the Committee does not support a candidate it will not report on the nomination to the Executive Council but will inform the nominator that it has been decided to take no action at the present time. If the Executive Council approves the nomination, the President will inform the nominee and receive the nominee's acceptance of the award before a public announcement is made.

2.7.2.3. The Outstanding Contribution Award

The Outstanding Contribution Award has been established to honor individuals who have made unusually significant contributions to cross-cultural psychology, cultural psychology, or indigenous psychology as described in the Association's Aims and Objectives. Nominees need not be Members of the Association. Normally, the Association shall grant one or more of the awards every two years.

Nominations will be solicited one year prior to each International Congress but may also be made by any Member of the Association at any time. Nominations shall be sent to the Standing Committee on Awards and must be accompanied by a supporting statement comprised of a brief resume including the nominee's background and position and a list of significant publications and/or accomplishments relevant to the aims and objectives of the Association. The Standing Committee on Awards shall vote on each nominee and then forward, with relevant documentation, any approved nomination(s) to the Executive Council for consideration. If the Committee does not support a candidate, the Committee will not report on the nomination to the Executive Council but will inform the nominator that it has been decided to take no action at the present time.

2.7.2.4. The Early Career Award

An Award for Early Career Contributions to Cross-Cultural Psychology has been established to honor researchers at an early stage of their careers for their outstanding contributions to knowledge generation, dissemination and application for cross-cultural psychology primarily through research, but also through teaching of cross-cultural psychology and service to the field given the available opportunities. Candidates are eligible subject to the following conditions: No more than 10 years since the conferral of the PhD degree or equivalent on the application due date, and Membership of IACCP at the time of nomination and conferral of award. The endowment of the award and the nomination procedure are determined by the Executive Council in a timely Call for Nominations.

2.7.2.5. The Witkin/Okonji Memorial Fund Award

Recipients of the Witkin/Okonji Memorial Fund Award are selected by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Awards. It shall consist of the President-Elect (Chairperson), the Treasurer, the current Congress Organizer, and other members the Standing Committee on Awards or the Association at large as determined by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Awards.

To honor the memory of Herman A. Witkin and Michael Ogbolu Okonji, two individuals who demonstrated the importance of collaborating on cultural research projects, the IACCP established and continues to maintain the Witkin/Okonji Memorial Fund. Its purpose is to provide financial awards to IACCP Members to facilitate their attendance at international congresses of the Association so that intercultural scientific encounters may take place. Applications will be judged on the basis of the applicant's potential scientific contribution to the conference, geographical area, relative level of need, and age or status (e.g., new professional, advanced graduate student). The amount of funds provided by the Association for these awards will be approved by the Executive Council. The current subcommittee will determine the distribution and amounts of individual awards.

2.7.2.6. The Regional Conference Travel Award

Recipients of the Regional Conference Travel Award are selected by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Awards. It shall consist of the President-Elect (Chairperson), the Treasurer, the current Organizer of the Regional Conference, and other members the Standing Committee on Awards or the Association at large from the region in which the current conference is held, as determined by the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Awards.

2.7.2.7 The Harry and Pola Triandis Doctoral Thesis Award

The members of the Harry and Pola Triandis Doctoral Thesis Award Committee shall consist of the Deputy-Secretary General (Chairperson), the Immediate Past President, and all Regional Representatives. The Award is intended to honor and reward research excellence and to advance the early careers of dedicated researchers in the domain of culture and psychology. Support for the Award is provided by the Harry and Pola Triandis Fund. To be eligible for an award, doctoral theses must have been accepted during the two calendar years ending on December 31 prior to the International Congress. The Committee will select one or more recipients of the Award based on a careful evaluation of the submissions' scientific quality and potential impact on the field. The number and amount of each award shall be set by the Executive Council, in consultation with the Committee. At the beginning of each reward cycle, the Committee shall stipulate the responsibilities of the Award recipients to the Association.

2.7.3. *The Standing Committee on Elections*

The Standing Committee on Elections shall consist of the President (Chairperson), the Immediate Past-President, and the President-Elect. The Committee shall conduct all Association elections as specified elsewhere in the Bylaws of the Constitution.

