



CONSTITUTION of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION for SOCIETY and NATURAL RESOURCES

Article 1: Name, Purpose, and Objectives

1. The name of the organization shall be the International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR).
2. IASNR is organized exclusively for the purposes of science and education, and their practical applications.
3. The objectives of IASNR are to:
 - 3.1. Foster the interdisciplinary social scientific understanding of the relationships between humans and natural resources;
 - 3.2. Further the application of social science information in natural resource decision-making; and
 - 3.3. Provide mechanisms whereby social scientists, resource managers, practitioners, agency personnel, and decision makers can generate dialogue and useful exchange of ideas.
4. IASNR is primarily an association of individual members.

Article 2: General Structure

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 of voting members convened to address issues of importance to the organization.
 - 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 3: Membership

1. Membership in the organization shall be open to dues-paying individuals who promote the objectives of IASNR.
2. Details regarding membership, including classes of members and eligibility, application and termination, member dues, and member rights are provided in Article 3 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 4: 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 (i.e., International Symposium on Society and Resource Management [ISSRM]), and shall be open to all members, as defined in Article 3. 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 General Assembly, if convened in accordance with the Articles of the Constitution, shall be empowered to make decisions which have not been delegated herein to other statutory bodies in accordance with provisions in the Constitution (e.g., ratification of amendments).

3. Details regarding General Assembly meetings, logistics, actions, and process are provided in Article 5 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 5: Council

1. The Council shall be responsible for the functioning of the organization.

2. The Council shall consist of nine professional members and one student representative.

3. The Council shall be broadly representative of the membership, reflecting a balance of:

3.1. Disciplinary orientations in the social sciences;

3.2. Natural resource management fields; and

3.3. Professional practice (i.e., academic/nonacademic, North American/non-North American).

4. The Council shall meet a minimum of one time per year, normally in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Council may also be convened by the Executive Director as circumstances, resources and IASNR affairs may dictate.

5. Details regarding Council meetings, actions, and process; and Council member eligibility, nominations, elections, and terms of service are provided in Article 6 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 6: Executive Officers

1. There shall be three Executive Officers:

1.1. Executive Director;

1.2. Treasurer; and

1.3. Secretary.

2. The Executive Director shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the Council, shall account for her/his actions on behalf of IASNR to the Council, and shall seek Council approval for any emergency action taken between meetings of the Council.
3. The Treasurer shall be charged with general and financial administration of IASNR and shall receive instructions from the Council and/or through the Executive Director. The Treasurer shall be accountable for her/his actions to the Council.
4. The Secretary shall be responsible for all IASNR communications and shall receive instructions from the Council and/or through the Executive Director. The Secretary, or her/his designee, shall be charged with recording the minutes of all Council meetings and General Assembly meetings, collecting and archiving other standing and ad hoc committee meeting reports, and maintaining the official records of IASNR. The Secretary shall be accountable for her/his actions to the Council.
5. The Executive Director, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be official members of all bodies of IASNR. An Executive Officer, or their designee, shall preside as Chairperson at all meetings of the IASNR Council, Annual IASNR Business Meeting, or other official IASNR General Assembly meetings.
6. Details regarding Executive Officer actions, roles, eligibility, nominations, elections, and terms of service are provided in Article 7 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 7: Finance

1. IASNR shall be financed by:
 - 1.1. Member dues and subscriptions
 - 1.2. Annual meeting (i.e., ISSRM)
 - 1.3. Sale of IASNR publications
 - 1.4. Donations; and
 - 1.5. Other lawful means.
2. Members of the Council shall serve in an honorary capacity.
3. The Council shall decide reimbursement for any reasonable expenses incurred by Executive Officers, Council, or other members who carry out work for IASNR.
4. IASNR is a non-profit organization — any profits or capital shall be used solely in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of the Constitution.
5. Sponsoring member organizations shall be called upon to support and underwrite the establishment and successful functioning of IASNR. All matters pertinent to IASNR's programs, annual meetings, balloting, etc., shall be included in notifications to sponsoring organizations.
6. Member dues shall be established by the Council as detailed in Article 3 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 8: Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. The Council may establish such Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as may be deemed necessary for the effective functioning of IASNR. Members on Standing or Ad Hoc Committees can be drawn from the Council or the membership at large, as appropriate. Each committee shall include a Council member as committee chair or co-chair, with the exception of the Annual Meeting Committee, which shall interface regularly with the Executive Director and Treasurer.

