



By-Laws

The following by-laws were approved by the Executive Council on the 10th November 2016.

VISION

The vision of the Association is to be worldwide recognized as an outstanding and highly effective organization with a noteworthy contribution in the fields of Structures and Architecture.

MISSION

The main mission of the Association is to explore and to promote the merging of the fields of Structures and Architecture, encompassing all the aspects related with the recent advances in the art, practice and theory of teaching, researching, designing and building structures.

VALUES

The Association will be governed by principles of integrity, credibility, plurality and diversity, mutual respect, transparency and accountability, enlarged cooperation and free development of ideas.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the Association are:

- i) To foster cooperation among all those involved in the fields covered by the association;
- ii) To stimulate the inventive and creative design of architectural structures and to persuade architects and structural engineers to collaborate in this process, exploiting together new concepts, applications and challenges;
- iii) To continually encourage the collaboration with other societies and associations with similar objectives.

For this purpose, among other initiatives, the Association:

- i) Will promote actions aiming the progress of all aspects of the theory and application of Structures and Architecture;
- ii) Will organise the International Conference on Structures and Architecture (ICSA) every three-year intervals;
- iii) Will co-sponsor or endorse other symposia and conferences.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is individual. No fees are required to those involved in the fields covered by the association and willing to support it.

Interested individuals can apply for membership through the association's web page. The application must be approved by the President.

Membership is open to those with interest in the theory and application of Structures and Architecture from both academia and practice.



Members' Rights

Members will be allowed to:

- a) Take part in the activities organized by the Association in fulfilment of its purposes and goals;
- b) Take advantage of the benefits that the Association offers;
- c) Take part of the General Meeting during the ICSA conference;
- d) Be electors and eligible for any Association position, according to what is established in this document;
- e) Receive information on the actions and decisions taken by the Governing Bodies of the Association;
- f) Raise proposals and suggestions to the Executive Council in order to fulfil the purposes of the Association.

Members' Duties

Members will have to:

- a) Comply with the present by-laws and the valid agreements of the Executive Council and Management Board;
- b) Carry out the duties related to their position;
- c) Contribute to the best development of the purposes of the Association.

Membership Expiration

Membership expires:

- a) Upon own request by communication one's decision to the Secretariat of the Association;
- b) After severe or repeated non-compliance with the duties established under these by-laws; such non-compliance will be determined by the Executive Council;
- c) In case of dissolution of the Association.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Executive Council

The Executive Council is the decision-making body of the Association. It consists of up to twenty-four members.

Members interested in serving in the Executive Council should send their nomination (including 1 page Bio and motivation) to the President at least 30 days before the election.

The applications will be reviewed by the Management Board to ensure that only those with a proven track record in fields related to the organization objectives are retained. Names and accompanying documents are then posted on the association website no later than two weeks prior to the ICSA Conference.

The members will vote electronically no later than one week prior to the opening of the forthcoming conference. Eighteen members will be elected for three-year terms.

The Executive Council shall have the power to co-opt, by a secret vote, additional members. Candidates for co-option shall be members proposed by the President with the concurrence of the Management Board. The number of such members shall not exceed five at any time. Such co-opted members shall have full voting rights.



The Past President is member of the Executive Council by inheritance.

The Executive Council shall be chaired by the President, who will be responsible for calling and convening meetings as well as for canvassing the votes on issues that require approval (simple majority).

The Secretary is appointed by the Executive Council by simple majority vote during the ICSA Conference. He/she is a member of the Board. The Secretary duties shall include the following:

- a) To maintain and update the membership list;
- b) To assist the president and the Management Board in maintaining and updating the association website;
- c) To prepare and disseminate informative newsletters on ICSA events among members;
- d) To attend all meetings of the Executive Council and of the General Meeting and record the minutes of all of them;
- e) Other duties that may require his/her attention and assistance.

Management Board

The Management Board is the day-to-day management committee of the Association and is made up of eight elected officers of the Association including the President, the Past-President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary.

The eight officers of the Association are elected by the Executive Council from among its members during the ICSA Conference. Their term of office is three years, although officers may be re-elected for successive terms.

The Management Board shall be chaired by the President, who will be responsible for calling and convening meetings and for canvassing the votes on issues that require approval (simple majority).

The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary are appointed by the Management Board by simple majority vote during the ICSA Conference.

The Secretary duties shall include the following:

- a) To maintain and update membership list;
- b) To attend and record the minutes of all meetings of the Management Board;
- c) Other duties that may require his/her attention and assistance.

President

The President represents the Association externally and is elected at the end of ICSA conferences by the members of the Executive Board. He/she can serve up to two consecutive terms of three years only.

The President has the responsibility to chair the ICSA conferences. He/she shall organize the ICSA committees and recommend committee chairs that will be approved by the Management Board.

The President shall preside as Chair to the Executive Council, the Management Board and the General Meeting of the Association for which he/she is responsible.

The President is assisted in his/her functions by the Past President and by two Vice-Presidents.

The Past President shall assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence or in case of incapacity of the President. After concluding the mandate, Past President will be appointed as Honorarium President.

While there is no Past President, the President will be assisted in his/her functions by the three Vice-Presidents.



General Meeting

A General Meeting of the members will traditionally be held during ICSA Conference to provide information on the actions and decisions taken by the Governing Bodies of the Association and to present the new composition of the Executive Council and Management Board.

WEB SITE

The official website of the organization is <http://www.structures-architecture.org>.

ICSA CONFERENCES

Organisation

ICSA conferences shall be organized every three years, at a location and with a co-chair to be selected and approved by the Executive Council.

The Conference shall be organized and directed by the President, as Chair of the Conference, with the assistance of a co-chair. If the conference is organized in the country of the President he/she may waive the existence of a co-chair.

The co-chair, or the President in the case referred before, shall be responsible for chairing the Local Organizing Committee, for negotiating and signing any contract with other organizations, and for assuming the financial risk and the surplus for holding the conference.

Committees

There shall be two committees for each ICSA conference:

- 1) A Local Organizing Committee, the co-chair of which shall appoint members of the Local Organizing Committee;
- 2) An International Scientific Committee, the President of which shall appoint members of the International Scientific Committee, proposed by himself or/and by the co-chair of the conference, and after approval by the Management Board.

ICSA Website

The official website of the organization is <http://www.icsayear.com> (e.g. <http://www.icsa2019.com>).

All conference calls are to be made within the framework of this website.

The website is the permanent repository of all conference papers and key documents uploaded by members.

Yearly expenses related to the maintenance of the site, renewal of the URL, subscription to the DOI are the responsibility of the conference co-chair.

The webmaster is the co-chair.

AMENDMENTS

The content of these By-Laws can be modified or amended upon a majority vote of two thirds of the Executive Council members.

DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The dissolution of the Association must be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds majority of the Executive Council.