2.7.4 *Communication and Publications Committee*

2.7.4.1 Members

The Communication and Publications Committee shall consist of: the Chairperson, appointed by the Executive Council, the Editor of the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*; the Editor of the *Online Readings in Psychology and Culture*, the Editor of a subordinate information medium for Members, if such an outlet exists, the IACCP Webmaster, an Information Technology Officer; a Social Media Coordinator, and one member-at-large appointed by the Executive Council; the President; the Secretary-General; and the Treasurer of the Association. The Committee may, if desired, periodically appoint or co-opt other Members of the Association to sit on the Committee temporarily for the purpose of facilitating publications of the Association, and in particular the publication of the proceedings of the international or regional conferences. The term of the Chairperson will be four years and may extend for up to two consecutive terms. The term of the member-at-large will be four years. Terms of office of the other members of the Communication and Publications Committee are determined by the Executive Council after consultation with the Committee.

2.7.4.2. Duties

The duties and responsibilities of the Communication and Publications Committee shall be: (a) to participate in the appointment and removal of editors and associate editors as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws; (b) to recommend to the Executive Council for their decision policies and actions concerning the publications of the IACCP, and to oversee the implementation of these policies and actions in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Council; (c) to oversee the electronic communication media of the Association such as its web sites, appoint appropriate managers of these media, and deal with all matters, as appropriate, concerning policies and operations of IACCP publications, as designated by the Executive Council; (d) to consider and, as necessary or appropriate, make recommendations to the Executive Council concerning the development of other publications that the Association or any of its Members suggest may be appropriate outlets for the dissemination of useful information that is within the aegis of the Association; (e) to oversee activities relating to the Archives of the IACCP

3. **Meetings**

The IACCP shall hold three kinds of meetings, to be called: General Meetings, Extraordinary General Meetings and Scientific Meetings, respectively. The official language of IACCP meetings is English.

3.1. **General Meeting**

The General Meeting of the Association shall be held once in every two years during the International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology. At this meeting the business transacted generally shall include reports from (a) the Secretary-General, (b) the Treasurer, (c) the Standing Committees, (d) the President, reporting election results, (e) the Chair of the Communication and Publications Committee, and, if there is anything noteworthy to report, (f) the Regional Representatives.

3.2. **Extraordinary General Meetings**

Extraordinary General Meetings may be held for a specific purpose as directed by the Executive Council or upon the request of at least ten percent of all Members in good standing at the end of the calendar year preceding the Extraordinary General Meeting.

3.3. **Scientific Meetings**

Scientific Meetings shall be convened for the presentation of scientific papers and related activities. Scientific Meetings include (1) the International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology, ordinarily held on even-numbered years and (2) regional conferences, held on odd-numbered years.

At each such Scientific Meeting an Ombudsperson shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the local organizers of the meeting, who is approachable to all participants to report a breach of basic rules of ethical conduct.

3.4. Notice of Meetings

- 3.4.1. General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by giving no less than sixty days clear notice from the date of issue. Notice may be given by electronic or postal communication.
- 3.4.2. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be called by giving no less than sixty days clear notice from the date of issue.
- 3.4.3. If any General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting is adjourned for more than thirty days, fresh notice shall be given for reconvening the adjourned meeting.
- 3.4.4. Notice of meetings shall be given to all Members entitled to receive them. Unintentional failures in the sending or receiving of meeting notices shall not invalidate the decisions made at that meeting.
- 3.4.5. The Executive Council shall prescribe those Members entitled to receive notices and the mode and place of service.
- 3.4.6. A meeting of the Executive Council shall be summoned by the Secretary-General at any time at the request of any three members of the Executive Council by giving at least sixty days clear notice to all members of the Executive Council at their postal or electronic addresses on file with the Secretary-General. Unless contraindicated by the circumstances, the President will preside over an Executive Council meeting so called.

