

ISAAC CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The International Society for Analysis, its Applications and Computation, and will be referred to as ISAAC in this document.

ARTICLE II - Goals

Analysis is understood here in the best sense of the word, including differential equations, integral equations, functional, Fourier, harmonic and spectral analysis, function theory, real and complex analysis, stochastic analysis and other related subjects, as well as their applications to various areas, and their computational aspects.

It is imagined that within ISAAC certain special interest groups will exist which organize workshops and mini-symposia at the ISAAC meetings. These special interest groups (SIG) are to operate independently and to have representation on the ISAAC Board as outlined below. The list of special interest groups is maintained at the official ISAAC website. Further SIGs may be founded at any time by contacting the President (Article IV). However, to be formed and maintained, a SIG must contain at least ten ISAAC members. Individuals who are not ISAAC members can join SIGs for a period of not more than two years after which their membership in the SIG is discontinued unless they join ISAAC as an individual member. An ISAAC Member can be a registered member of not more than three SIGs. It is the purpose of ISAAC to promote analysis, its applications, and its interaction with computation. With this objective, international meetings shall be organized for the presentation and discussion of research on analysis in the above context. ISAAC may also support other activities, such as schools and conferences, which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, hereinafter provided by Article IV of this Constitution, further the objectives of ISAAC.

ISAAC will seek cooperation with the existing international organizations, such as IMU, AMS, EMS and others.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Any person or institution interested in the purposes of ISAAC may obtain membership.

Individual membership of ISAAC shall be either ordinary or honorary. All individual members shall be voting members. Institutional membership is equipped with one vote.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Board of Directors (ISAAC Board)

Section 1

The officers of ISAAC shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2

The governing body of the Society shall be its Board of Directors.

Section 3

No person shall serve as President or Vice-President more than two consecutive terms. Later election as President or Vice-President shall be possible.

Section 4

After the election of the new President, the previous President can remain on the Board as the Ex-President until the newly elected President takes this position.

Section 5

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Ex-President, and up to fifteen other members, hereinafter called ordinary members of the Board of Directors, with a total of up to 19 Board Members determined in this way. Each SIG of size of 30 members or more delegates one Director to the Board. The remaining vacancies are subject to elections as described in Article V. Only ordinary members of ISAAC shall be eligible for election as officers or ordinary members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the above members, once the venue for the following ISAAC congress has been determined, the main organiser of that congress joins the Board of Directors as an additional member, with the status of "ISAAC Congress Organizer", for one term until the next elections take place.

Section 6

The terms of the members of the Board of Directors shall be two years or until their successors are elected. The terms shall commence immediately after the election results are announced.

In the event that a member of the Board of Directors ceases to perform his duties through death, incapacitating illness, resignation, or other like cause, the vacancy so created shall be filled by election by the Board of Directors of a successor to fill the unexpired term. The election procedure will be determined by the ISAAC officials to produce such a replacement within 3 months. In the event that the office of the President of ISAAC becomes vacant in this manner, the Vice-President shall become the President and a new Vice-President will be nominated by the Board of Directors to take the post until the next regular election of officers of ISAAC.

Section 7

The Board of Directors shall be the legal representatives of ISAAC. It shall have the power to expend the funds of ISAAC, or to invest the same, but shall not incur indebtedness beyond the assets of ISAAC. It shall transact all the business of ISAAC not otherwise provided for specifically in the Constitution of ISAAC.

Section 8

The President of the Society shall have the authority to appoint an Ethics Committee consisting of five (5) members, selected from among the members of ISAAC. The Committee shall be entrusted with the examination and determination of cases concerning the potential expulsion of any Society member whose conduct is deemed to contravene ethical principles and to cause harm to the image and integrity of the scientific community.

The Committee shall conduct its proceedings in strict observance of the principles of impartiality and due process, guaranteeing the member concerned the right to a full and fair defense. Upon conclusion of its inquiry, the Committee shall submit a final report containing its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors for deliberation and approval.

