

**CONSTITUTION of the
ACADEMY OF LEISURE SCIENCES**
(Adopted October 9, 2013)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Academy of Leisure Sciences is to recognize, support, and establish a network and forum for scholars and educators 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 Members and Fellows

The Academy is composed of members and Fellows. Members choose to join the Academy to uphold its mission and to participate in the activities of the Academy. Fellows are elected to the Academy because of their continuing and outstanding contributions to the study of leisure. Active Fellows include individuals who have paid yearly dues and Emeritus Fellows include individuals who no longer wish to remain active in the Academy. Members and active Fellows constitute the governing body of the Academy.

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Academy, shall determine its policies and operating procedures within the limits of the Constitution, shall actively implement its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of funds. It may adopt procedures for the conduct of its business as deemed advisable, and may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as needed.

Section 2. The Board of Directors of the Academy shall consist of the Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Fellows Representative, and four (4) elected and two (2) appointed Directors-at-Large. All members and active Fellows are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors of the Academy with the exception of the Fellow Representation who must be an active Fellow.

The President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Directors-at-Large shall be elected each year by written or electronic ballot prior to the Annual Meeting. The President-elect will serve three (3) years on the Board of Directors through ascending to President and the Past-President. The Historian shall be appointed annually by the President and the Fellows Representative will be elected annually by active Fellows. All Officers and Directors-at-Large shall serve a two-year term with options for election or re-appointment for no more than three (3) consecutive terms. The Historian and Fellows Representative shall serve no more than six (6) consecutive years.

Section 3. The elected Officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Academy and, in the interim between Board meetings, act on the Academy's behalf.

Section 4. Four (4) Directors-at-Large shall be elected by the membership and two (2) Directors-at-Large shall be appointed by the President. At the first election, there shall be elected by ballot two Directors of the Academy for a term of one year, and two Directors for two years. Before each Annual Meeting thereafter, two (2) Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. Before each Annual Meeting, the President in consultation with the immediate Past President and President-elect, will choose an appointed Director for a two year term. The first year that the Board of Directors is in place will include the appointment of one Director for one year and one Director for two years. Any Director shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment, and may serve no more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms. Directors shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected or appointed, or unless they resign, are removed, or are otherwise unable to fulfill an unexpired term.

Section 5. All votes for Officers and elected Directors-at Large shall be cast by written or electronic ballot. A majority shall signify election provided at least 20% of the members and active Fellows vote. 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 Nominations and Elections Committee by the deadline established by the committee, but not less than two (2) weeks before the Annual Meeting-

Section 6. The President-Elect and other in-coming Officers and Directors-at-Large shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Academy; appoint all Committees in consultation with the Board of Directors; notify successful candidates of their election as Officers or Directors-at-Large; 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 Board of Directors, as may be legally delegated by the Academy membership or assumed to further the avowed interest of the Academy.

Section 8. 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 as Chair on the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Section 9. The Secretary shall transcribe and post the minutes of the Board of Directors and Annual meetings; maintain an accurate roll of all members and active and Emeritus Fellows; and correspond with members, active Fellows, and others in the promotion of Academy affairs.

Section 10. The Treasurer shall collect dues and fees; maintains the financial accounts in accordance with approved budgetary practice; and pays 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 31.

Section 11. 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; and coordinate revisions to the Constitution; propose and present memorials.

Section 12. The Fellows Representative shall represent the interests of active Fellows at all Board of Directors and Annual Meetings; coordinate the nominations, election, and recognition of new Fellows.

Section 13. The elected and appointed Directors-at-Large shall participate in all Board and Annual meetings.

Section 14. In case of incapacitation of any elected-or appointed Board member, the President will appoint another member or active Fellow to complete the term of that person. In case of the incapacity of the President while in office, the President-Elect shall assume that office.

Article III Meetings and Business

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly upon call of the President at such time and place designated. A 51% majority of the elected and appointed Board members shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held via any appropriate telecommunications process.

Section 2. The Academy shall hold an Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will consist of a business session in addition to discussions intended to further the mission of the Academy.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors or upon written petition to the President signed by 20% of the members and active Fellows.

