

**Constitution of the
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE INTERACTION
OF MECHANICS AND MATHEMATICS (I.S.I.M.M.)
In force from 1.1.2015**

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Society for the Interaction of Mechanics and Mathematics.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Section 1 - The history of both mechanics and mathematics shows much evidence of mutual beneficial influence. Mechanics is here understood in the broad sense as a description of physical phenomena in precise mathematical terms. It is the primary purpose of this Society to promote the interaction between mathematics and mechanics, without excluding further sciences in perspective.

Section 2 - With this objective, international meetings shall be organized for the presentation and discussion of research at the interface between mathematics and applied sciences. The Society will also support, from time to time, other activities, such as summer schools and exchange of scientists, which, in the judgement of the Executive Committee (hereinafter provided by Article IV of this Constitution), further the objectives of the Society.

Section 3 - The Society will seek cooperation with the existing international organizations, such as the International Mathematical Union, the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, the Society for Natural Philosophy, and others, in order to promote a proper coordination of international activities at the interface between the disciplines of mechanics and mathematics.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1 - Any person or institution interested in the purposes of the Society may obtain membership, on the recommendation of three members of the Society drawn from residents of at least two countries, and approval by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, hereinafter provided by Article IV of this Constitution.

Section 2 - Individual membership of the Society shall be either ordinary or honorary. Ordinary members on reaching the age of 70 will become honorary members. All individual members shall be voting members. Institutional membership shall be non-voting.

Section 3 - Every second year each ordinary or honorary member of the Society will be invited to propose himself/herself for renewal of membership for the following two-years. By this periodic renewal, these confirmed members will be regarded as members, and will be included into the list of active members.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1 - The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Vice-President shall be the most recent Past-President of the Society, except as provided by Section 4 of this Article.

Section 2 - The governing body of the Society shall be its board of directors, which shall be called the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society and up to ten other members of the Society, hereinafter called ordinary members of the Executive Committee. Only ordinary members of the Society shall be eligible for election as officers or ordinary members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 - The terms of the members of the Executive Committee shall be four years or until their successors are elected. The terms shall commence on the first day of January subsequent to the date of their election. The terms of half of the ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall be concurrent with those of the officers of the Society. The terms of the remaining half of the ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall commence two years later. In the event that for any reason a member of the Executive Committee ceases to perform his duties, the Executive Committee will elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. In the event that for any reason the office of President of the Society becomes vacant, a Vice-President shall be elected at the next regular election of officers of the Society, in addition to the other officers.

Section 5 - No person shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee for two consecutive terms, excepting only that a person may serve as an officer of the Society for one term following a term of service as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee and the President of the Society may serve as Vice-President of the Society in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Section 6 - Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5 of this Article, a person who has been elected by the Executive Committee to fill an unexpired term of less than two years shall be eligible for election as an officer or ordinary member of the Executive Committee as though he had not so served. A person who has been elected by the Executive Committee to fill an unexpired term of more than two years shall, for purposes of his eligibility for election as an ordinary member of the Executive Committee, be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 7 - The Executive Committee shall be the legal representatives of the Society. It shall have the power to expend the funds of the Society, or to invest them, but shall not incur indebtedness beyond the assets of the Society. It shall transact all the business of the Society not otherwise provided for specifically in the Constitution of the Society.

ARTICLE V - Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1 - Every ordinary member of the Society may candidate for the EC, provided that he/she is not a member of the serving EC.

At a suitable time prior to an election, a Nominating Committee consisting of up to five members of the Society, drawn from residents of at least three countries, shall be appointed by the President. One of the members of the Committee shall be designated by the President to act as Chairman.

Section 2 - The Nominating Committee shall, through its Chairman, report to the President of the Society at least two and no more than three nominations for each of the offices to be filled at the election, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 4 of Article IV of this Constitution. The nominating Committee shall also, through its Chairman, report at the same time at least twice and no more than three times as many nominations for ordinary membership of the Executive Committee as there are vacancies to be filled at the election, in accordance with Sections 3-6, Article IV of this Constitution. In case the number of candidates were not sufficient to meet these requirements, the President will decide whether a smaller number of candidates should be indicated or a smaller number of members of the EC should be elected.

Section 3 - The Nominating Committee shall, in making its nominations, give due consideration to the desirability that the membership of the Executive Committee be drawn from the residents of many countries. At least two calendar months prior to the first day of January on which the membership of the Executive Committee will change, the Secretary-Treasurer shall inform the members of the Society of the list of nominees reported to him by the Nominating Committee.

Section 4 - At least one calendar month prior to the first day of January on which the membership of the Executive Committee will change, the Secretary-Treasurer shall forward to each member of the Society 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.

Section 5 - The votes will be collected by the Secretary-Treasurer, under the supervision of the other officers. The candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer and the candidates for ordinary membership of the Executive Committee who receive the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall then inform the members of the Society of the names of the persons so elected, prior to the first day of January on which their election becomes effective. If there is a tie vote for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, or for ordinary membership of the Executive Committee, the President of the Society shall exercise a casting vote to determine the person or persons elected.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1 - A meeting of the Society for the purpose of conducting technical sessions or symposia and to transact business shall be held at least once in every two-year period. No more than three years should elapse between consecutive meetings.

ARTICLE VII - Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Society shall report to the members of the Society on the activities and financial condition of the Society at least every second year.

ARTICLE VIII - Dues

Periodic dues for membership may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the EC, should then be discussed at a meeting of the Society, and will become effective only in case of approval by the (either ordinary or honorary) members of the Society. The votes of the EC and of the members of the Society will be regarded as positive only if the proposal gets a two-third (2/3) majority of the votes that have been cast.

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