Section 9

The President of the Society shall have the authority to establish a Commission for Developing Countries, which shall be composed of five members selected from among the members of the Society. The said Commission shall be entrusted with the mandate to establish and maintain cooperative relations with analogous bodies or commissions of other national or international organizations. The principal purpose of the Commission shall be to foster collaboration and to support initiatives aimed at advancing the interests of developing countries in the relevant academic disciplines.

ARTICLE V - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1

The Board of Directors elects the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer on a board meeting during the biennially organized International ISAAC Congresses, according to Article VI. Elected are those who have the majority of the present Board members, but strictly more than 50% of the board must be present at the meeting. If the meeting has half or less Board members present, the elections will take place as described in Section 4 of Article V. If successful, the election becomes effective immediately after the closing ceremony of the congress.

Section 2

Within two calendar months after the ISAAC congress, a Nominating Committee consisting of five members of ISAAC, drawn from residents of at least four countries, shall be appointed by the President. One of the members of the Committee shall be designated by the President to act as Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall, through its Chairman, solicit nominations for the Board Members from the ISAAC members. Any ISAAC member can stand for election to the Board provided that he/she receives the support of at least five (5) other ISAAC members. The number of elected Board members will be determined by the number of vacancies to be filled at the election, in accordance with Sections 3-6, Article IV of this Constitution.

Within two calendar months from the appointment of the Nominating Committee, the Secretary shall inform the members of ISAAC of the list of nominees reported to him by the Nominating Committee. For a period of two weeks following the date of such notification, additional nominees may be named by petition forwarded to the Secretary and signed by at least fifteen (15) voting members of ISAAC. Upon receipt of such petition, the Secretary shall, after acceptance of such nomination by the nominees, add such names to the ballot prepared by him. The complete lists of nominees for ordinary membership of the Board of Directors shall be arranged in alphabetical order and the country of residence of each nominee shall be indicated.

Section 3

The Secretary-Treasurer shall electronically forward to each member of ISAAC a complete ballot, prepared as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

The ballot shall, in addition, contain a notice that the voter may vote for any qualified persons other than the listed nominees, and spaces shall be provided for recording such votes.

Ballots shall be returned electronically to the Secretary, and to be valid must be received not later than one calendar month after the ballot has been announced. Any ballot marked so as to indicate a vote for more than the number of ordinary members of the Executive Committee to be elected, shall be void in its entirety.

The candidates for ordinary membership of the Board of Directors who receive the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected and the Secretary shall inform the members of ISAAC by e-mail of the names of the persons so elected within one month of the completion of the vote. If there is a tie vote for ordinary membership of the Board of Directors, the President of ISAAC shall exercise a casting vote to determine the person or persons elected.

In the election of the Board of Directors, the five (5) non-elected candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be designated as substitute members of the Board. Said substitutes shall be called upon to temporarily replace titular members of the Board of Directors who are absent from ISAAC board meetings, in accordance with the order of votes received.

Section 4

If the ISAAC officers have not been elected at the congress as provided in Section 1 of this Article, the election of new officers is made by the newly elected Board of Directors. Within two weeks of the election of the new Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall, through its Chairman, invite all Board members to nominate candidates for the posts of President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer. Any Board member is eligible to stand for any of the posts, but for not more than one post. Any nomination must be supported by at least two Board members and must be made within two weeks of the invitation. **The Nominating Committee must ensure that there are at least two candidates for each of the posts. (to be removed)** After the nominations are collected and passed to the Secretary, the voting must take place within two weeks.

If there are more than two nominations for any of the posts, two rounds of voting **take place with the two most voted candidates proceeding to the second round.**

For the first round of voting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall electronically forward to each Board member a complete ballot containing all nominations for each of the posts. Ballots shall be returned electronically to the Secretary, and to be valid must be received not later than two weeks after the ballot has been announced. Two Board members with the highest number of votes proceed to the second round. If there is a tie vote, the President of ISAAC shall exercise a casting vote to determine the person or persons elected.