3.5. Procedures for Holding Scientific Meetings

- 3.5.1. All Scientific Meetings held in the name of the IACCP must have the approval of the Executive Council.
- 3.5.2. Proposals for holding Scientific Meetings shall be submitted in writing for consideration by the Executive Council and include the names of the principal members of the organizing committee and the scientific committee, the proposed dates and location of the meeting, and documentation giving evidence of the availability of accommodations, the support of any hosting institution and the participation of the relevant Regional Representative who, when possible, will present the proposal to the Executive Council.
- 3.5.3. In the case of the International Congress, proposals must be submitted to the Executive Council in time for a decision to be announced at the General Meeting two years in advance of the proposed Congress.
- 3.5.4. In granting approval for holding Scientific Meetings, the Executive Council may set dates by which notices are to be sent out and establish conditions to be met by the organizing committee.
- 3.5.5. The Association shall approve conferences only in countries which, at the time of the award, permit free access to all IACCP Members regardless of national origin.

3.6 Authorization

All meetings using the name (or abbreviated name) of the Association must be authorized by the Executive Council.

3.7. Quorum

At Executive Council meetings a quorum shall be a majority of its members. A quorum at the General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting shall be 10% of the membership.

3.8. Meeting Procedures

- 3.8.1. General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be conducted according to *Roberts' Rules of Order*. The presiding Officer at such meetings may designate the Immediate Past-President or another senior Member to serve as parliamentarian, whose responsibility it will be to make sure that *Roberts' Rules of Order* are followed. To fulfill the Association's obligations with regard to its tax-exempt status, when the Executive Council is voting on a compensation agreement with any Officers or Directors, the results of any voting should be detailed to include who voted yes or no.
- 3.8.2. At any General Meeting a motion put to the Meeting shall be decided on by a show of hands. The Executive Council may arrange in advance for the taking of a poll or postal/electronic ballot, the results of which shall be announced at the General Meeting. A declaration by the President that a motion has been carried or lost, or carried or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect has been made in the minutes book of the IACCP shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favor or against the motion.
- 3.8.3. On a show of hands by every voting Member present in person, and in a postal/electronic ballot by every voting Member, shall have one vote.
- 3.8.4. Except for amendments to the Constitution or a motion for the dissolution of the Association, a motion will be carried by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote or in a postal/electronic ballot of those eligible to vote who recorded their vote in the prescribed manner.
- 3.8.5. In the case of an equal number of votes being cast for and against a motion, the presiding Officer shall have a second or casting vote.

3.9. Preparation of the Agenda

- 3.9.1. The Secretary-General, in collaboration with the President, is responsible for the preparation of the Agenda for all General Meetings, Extraordinary General Meetings, and meetings of the Executive Council.
- 3.9.2. Items for inclusion on the Agenda of General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings must be received in writing by the Secretary General at least thirty days prior to the meeting.
- 3.9.3. Items for inclusion on the Agenda and the meetings of the Executive Council should be received at least thirty days prior to the meeting, except when another date has been set by the Executive Council.
- 3.9.4. *Ad hoc* amendments to the agenda of General Meetings and meeting of the Executive Council are possible, except with regard to amendments to the Constitution.

4. Publications

The IACCP has four official publications at this time, but new publications can be proposed by the Communication and Publications Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

4.1. The Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (JCCP)

JCCP publishes both unsolicited and solicited papers under peer review. JCCP was founded in 1970 by Walter J. Lonner at the Center for Cross-Cultural Research of Western Washington State College (now Western Washington University) and became associated with IACCP at its founding in 1972. It was sold to Sage Publications in 2004 and as specified in its contract with Sage, IACCP is responsible for appointment of editors, journal masthead policies, and maintaining the quality of the journal. JCCP is a benefit of membership.

4.2. Congress Books

A collection of peer-reviewed chapters based on presentations given at Congresses, as well as keynote addresses and other significant scholarly products, Congress books are published online and may be published in printed form. Congress books have been published since the Association's inaugural meeting in 1972.

