

CONSTITUTION  
of the  
ACADEMY OF LEISURE SCIENCES

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Academy of Leisure Sciences is to recognize, support, and establish a network and forum for scholars committed to the intellectual advancement of the field. The Academy carries out this purpose through meetings and activities devoted to furthering the study of leisure and its implications for individual and collective well being.

Article I - Fellows

The Academy is composed of Fellows; those elected and inducted into the Academy because of their continuing and outstanding contributions to the study of leisure. Fellows constitute the governing body of the Academy and participate fully and equally in the activities of the Academy.

Article II - Election of Fellows

Section 1. Nominations of candidates for fellowship shall be made by Active Fellows through the Nominations and Elections Committee, as hereinafter provided and voted upon by all Fellows of the Academy.

Section 2. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall investigate the qualifications of all candidates nominated for Fellowship, have prepared a biographical sketch of each nominee, submit a ballot and biographical sketch of each nominee to all Fellows, and report the results of the balloting to the President.

Section 3. Two-thirds majority of all ballots 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, a Certificate of Fellowship and the biographical data will be prepared for the recognition of the candidate and induction at the Annual Meeting. Those elected as Fellows must be present to be inducted unless excused by the President.

Section 5. Any candidate for election as a fellow of the Academy of Leisure Sciences who receives less than two-thirds of all ballots cast in two successive elections shall not be eligible for consideration in the two subsequent elections.

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### Article III - Removal of Fellows

Section 1. A 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 Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Historian.

The President-Elect, Secretary Treasurer, and Historian shall be elected by mail ballot prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Academy and, in the interim between business meetings, act on the Academy's behalf. Should the officers determine that it is necessary to postpone or 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 Nominations and Elections Committee shall be cast by mail ballot. A majority shall signify election provided a quorum of ballots is returned. If no candidate receives a majority, a second ballot shall be held between the candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Ballots must be returned to the designated member of the Nominations and Elections Committee by the deadline established by the committee, but not less than two (2) weeks before the Annual Meeting, in order to be counted.

Section 4. The President-Elect and other in-coming Officers and Committee Members 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 except the Nominations and Elections Committee; notify successful candidates of their election as Fellows, Officers, or Committee members; 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; perform such other functions, in concert with the Executive Committee, 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 Past-President shall serve on the Nominations and Elections 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 an accurate roll of all Active Fellows; correspond with Fellows and others in the promotion of Academy affairs; collect dues and fees; maintain the financial accounts in accordance with approved budgetary practice; pay accounts properly charged against the Academy as authorized 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 and current chronological record of important Academy documents, events and biographies of the Fellows; organize and regularly update Academy Archives; prepare Certificates of Fellowship for newly elected fellows; assist the President in formally inducting new members; coordinate revisions to the Constitution; propose and present memorials.

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 must agree to serve, if elected, and must attend the Annual Meetings during their term of 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 understanding leisure.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee or upon written petition to the President signed by twenty (20) 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 not less than thirty (30) days in advance of each duly called meeting.

Section 4. Academy affairs are transacted at the Annual Meeting by a quorum (one-third [1/3] of the total number of Active Fellows shall constitute a quorum). Between meetings, Academy affairs are transacted by the Executive Committee or by mail ballot. 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 three (3) types of Committees - the Executive Committee, Standing Committees and President's Committees.

Section 2. A Standing Committee represents a group of Fellows duly elected or 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. The Academy has three (3) Standing Committees: (a) Nominations and Elections, (b) Emerging Scholars, (c) Programs.

Section 5. The Nominations and Elections Committee is elected annually by the membership. The Emerging Scholars and Program Committees shall be appointed by the President, have a rotating membership, and conduct their affairs in keeping with the Committee's charge and mandate.

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. All Fellows pay yearly dues.

Section 2. The annual dues for Fellows and any other fee or assessment shall be established by the Fellows at the Annual Business Meeting. Dues, fees or assessments 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 to offset expenses incurred for the meeting.

## Article VIII - Constitution

Section 1. These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Fellows present at the Annual Meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to all Fellows at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and further provided that a quorum votes on the amendment. Non-attending 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. The individual should indicate a willingness to further the goals of the Academy of Leisure Sciences and participate actively in its affairs.
4. The individual must not have been considered for election in two consecutive of the previous three years (See Article II, Section 5).

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