The second round of voting must be announced within two weeks of the announcement of the results of the first round. The Secretary-Treasurer shall electronically forward to each Board member a complete ballot containing all nominations for each of the posts. Ballots shall be returned electronically to the Secretary, and to be valid must be received not later than two weeks after the ballot has been announced. For each post, the candidate with the highest number of votes becomes elected. If there is a tie vote, the President of ISAAC shall exercise a casting vote to determine the person or persons elected. The announcement of the newly elected officers must be made to the Board within one week, and to all ISAAC members within two weeks, after the voting took place.

If through these elections the number of members of the Board of Directors will be reduced the President will supplement the Board from the list of the respective Board election ordered according to the received number of votes and SIG representatives, respectively.

Section 5

In case when all 15 other Board of Directors' seats are taken by SIG representatives, the number 15 should be raised in order to allow elections of at least five elected Board members.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1

International ISAAC Congresses shall be organised on a regular basis. Additionally, conferences, workshops, and symposia shall be organised, co-organised or just supported as far as the financial situation allow this.

The board of Directors shall meet during the International ISAAC Congresses. (replace with)

An ordinary meeting of the Board of Directors shall be convened annually and may be held in person, in hybrid format, or entirely online. In years during which an ISAAC Congress is held, the said meeting shall take place concurrently with the Congress.

Each meeting shall be opened with the following procedural items:

1. Call to order by the President of ISAAC or, in its absence, by a duly authorized representative;
2. Approval of the meeting agenda;
3. Appointment and approval of the Chairman and the Secretary of the meeting;
4. Election of not fewer than two (2) adjudicators, each receiving the support of at least fifty percent (50%) of the members present.

The President and the Secretary and Treasurer shall give their reports about the activities and the situation of the society, in particular the financial situation. No more than one year shall elapse between two such reports. Substitute members are allowed to participate at the board meetings. They are only allowed to vote when replacing titular Board members. A substitute member who has the right to vote, is considered as Board Director during the meeting.

Section 2

The quorum is 50% of the number of Board Directors. The appointed secretary shall keep minutes of the meeting, which shall contain the decisions taken during the meetings, including the outcome of the opening items. The minutes should then be controlled by the adjudicators, who sign the minutes in cases they accurately describe the outcome of the meeting. Only minutes signed by the adjudicators can be considered valid ISAAC documents.

Section 3

Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Directors may determine the existence of extraordinary conditions, requiring postponement or abandonment of a meeting.

Section 4

The President has the right to call for a special board meeting whenever there are special issues which cannot wait to be decided at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Reports

The Secretary of ISAAC shall report by e-mail to the membership of ISAAC on the activities and financial condition of ISAAC at such times as seem appropriate, but no more than two years shall elapse between two such reports.

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

For individual members there are two kinds of membership dues, the life-membership fee and the "paid"-membership fee. Institutions may become "paid"-members. The amount of the fees is determined by the Board of Directors. While life members pay a fee once paid members pay a fee yearly. The payment of the dues shall be in Euros or in US\$. Also voluntary contributions are welcome. The Treasurer shall be responsible for dues paid into ISAAC.

The life membership fee is set by the ISAAC Board. The individual "paid"-membership fee is set to be 20% of the regular life membership fee and lasts for two years. for persons acquiring the life membership at the age below 30, the fee is 75% of the regular life membership fee.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds (2 over 3) vote of those voting, in an electronic ballot submitted to the voting membership, pursuant to a petition signed by forty (40) voting members of ISAAC in good standing and sent to the Secretary of ISAAC. On receipt of such a petition, the Secretary shall, within sixty (60) days, send a letter ballot electronically to all voting members of ISAAC.

Ballots shall be returned electronically to the Secretary, and to be valid must be received by him within sixty (60) days of the date on which they were sent by him to the voting members of ISAAC. Amendments so approved shall become effective immediately upon certification of approval by the Secretary to the Board of Directors and to the membership, except that amendments which change the status of officers of ISAAC shall become effective when the new officers are declared elected.