4.3. Online Readings in Psychology and Culture

The Online Readings in Psychology and Culture (ORPC) was created by Walter J. Lonner and the Center for Cross-Cultural Studies at Western Washington University in 2002 based on the principles of open access publication. The ORPC became a publication of IACCP in 2008.

The purpose of the ORPC as an open access journal is to provide free (for authors and readers) and universally accessible material to supplement basic texts in the areas of cross-cultural psychology, cultural psychology, psychological anthropology and related academic areas. The ORPC materials are intended to be periodically revised and updated by the author(s), providing a dynamic resource to the field.

4.4. Archives of the IACCP

The IACCP Archives shall consist of a wide range of documents considered to be important in the development and continuing contributions of IACCP, including historical and organizational material dating to the period prior to the founding of IACCP in 1972 and copies of official IACCP publications. New materials are added to the Archives as they become available.

The Archives include materials held by members of the Executive and various other committees, particularly the Presidents, Secretaries General and Treasurers, Editors of the *Newsletter/Bulletin*, the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, and *Monographs*, and others who have participated in the work of the Association.

4.5. Administration of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (JCCP)

4.5.1. Principles for Administration of JCCP by IACCP

4.5.1.1. Maintain and enhance the quality and impact factor of the *Journal*

4.5.1.2. Assure continuity of the *Journal's* intellectual contribution and "niche" in psychology

4.5.1.3. Meet contract obligations to the Publisher, as stipulated in the current contract, and monitor the Publisher's performance in the contract

4.5.1.4. Reflect the scholarly interests of the Association

4.5.1.5. Delegate procedural and operational control of the *Journal* to the Editorial Board as deemed appropriate

4.5.1.6. Facilitate the editorial process as needed

4.5.2. Definitions

4.5.2.1: *Editorial Board of JCCP*: Editor, Associate Editors, Special Issues Editor, Communication and Publications Committee Chairperson.

4.5.2.2. *Contract*: The extant contract between IACCP and the Publisher of the *Journal*.

4.5.3. Contract Obligations

The IACCP shall abide by its obligations concerning the publication of JCCP as indicated in the Contract.

4.5.4. *Authorized Representative of IACCP and Contract Monitor*

The representative of IACCP authorized to communicate with the Publisher will be the Chairperson of the Communication and Publications Committee (CPC) or his/her designate. The Contract Monitor will be the Chairperson of the CPC. The duties of the Contract Monitor are to assure that the Publisher and IACCP meet the conditions of the Contract.

4.5.5. *Financial Support of JCCP*

The Editor will propose a budget prior to each biennial Congress of the IACCP for approval by the CPC and the Executive Council. IACCP will support JCCP as needed to ensure the success of the *Journal* and meet its contractual obligations with the Publisher.

4.5.6. *Contract Negotiations with the Publisher*

Contract negotiations with the Publisher will be conducted under the direction of the Chairperson of the Communication and Publications Committee. The contract negotiation team will include the Chairperson of the CPC, the Editor of the *Journal*, the President of IACCP, the Treasurer of IACCP, and the Secretary-General of IACCP. The contract will be submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

4.5.7. *Selection of Editor*

The selection of the Editor of JCCP is the most important decision with regard to the *Journal* taken by the Association. Specific criteria for evaluating potential Editors will be developed within the CPC and the Editorial Board and approved by the CPC prior to initiating a search for a new editor. The fundamental principles upon which specific criteria are based include: (a) appropriate academic credentials in the scientific specialty area, (b) proven editorial experience and competence, (c) willingness to follow the *Journal's* editorial policies in compliance with the Contract, and (d) possession of resources required to perform the duties of Editor.

Nominations for a short list of candidates will be solicited by the CPC Chairperson from within the Editorial Board and from the CPC. It is understood that discussions with candidates and ensuing negotiations will usually be conducted confidentially. Therefore, the Editor or his/her designate and the CPC Chairperson or his/her designate will conduct these discussions. The Authorized Representative (defined in a previous section) will communicate the final candidate or candidates to the Publisher for its approval, if required in the Contract, prior to bringing the candidate(s) to a vote.

