

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

### 1. TITLE AND COMPOSITION

1.1. The name of the organization shall be "International Association of Statisticians of Indian Origin", hereinafter referred to as the Association.

1.2. The Association shall consist of students, teachers, researchers, administrators, users and well wishers of the discipline of Statistical Science.

### 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

2.1. The Association shall bring together individuals of Indian origin and other individuals and institutions interested in promoting and advancing the discipline of Statistics throughout the world.

2.2. The Association shall foster the exchange of information and scholarly activity (particularly amongst students and other scholars) between various countries (particularly involving India) as well as among other national/international organizations pertaining to the development of Statistical Science.

2.3. The Association shall establish national/regional chapters to promote its aims.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. The membership of the Association shall consist of individual members and institutional members. There shall be two categories of individual members: Regular Members and Associate Members.

3.2. Regular membership is open to any individual of Indian origin interested in the aims and objectives of the Association.

3.3. Associate membership is open to all individuals sponsored by a regular member. Normally, this category shall consist of individuals not of Indian origin, full-time students, retired individuals and spouses of Regular Members.

3.4. An applicant for Regular or Associate Membership shall become a member of the Association upon approval of his/her application by the Executive Board and after payment of dues to the Treasurer of the Association.

3.5. Firms, corporations, academic institutions and other organizations whose objectives are deemed compatible with those of the Association may become Institutional Members upon payment of dues.

3.6. The right to vote, to nominate candidates for elections, to sign petitions and the like, and to hold office, shall be limited to the individual members.

3.7. Each institutional member shall be entitled to nominate each year two individual members who shall have the same rights and privileges as of regular members.

## 4. DUES

4.1. The membership dues for all categories of members shall be determined by the Executive Board. Any new schedule of dues shall be effective at the beginning of the next calendar year.

4.2. The membership year shall be the calendar year. An application for membership received in any year shall be dated back to January 1 of that year. A new member shall be liable for dues for all of the current year.

4.3. A member who has paid the required dues for a given year shall be considered to be in good standing for that year.

4.4. From January 1 until June 30 of a given year, all members in good standing for the previous year shall be considered to be in good standing for the current year. However, the rights and privileges of membership in the Association shall be suspended on July 1 and membership shall be terminated on December 31 if the dues for the current year have not been paid.

## 5. EXECUTIVE BOARD

5.1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Board, hereinafter referred as the Board which shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Presidents of all national/regional chapters, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the President-Elect, the Past President, and five Directors at large.

5.2. The members of the Executive Board will be elected by the rules set out in Section 6 of this constitution.

5.3. The terms of office for each member of the Board shall be two years. Any member of the Board can not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

5.4. There shall be two kinds of meetings of the members of the Association: (i) general body meeting and (ii) chapter meeting. These meetings may occasionally be held in conjunction with the meetings of other statistical organizations or with various International conferences and Symposia. Meetings held with organizations such as International Statistical Institute, or with conferences and symposia

which are explicitly called "International" will be considered as "general body meetings". All other meetings will be considered as "chapter meetings" pertaining to the chapter in whose geographical jurisdiction the meeting is held. Meetings such as those with American Statistical Association, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Canadian Statistical Society, European Meeting of Statisticians, Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, Indian Statistical Institute etc. will correspond to "chapter meetings" of the Association. Sometimes the meetings referred to above may be held without conjunction with any other organisation. If such a meeting is called by the President of the Association, it will be considered as a "general body meeting". Similarly, a meeting of a national/regional chapter may be called by its President and this meeting will be called a "chapter meeting". The President of the Association shall preside over all "general body meetings" of the Association, and the President of the particular chapter will preside over the "chapter meetings".

5.5. The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall perform such functions as requested by the President. He/she shall also assume the responsibilities of the President in case the latter is unable to carry out his/her duties.

5.6. Each chapter will have a chapter President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

5.7. The Secretary shall act as President in the event that both the President and the Vice-President are absent or unable to perform the duties of the President. He/she shall keep the seal and records of the Association.

5.8. The Treasurer shall have the custody of funds and assets of the Association and shall present an audited account to the general body.

5.9. U.S.A. and Canada will have the following regional chapters: (i) Canada Chapter (consisting of all of Canada), (ii) Eastern U.S. Chapter (consisting of all the states east of Mississippi river), (iii) Western U.S. Chapter (consisting of the remaining states). Sub chapters may be developed.

5.10. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or upon written request by any four members of the Board. A majority of the Board members shall constitute the quorum.

5.11. The Board may receive grants, bequests, donations, land and property of all kind, and may own, mortgage or sell immovable property on behalf of the Association.

## 6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

6.1 A nominating committee consisting of three members in good standing will be appointed by the Board to call for nominations and prepare a slate of names for all positions for election.

6.2 An election commissioner will be appointed by the Board to conduct the elections.

6.3 The election shall be conducted through mail ballot. The results shall be notified to members by mail.