



## BYLAWS of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION for SOCIETY and NATURAL RESOURCES

### Article 1: Establishment

The International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) was established in 2001.

### Article 2: Purpose and Objectives

1. IASNR is organized exclusively for the purposes of science and education, and their practical applications.
2. The objectives of IASNR are to:
  - 2.1. Foster the interdisciplinary social scientific understanding of the relationships between humans and natural resources;
  - 2.2. Further the application of social science information in natural resource decision-making; and
  - 2.3. Provide mechanisms (e.g., annual meeting, scholarly journal) whereby social scientists, resource managers, practitioners, agency personnel, and decision makers can generate dialogue and useful exchange of ideas.

### Article 3: Membership

1. Membership in the organization shall be open to dues-paying individuals who promote the objectives of the Association.
2. There shall be the following three classes of members:
  - 2.1. Professional Member – open to all individuals who pay the current prescribed professional member dues on a calendar year basis.
  - 2.2. Student Member – open to all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students with official documentation of student status and who pay the current prescribed student member dues on a calendar year basis.
  - 2.3. Emeritus Member – open to any retired individuals who pay the current prescribed emeritus member dues on a calendar year basis.
3. IASNR members in good standing, in accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution, shall be eligible to attend and vote at General Assembly meetings, vote in IASNR elections, and participate in IASNR activities, including service on IASNR Committees, as appropriate.
4. The amount of the annual member dues shall be determined by the Council each calendar year. Changes in member dues shall be reported during the Annual IASNR Business Meeting. Current member dues information shall be available upon request and posted on the IASNR website.

5. Annual member dues shall be payable on January 1.
6. Membership shall be terminated for non-payment of member dues. A member may be reinstated upon payment of current member dues.

#### **Article 4: Organizational Administration**

1. The organization shall comprise individual voting members and statutory bodies.
2. IASNR shall have the following three statutory bodies:
  - 2.1. General Assembly – a gathering open to all members as defined in Article 3 of the IASNR Constitution, convened to address issues of importance to IASNR.
  - 2.2. Council – a body of elected members, broadly representative of the membership, responsible for the functioning of the organization.
  - 2.3. Executive Officers – a tripartite group of elected members comprising Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary, responsible for general operations, financial administration, records management, communications, and implementation of Council decisions on behalf of the organization.

#### **Article 5: General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly is a gathering of voting members convened to address issues of importance to IASNR. The General Assembly shall meet a minimum of one time per year (e.g., Annual IASNR Business Meeting), normally in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, and shall be open to all members as defined in Article 3 of the IASNR Constitution. The General Assembly may meet in special session if at least one-third of IASNR members so request or the Council so decides.
2. The place of the General Assembly shall be set by the Council and announced at least 90 days in advance. The date and time of the General Assembly shall be set by the Council at least 60 days in advance. No two successive General Assembly meetings shall be held in the same venue, unless the Council determines that such circumstances exist to preclude meeting in a new location (e.g., natural disaster). The agenda shall be prepared by the Council or its designates.
3. All decisions calling for votes, except as noted elsewhere, shall be taken by a simple majority of voting members. The voting membership shall comprise all IASNR members in good standing in accordance with Article 3 of the IASNR Constitution. No proxies shall be accepted. Whenever a vote is evenly divided, the Chairperson of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

#### **Article 6: Council**

1. The Council shall be responsible for the functioning of the organization.
2. The Council shall meet a minimum of one time per year, convened by the Secretary at the request of the Council or the Executive Director as circumstances, resources and IASNR affairs may dictate. The

Council may meet in person or through electronic means (e.g., teleconference), as practicable.

3. All decisions of the Council shall be taken by a simple majority of voting Council members. Professional members and the student representative shall comprise voting Council members. The quorum for a meeting shall be five voting Council members. Meetings that are without quorum may propose resolutions that are to be voted upon at the next meeting that has a quorum of voting Council members. No proxies shall be accepted. When a vote is evenly divided, the Chairperson of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

4. The term of service for professional Council members shall be for a three-year period. Official duties shall begin January 1 of the year after election, following a six-month transition period as a non-voting Council observer, and continue for three calendar years. The same individual may be re-elected for a second term, but no member may serve more than two terms without an interval of at least three years off Council.