In the case that more than one suitable candidate is identified, the CPC Chairperson will conduct a private poll of CPC members to select the new Editor. In the case that one suitable candidate is identified, the candidate will be submitted to the CPC for approval. The candidate chosen by this process will be presented to the Executive Council for final approval.

4.5.8. *Duties of the Editor*

4.5.8.1. *Conduct of the Journal*

The Editor shall take responsibility with the assistance of the Editorial Manager of the timely management of the review process for all manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*, assigning submissions to appropriate members of the editorial board, monitoring the quality of their work, and minimizing publication delays. Opportunities shall be taken to raise the profile of the *Journal* through online publication of accepted manuscripts. The Editor shall reach agreement with the Special Issues Editor on the commissioning of a limited number of Special Issues of the *Journal* on topics that will enhance the *Journal's* profile and will not exacerbate publication lag. In consultation with the Editorial Board, the Editor will appoint a sufficient number of Consulting Editors to ensure an adequate supply of competent reviewers

across the range of current submissions. Reports shall be submitted to the CPC on a semiannual basis detailing submission rates, acceptance rates and current publication lag, and any changes in the panel of Consulting Editors.

4.5.8.2. Publication policy of the Journal

The range of manuscripts invited for submission to the journal is specified in the *Journal's* masthead policy statement. Changes to the masthead policy statement may be proposed by the Editor in consultation with the Editorial Board and submitted to the CPC for review. The CPC shall submit changes to the Executive Council for approval.

4.5.8.3. Term of Editor

The term of the Editor will be between three and four years, as negotiated between the incoming Editor and the Chairperson of the CPC. The term may be extended up to six years with the approval of the CPC and the Executive Council.

4.5.8.4. Editor Succession

The CPC will discuss with the incoming and outgoing editors the procedure under which manuscripts submitted under the outgoing editor's term shall be processed. Articles accepted by the previous editor that are printed after a new Editor is in place will be so designated.

4.5.9. *Editorial Board*

The number, specialties, names, and terms of service of Associate Editors, and the Special Issues Editor, will be proposed by the Editor and submitted for approval by the CPC.

4.5.9.1. Founding Editor

The Journal's founding editor, Walter J. Lonner, shall be listed within the Journal as Founding Editor.

4.5.9.2. Selection and supervision of the Managing Editor

The Managing Editor will be chosen by the Editor and paid within the biennial budget approved by the Executive Council.

4.5.9.3. Dismissal of Editor and Editorial Board members

The Editor and members of the JCCP Editorial Board serve at the pleasure of the Association and can be dismissed at any time. The CPC may propose the removal of the Editor to the Executive Council for its approval. The Editor will propose the removal of an editorial board member to the CPC for its approval.

4.6. Administration of the Online Readings in Psychology and Culture

4.6.1. *Editorial Board and Support Staff*

The editorial board of ORPC shall include an Editor and one or more Associate Editors as deemed appropriate by the Editor and the CPC.

4.6.1.1. Selection of Editor

Nominations for a short list of candidates will be solicited by the CPC Chairperson. In the case that more than one suitable candidate is identified, the CPC will conduct a private ballot poll to determine the new Editor. In the case that one suitable candidate is identified, the candidate will be submitted to the CPC for approval.

The candidate chosen by this process will be presented to the Executive Council for final approval.

4.6.1.2. Duties of Editor

The ORPC Editor shall solicit and where appropriate publish additional contributions to the existing set of readings. He/ she shall also periodically consult authors regarding the need for updating of previously posted readings. The Editor will arrange for additional technical and editorial support funded by the Association with the agreement of the CPC.

4.6.1.3. Term of Editor

The term of the editor will be between three and four years, as negotiated between the incoming Editor and the Chairperson of the CPC. The term may be extended up to six years with the approval of the CPC and the Executive Council.

4.6.1.4. Selection of Editorial Board

Associate Editors will be proposed by the Editor and submitted for approved by the CPC.

4.6.1.5. Dismissal of Editor and Editorial Board Members

The ORPC Editor and Associate Editors serve at the pleasure of the Association and can be dismissed at any time. The CPC may propose the removal of the Editor to the EC for its approval. The Editor will propose the removal of an editorial board member to the CPC for its approval.

