

**CONSTITUTION
for the
Academy of Leisure Sciences**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the **Academy of Leisure Sciences** is to establish a network of scholars committed to the intellectual advancement of the field. The academy carries out this purpose through a forum devoted to the study of leisure and its implications in society in a period of profound change.

Article I - Fellows

Section 1. The Academy consists of: Active Fellows. Active Fellows are those elected and inducted into the Academy for their continuing and outstanding contributions to the art and science of leisure. Active Fellows shall constitute the governing body of the Academy. All Fellows shall receive a Certificate following their official induction into the Academy. All Fellows shall participate equally in the activities of the Academy.

Section 2. Eligibility of membership shall be limited to the United States and Canada.

Article II - Election of Fellows

Section 1. The selection of candidates for Fellowship shall be made by a Membership Committee, as hereinafter provided, with election by all Active Fellows of the Academy.

Section 2. The Membership Committee shall investigate the qualifications of all candidates proposed for Fellowship, have prepared a biographical sketch of each candidate selected, submit a ballot and biographical sketch of each selected candidate to all Active Fellows, and report the results of the balloting to the President.

Section 3. Two-thirds majority of all votes cast for each individual candidate shall elect a Fellow.

Section 4. The President shall notify successful candidates of their election to the Academy. After their acceptances have been received, the Certificate of Fellowship and the biographical data will be prepared for the recognition of the candidate and the induction at the Annual Meeting. Those elected as Active Fellows must be present to be inducted unless excused by the President.

Article III - Removal of Fellows

Section 1. An Active Fellow who fails to respond to the call for dues for three consecutive years shall receive a direct written request, from the Secretary, to resign. If there is no response after the third such notice within a period of six months, the Fellow shall be dropped automatically from the Academy.

Article IV - Officers: Election and Duties

Section 1. The Officers of the Academy shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Historian. The Officers shall be elected by mail vote as provided.

Section 2. At the close of the Annual Meeting, the President-Elect shall become President of the Academy. Officers shall be elected by mail ballot prior to the Annual Meeting. Should the officers determine that an emergency exists and vote to forego the Annual Meeting in any calendar year, as prescribed in Article V, the Officers shall continue with their duties until their successors are duly elected.

Section 3. All votes by active fellows for Officers and members of the Committee on Nominations and Election of Officers, shall be cast by mail ballot which more Active Fellows are voted upon for the same office, a majority shall signify election provided a quorum of ballots is returned. Ballots must be returned to the Chairperson of the Committee on Nomination and Election of Officers not less than two (2) weeks before the Annual Meeting in order to be counted. In case there is no majority for an office, a second vote shall be taken at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. The President-Elect and all other Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Section 5. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Academy, appoint all Committees, notify successful candidates of their election as Fellows, and preside at the induction of elected Fellows, represent the Academy in professional affairs with other organizations or groups, authorize the payment of bills properly incumbent upon the Academy, and perform such other functions as may be legally delegated by the Active Fellows or assumed to further the avowed interest of the Academy.

Section 6. The President-Elect shall act for the President if absent, and perform such other duties as may be properly delegated by the President. The President, as past president, shall serve on the Nominations and Election of Officers Committee.

Section 7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall transcribe the minutes of Academy meetings, notify the Fellows of all meetings at least thirty (30) days in advance, maintain a correct roll of all Fellows in their respective classifications, conduct all mail voting procedures except those delegated to the Membership Committee and shall follow the protocol Committee on Nominations and Election of Officers, established for the / correspond with Fellows and others in the promotion of Academy affairs, prepare the Certificate of Fellowship for duly elected members, collect the dues and initiation fees, keep the financial accounts in accordance with approved budgetary

practice, pay accounts properly charged against the Academy as authorized by the President, and perform other duties commonly associated with this office. The books of the Treasurer shall be declared closed on October 30 making the fiscal year November 1 through October 30.

Section 8. The Historian shall maintain an accurate, chronological, and up-to-date record of important Academy events and membership biographies of the Fellows; and shall insure to the membership annual additions and corrections to the Academy Archives.

Section 9. The President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually. The term for Historian shall be three years.

Section 10. Nominees for office shall be informed that, if elected, their responsibilities shall include attendance at meetings during the Annual Meeting. Nominees who indicate an advance knowledge of their inability to meet this attendance commitment shall be ineligible for office.

Section 11. In case of incapacitation of any elected officer, the President will appoint another Fellow to complete the term of office of that person. In case of the incapacity of the President while in office, the President-Elect shall assume that office.

Article V - Meetings and Business

Section 1. The Academy shall hold an Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will consist of a business session in addition to discussions, addresses, and reports directed toward professional enlightenment.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President. Special meetings may be called upon written petition to the President, signed by twelve (12) Active Fellows.

Section 3. All meetings of the Academy, both annual and special, shall be called by the President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the Fellows thirty (30) days in advance of each duly scheduled meeting.

Section 4. Business affairs may be transacted either by mail ballot or at the Annual Meeting by a quorum. One-third (1/3) of the total number of Active Fellows shall constitute a quorum. Except where specifically indicated otherwise, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the business activities of the Academy.

Article VI - Committees

Section 1. The Academy recognizes two (2) types of Committees -- Standing Committees and President's Committees.

Section 2. A Standing Committee represents a group of Fellows duly appointed to conduct a continuous or reasonably permanent function of the Academy.

Section 3. A President's Committee represents a group of Fellows duly appointed to perform a temporary service to the Academy.

Section 4. Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President, have a rotating membership to insure continuity of purpose from year to year yet provide for change, and conduct their affairs according to carefully prepared operating codes.

Section 5. The Academy has six (6) Standing Committees: (a) Membership, (b) International Relations, (c) Constitution, (d) Memorials, (e) Nomination and Election of Officers, and (f) Programs.

Section 6. The President's Committees shall be appointed by the President, and they shall cease to exist with his/her termination of office.

Article VII - Fees

Section 1. Only Active Fellows pay the initiation fee and yearly dues.

Section 2. The initiation fee plus annual dues for Active Fellows shall be established by the Active Fellows at the Annual Business Meeting. Dues shall be payable within thirty (30) days after notification by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. A registration fee shall be charged Fellows attending the Annual Meeting.

Constitution

Section 1. These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Active Fellows present at the Annual Meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to all Active Fellows at least thirty (30) days previous to the meeting, and further provided that a quorum votes on the amendment. Non-attending Active Fellows may register their votes by mail.

**Suggested Criteria to be Used in the Selection of
Candidates for Membership in the Academy of Leisure Sciences**

The following criteria should be considered when candidates are proposed for membership into the **Academy of Leisure Sciences**:

1. The individual should be directly engaged in the profession of leisure sciences.
2. The individual should have demonstrated (competence in professional) activities over a considerable period of time (10-15 years). Included in this would be such factors as: (a) quality as well as quantity of contributions to the literature in the field, (b) recognition of leadership and extensive participation in professional associations and organizations, and (c) acknowledged outstanding performance as a teacher, leader, administrator, practitioner, or researcher in the field of leisure.
3. A willingness to further the goals of the **Academy of Leisure Sciences**.