5. The term of service for the Student Representative on Council shall be for a two-year period. This individual will serve for one year as the Student Representative-Elect, as non-voting Council observer, then transition the following year to the Student Representative on Council as liaison between the Council and Student Affairs Committee. Official duties shall begin immediately after the IASNR Annual Conference the year of election. The same individual may not be re-elected for a second term.

6. Nominations for Council positions shall be solicited from IASNR members by the Elections Committee. Nominees for professional Council positions must have been an IASNR professional member for a minimum of one year prior to the beginning of service on Council. Nominees for Student Representative on Council (i.e., Student Representative-Elect) must have been an IASNR student member for a minimum of one year prior to the beginning of service on Council. All nominees must be nominated by another IASNR member. Candidate eligibility and selection shall be determined by the Elections Committee and Executive Officers. Election of professional Council members shall occur through a secret ballot vote of all IASNR members. Elections for professional Council positions shall be held annually for one third of Council positions. Election of the Student Representative-Elect shall occur through a secret ballot vote of all IASNR student members. Elections for the Student Representative-Elect shall be held annually.

7. If a Council member resigns or can no longer serve, the remaining Council members shall elect a replacement to complete the remainder of the term. The replacement shall be selected in accordance with Article 5.3 of the IASNR Constitution and Article 6.7 of the IASNR Bylaws.

#### **Article 7: Executive Officers**

1. There shall be three Executive Officers – Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary.

2. The Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be official members of all bodies of IASNR. An Executive Officer, or their designate, shall preside as Chairperson at all meetings of the IASNR Council, Annual IASNR Business Meeting, or other official IASNR General Assembly meetings.

3. The term of service for Executive Officers shall be for a three-year period. The Executive Director is eligible for only one term. The Treasurer and Secretary may serve for two terms (cumulative). The Executive Director and Secretary shall begin their official duties beginning January 1 of the year after

election, following a six-month transition period as non-voting Executive Officer-Elect, and continue for three calendar years. The Treasurer shall begin official duties at the point at which IASNR bank and investment accounts are transferred during the six-month transition period prior to January 1 of the year after election.

4. Nominations for Executive Officer positions shall be solicited from IASNR members by the Elections Committee. Nominees for Executive Officer positions must have been an IASNR professional member for a minimum of five years (cumulative) prior to the beginning of service as an Executive Officer. All nominees must be nominated by another IASNR member. Candidate eligibility and selection shall be determined by the Elections Committee and Executive Officers. Election of Executive Officers shall occur through a secret ballot vote of all IASNR members. Elections for Executive Officer positions shall be held every three years.

5. Should the Executive Director be temporarily unable to serve, the Treasurer and Secretary acting jointly, shall have authority to act on behalf of the Executive Director. If an Executive Officer resigns or can no longer serve, the Council shall elect a Council member to serve for the remainder of the term. The replacement shall be selected in accordance with Articles 5.3 and 7.4 of the IASNR Bylaws.

#### **Article 8: Annual Meeting**

1. IASNR shall sponsor an Annual Meeting – i.e., the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM).

2. Annual Meetings shall be held in North America and outside North America, to foster geographic diversity and access to participation across successive years. Annual Meetings shall not be held outside North America more frequently than each three years. The location of the Annual Meeting shall be approved by the Council and announced to the membership at least one year in advance. No two successive Annual Meetings shall be held in the same venue, unless the Council determines that such circumstances exist to preclude meeting in a new location (e.g., natural disaster).

3. Proposals to host the Annual Meeting shall be solicited annually from IASNR members by the Site Selection Committee.

#### **Article 9: IASNR Fiscal Year**

The IASNR fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

#### **Article 10: Amendments to the Bylaws**

1. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be initiated by members of the Council or through a petition signed by no less than five percent of IASNR members. Such amendments must be submitted in writing and approved by the Council.

2. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws approved by the Council shall be considered valid until such time as they are duly ratified or rejected at the next General Assembly meeting (e.g., Annual IASNR Business Meeting). Ratification of Council-approved amendments shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the individual members present at a General Assembly meeting. The Council must fully advertise proposed amendments to all members 60 days in advance of General Assembly meetings where a vote

shall be taken. Such notification must contain the full written text of the amendment(s) being proposed. This provision safeguards the legal validity of IASNR to respond and comply with requirements for its functioning in reference to its purpose as set forth in Article 1 of the IASNR Constitution and its operating as a non-profit organization.