4.6.2. *Operations*

4.6.2.1. Web Presence

The ORPC is a component of the online presence and resources of the IACCP. The ORPC will maintain up-to-date resources consistent with the mission of the Association.

4.6.2.2. Budget

The budget for the ORPC will be proposed by the ORPC Editor to the CPC and approved by the CPC and the Executive Council.

4.7. **Archives of the IACCP**

4.7.1. *Ownership*

The legal owner of the Archives is the IACCP. Donations to the Archives shall become the property of IACCP.

4.7.2. *Location*

The Archives are kept at the Center for the History of Psychology at the University of Akron, USA, under contract with the IACCP. The Archives will be available through appropriate media (paper, electronic, etc.), as determined in the contract, to all Members of IACCP and to nonmembers with the approval of the Communication and Publications Committee.

4.7.3. *Administration*

The Institution will report to the CPC on a regular basis.

5. Special Interest Groups

The Association encourages the creation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and provides a set of rules and procedures for their creation, maintenance and dissolution; specifies their responsibilities; affords resources for their activities; and regulates their relationship to the Association.

5.1. Administration

Authority for all matters involving SIGs shall rest with the Executive Council, which has the authority to approve their creation, set policies for their activities, review their financial activities, and determine when they are in violation of IACCP goals, principles, and Bylaws.

5.2. Representation

Duly constituted SIGs with memberships of 10% or more of the total Association membership or 50 Members, whichever is less, may each have one non-voting seat on the Executive Council.

5.3. Reporting

The Chairperson of each SIG, or his/her designated representative, will give a report on SIG activities to the Executive Council at each biennial Congress.

6. Amendments to the Constitution

6.1. Proposals

An amendment to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Council or by twenty Members in good standing. The Executive Council shall have the proposed amendment circulated to the Members with sixty days clear notice of an amendment to be put before a General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, or sixty days for the return of postal or electronic (online) ballots. The result of a postal or electronic (online) ballot shall be announced at the next General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting or through electronic or print media of the Association.

6.2. Procedure for Approval

Amendments to the Constitution may be made by voting at a General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, or by postal or electronic (online) ballot.

6.3. Quorum for Passage of Amendments

At General Meetings, at least 10% of Members, including Honorary Fellows and sponsored Members, must be present. At Extraordinary General Meetings, 10% of Members in good standing must vote. In a postal or electronic (online) ballot, 10% of the Members in good standing must cast a vote.

6.4. Requirement to Pass

Amendments to the Constitution put to a General or Extraordinary General Meeting, or to a postal or online vote, must be passed by a two thirds supermajority of votes cast by participating voters.

6.5. Effective Date

An approved amendment shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall supersede and nullify all previous provisions that may be in conflict with it, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

7. Dissolution of the Association

7.1. Vote to Dissolve

The IACCP may be dissolved by a three-quarter (75%) majority vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose or by a three-quarter (75%) majority in a postal or electronic (online) ballot provided that in each case at least 50% of the eligible Members in good standing cast a vote.

7.2. Distribution of Assets

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Appendix - Regions

1. Designation of Regions for Elections of Regional Representatives

1.1. Europe:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faeroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City

1.2. North Africa and the Middle East:

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

1.3. Sub-Saharan Africa:

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo [Brazzaville], Congo [Kinshasa], Ivory Coast, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Réunion, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

1.4. Central and South Asia:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

1.5. South East Asia:

Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

1.6. East Asia:

China (People's Republic), Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), Japan, Korea (Democratic People's Republic), Korea (Republic), Macau (Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China), Mongolia, Taiwan (Republic of China)

1.7. Insular Pacific:

American Samoa, Australia, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu, Wallis & Futuna Islands

1.8. North America:

Canada, United States of America

1.9. Central America and the Caribbean:

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Trinidad And Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands

1.10. South America:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay, Venezuela

2. Designation of unlisted units

Political units not listed will be distributed by the Executive Council, when requested by a Member from such a unit.