Section 4. Academy affairs are transacted at the Annual Meeting by a quorum (20% of the members and active Fellows constitutes a quorum). Between meetings, Academy affairs are transacted by the Board of Directors. Except where specifically indicated otherwise, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the business activities of the Academy.

Article IV 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 members and active Fellows appointed to conduct a continuous or reasonably permanent function of the Academy. Standing Committees may include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Nomination and Elections Committee (NEC) has responsibility to solicit nominations and conduct elections annually for Officer and Directors at Large positions. The immediate Past President serves as Chair of this committee.
- b. Membership Committee has responsibility for ongoing recruitment and maintenance of members representing the breadth of the disciplines related to leisure.
- c. Teaching Institute Committee has responsibility for soliciting, reviewing, and making recommendations regarding the implementation of the ALS Teaching Institute on a biannual

- basis.
- d. Awards and Recognition Committee duties include soliciting, identifying, and selecting individuals for national recognition relative to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service to the profession.
 - e. Future Scholars Committee has responsibility for the ongoing recruitment and selection of individuals designated as Future Scholars.
 - f. Fellows Committee is a special committee composed only of active Fellows with duties as outlined in Article VI.

Section 3. A President's Committee represents a group of members and active Fellows duly appointed to perform a temporary service to the Academy. The President's Committees shall be appointed by the President, and they shall cease to exist with her or his term of office.

Article V - Fees

Section 1. All members and active Fellows pay yearly dues.

Section 2. The annual dues for members and active Fellows and any other fee or assessment shall be established by the Board of Directors. Dues, fees or assessments shall be payable within thirty (30) days after notification by the Treasurer.

Article VI Nominations, Election, and Recognition of Fellows

Section 1. The Fellows Committee is a standing committee of ALS that shall oversee the nominations, election, and recognition event associated with inducting new Fellows. The Fellows Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) Fellows affirmed by active Fellows attending the Fellows Recognition Event held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting each year. The Chair of the Fellows Committee (Fellows Representative) will serve as a voting member of the ALS Board of Directors. Members of the Fellows Committee may serve no more than six (6) consecutive years.

Section 2. Nominations of candidates for Fellowship shall be made by active Fellows through the Fellows Committee. The Fellows Committee shall investigate the qualifications of all candidates nominated for Fellowship, prepare a biographical sketch of each nominee, submit a ballot and biographical sketch of each nominee to all active Fellows, tally the votes, notify the successful and unsuccessful nominees and their nominators, and report the results of the balloting to the active Fellows.

Section 3. Two-thirds majority of all ballots cast electronically shall elect a Fellow.

Section 4. The Fellows Representative shall notify successful candidates of their election to Fellowship in the Academy. After 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 Fellows Recognition Event. Those elected as Fellows must be present to be inducted unless excused by the Fellows Representative. The Fellows Committee will be responsible for the logistics of the Fellows Recognition Event, notifying

active Fellows regarding time and registration fees associated with the event, and planning and implementing the induction of new Fellows and the business associated with the nominations, election, and recognition processes.

Section 5. Only active Fellows can change the suggested criteria to be used in the selection of candidates for Fellow in the Academy of Leisure Sciences. These criteria shall be reviewed by the Fellows Committee annually and proposed changes brought to active Fellows at the Fellows Recognition Event. The suggested criteria are:

- a. The individual should be directly engaged in the profession of leisure sciences.
- b. 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.
- c. The individual should indicate a willingness to further the goals of the Academy of Leisure Sciences and participate actively in its affairs.

Section 6. A Fellow who fails to respond to the call for dues will be considered an Emeritus Fellow and will not receive the privileges of being an active member, although he or she will remain listed among the elected Fellows of the Academy.

Article VII Constitution

These Articles (except for Article VI) may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative electronic vote of all members and active Fellows who vote. Article VI may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative electronic vote of all active Fellows who vote. The proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing by the Secretary to all members and active Fellows at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting deadline. Amendments to Article VI shall have been submitted in writing by the Fellows Representative to all active Fellows at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting deadline.

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