2. The Ethics Committee shall be responsible for promoting ethical conduct of members, investigating complaints concerning the ethical conduct of members, and imposing sanctions when violations of the IASNR Code of Ethics have occurred. The Ethics Committee shall comprise a current Council member as committee chair, three additional members (both Council and non-Council), and one Student Affairs Committee member. The committee shall represent the balance identified in Article 5.3.

3. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for oversight of the organization's bookkeeping and financial reporting processes, selection of the external auditor, and development and oversight of strategies implemented for internal control and risk management. The Council shall appoint the Audit Committee, which shall be chaired by a member of the Council and include two additional members from the Council or the general membership. Council may solicit expressions of interest from the general membership and select the best candidates with the most relevant expertise.

4. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominations from IASNR members, selecting candidates for Council, Executive Officer, and Student Representative positions, and coordinating the election process. The Council shall appoint the Elections Committee, which shall be chaired by a member of the Council and include the Student Representative and one additional member from Council or the general membership, representing the balance identified in Article 5.3.

5. The Site Selection Committee shall be responsible for soliciting proposals for future annual meetings from IASNR members and coordinating the meeting proposal review and approval process. The Council shall appoint the Site Selection Committee, representing the balance identified in Article 5.3 and including at least one prior Annual Meeting Committee chair (see Article 8.8).

6. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for coordinating IASNR communications activities. The Council, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall appoint the Communications Committee, representing the balance identified in Article 5.3.

7. The Student Affairs Committee shall be responsible for coordinating IASNR student activities, including student subcommittees, student chapters of IASNR, review of student chapter applications and renewal applications, professional development, online forum, and student events at the annual meeting (e.g., Student Forum, Quiz Bowl). The Council shall appoint the Student Affairs Committee, including one professional Council member, the Student Representative on Council, and the Student Representative-Elect as co-chairs, representing the balance identified in Article 5.3.

8. An Annual Meeting Committee shall be approved by the Council each year prior to an annual meeting. The Annual Meeting Committee shall be responsible for overall planning, coordination, implementation, and reporting for the annual meeting (ISSRM). The chair of the annual meeting shall serve as the chair of the Annual Meeting Committee and shall interface on a regular basis with the Executive Director and

Treasurer.

9. An Editor Search Committee shall be appointed by the Council on a periodic basis, no less than one year prior to the expiration of the current journal editorship team term. The Editor Search Committee shall be responsible for coordinating solicitation, review, and recommendation of subsequent editorship team proposals to Council.

Article 9: Bylaws

1. Any subjects under the provisions of the Constitution calling for more detailed rules or guidance shall be set forth in the IASNR Bylaws. Such rules shall be decided upon by the Council and must not be at variance with the provisions of the Constitution.

2. Details related to proposal, approval, pre-notification, and ratification of amendments to the Bylaws are provided in Article 10 of the IASNR Bylaws.

Article 10: Amendments to the Constitution

1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution 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 Constitution 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.

Article 11: Dissolution

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

2. Once approved by Council, a proposal to dissolve must be advertised to all IASNR members six months in advance of a General Assembly meeting where a vote shall be taken. Such notification must contain the full written text of the proposal to dissolve.

3. Dissolution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the individual members present at a General Assembly meeting, and shall be valid only if at least three-fourths of all voting members are present. Should this latter requirement not be fulfilled, a ballot shall be sent to all voting members within three months of the General Assembly and a two-thirds majority of IASNR members shall be sufficient for the dissolution of the IASNR.

4. A resolution to dissolve IASNR shall name those persons who shall be charged with the liquidation of the IASNR's assets and properties. Such assets and properties shall be used for the public benefit in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of the Constitution.

Article 12: Incorporation/Organization

1. IASNR is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) of the United States of America.
2. No part of the net earnings of IASNR shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that IASNR shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States of America Internal Revenue Code purposes. No substantial part of the activities of IASNR shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and IASNR shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, IASNR shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) of the United States of America.
4. Upon the dissolution of IASNR, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.