



**SOCIÉTÉ INTERNATIONALE D'ONCOLOGIE PÉDIATRIQUE  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I: Name, domicile and financial year**

(1) The official name of this organisation shall be the Société Internationale d'Oncologie Pédiatrique with the acronym SIOP. It is also to be known by the English translation; namely, the International Society of Paediatric Oncology. The name of the organisation and its acronym SIOP may only be used by a member for professional identification or in a curriculum vitae. A member shall not use the name or acronym for any commercial purpose or to advertise his services without the express approval of the Board. A violation of this prohibition may subject the member to censure, suspension or expulsion from the Society by the Board.

The Society was founded in 1969.

Under the name of "International Society of Paediatric Oncology" there exists an association governed by the present statutes and by the provisions of articles 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code.

(2) SIOP has its domicile where its administration is domiciled.

(3) The financial year starts with the annual Congress of the Society in October each year or as may be decided by the Board.

**Article II: Vision and Mission of SIOP and charitable status of the Society**

SIOP is a non-profit organization, and acts in a selfless manner. Members do not receive funds or additional benefits. SIOP aims for a charitable tax-exempt status.

1. Vision

No child should die of cancer.

2. Mission

The mission of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) is:

- a. To ensure that each child and young adult with cancer has access to state of the art treatment and care.

- b. To ensure that all involved in childhood cancer worldwide, have access to the latest progress through meetings, networking, and continuing professional development.
- c. To support those caring for children and young adults with cancer to provide the best curative and palliative therapies.
- d. To advocate for appropriate long term follow up for children and young adults after treatment for cancer.

### 3. Goals and Objectives

The Vision and Mission of SIOP will be realized through specific Goals and Objectives as defined by the Board.

## **Article III: Bodies of the Society**

Bodies of the Societies are:

- a) Assembly (General meeting) :- The Assembly is the highest and final decision-making body of the society. In particular the Assembly is in charge of :
  - Acceptance of the annual financial statement and the annual treasurer's report;
  - Approval of the annual financial statement;
  - Release of the Board members;
  - to give formal approval of the Board actions;
  - Passing of the annual Society Budget and decision-making of the annual dues.
- b) Council
- c) Board

## **Article IV: Officers of the society**

### **Duties of the Board**

- 1. The Board provides the Assembly with a full annual financial statement and treasurer report.
- 2. All Board members are volunteers.

### **President**

- 1. The President represents SIOP to third parties and official events.
- 2. The President Elect or Officer of the Board will take the President's responsibilities in case of his/her absence.

### **Treasurer**

- 1. The treasurer is responsible for the financial issues of SIOP.
- 2. He/she and another Board member are authorized to sign all SIOP accounts.
- 3. The Treasurer and the Secretary General prepare an annual SIOP budget and a treasurer's report including an annual financial statement for each financial year. Both reports have to be resolved by the Board prior to the assembly.

### **(Certified) Auditor**

- 1. Once a year or upon request of a minimum of two Board members the auditor has to certify the cash management of the Society.

2. He/she generates an audit report and submits it to all Board members. The Board will discuss the audit report prior to the assembly.

3. On the basis of the results of this report the auditor has to comment on the release of the Board in a written form.

The auditor will have to inspect all financial documents and therefore has direct access to each document necessary.

#### **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS**

1. This Constitution or any portion thereof may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those cast by a quorum at a general meeting of the Society, hereafter called the "Annual Meeting" but not restricted to same, provided that proposed amendments have been submitted to and approved by the Board and circulated among the members at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting. A quorum is defined as five per cent (5%) of the membership in good standing on the date of the first day of the "Annual Meeting".
2. Proposed amendments may originate with any member of the Society. They should be submitted to the Board at least six (6) months prior to the Annual Meeting, and should have the endorsement of at least twenty (20) members of the Society in good standing.
3. Amendments properly proposed to the Board will be presented at the succeeding Annual Meeting with the recommendation of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION**

1. Dissolution shall be proposed, processed, and voted upon in a manner identical to that stipulated for Amendments.
2. In a case of dissolution of the Society, funds remaining after payment of all outstanding debts will be donated to an international organisation for paediatric cancer research, selected by the out-going Board.

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**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP**

**1. Procedure**

- A. Application for membership must be made to the Secretary General of the Society by means of a completed official SIOP application form.
- B. The application form for a prospective member must be received by the Secretary General prior to the Annual Meeting.
- C. The Society shall be the sole judge of the moral, ethical, and professional qualifications requisite for election to or termination of membership.

**2. Guidelines**

No national, political, racial or religious affiliation shall constitute a bar to membership in the Society, and there will be no numerical limitations on membership. SIOP is committed to further and foster the best interests of children with neoplastic disease. The merits of applicants for Ordinary or Associate membership will be judged according to this broad criterion, which shall be applied to those applying for either Ordinary or Associate membership. Certain individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of paediatric oncology may be admitted as Fellows, even though they may not qualify under the general criterion enunciated. Their qualifications will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Board based on a demonstrated contribution to the understanding of childhood malignant processes.

**3. Membership in the Society is limited to the following kinds of members**

- A. Founding members
- B. Ordinary members
- C. Honorary members
- D. Fellows
- E. Nurses
- F. Associate members
- G. Members in training

**4. Eligibility**

**A. Founding Members**

Those SIOP members so designated at the time of the formation of the Society on 6 November 1969.

**B. Ordinary Members**

Health and science professionals at the doctorate level (or equivalent degree) who have an exclusive or predominant interest in the clinical, laboratory, epidemiologic, or other research application to the field of childhood cancer.

C. Honorary Members

Ordinary Members who have retired from active involvement in paediatric oncology, or have attained the age of 65 but wish to maintain an interest in the Society.

D. Fellows

Health and science professionals at the doctoral level or those with equivalent academic rank or scholarly attainments to be determined by the Board, who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the goals of the Society, even if not directly involved with paediatric oncology.

E. Nurses

Nurses who have an exclusive or predominant interest in the broad aspects of the care of children with cancer.

F. Associate Members

Health and science professionals who do not hold a doctoral degree, such as physician assistants, pharmacists, psychologists and other specialists who have demonstrated their ability to participate in research or care and treatment of children with neoplastic diseases. Membership shall usually be limited to those who function as integral members of a team responsible for the care of such patients. Such Associate Members shall be identified in the membership list by speciality, e.g. Associate Member (Pharmacist).

G. Members in training

Individuals who are ten or fewer years after the completion of their basic medical degree or five or fewer years after the completion of a Ph.d.). Applicants who have had a career break or career change and do not satisfy the above requirements for timing will be considered individually.

These may qualify for member-in-training status for a maximum of three years. After three years as a member-in-training, they will automatically become Ordinary members.

**5. Election**

All qualified applicants will be listed by name, and will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Society. Election is by a majority vote of those present and attending the Annual Meeting.

A. Ordinary Members

All applications must be received by the Secretary-General before the Annual General Meeting, supported by one sponsor among ordinary members of the Society from the applicants own country or by the respective continental branch President. Applications for membership are vetted by the Secretary General and those which are complete and fulfil the regulations are submitted to the immediately succeeding Annual General Meeting for ratification.

B. Fellows

An individual who has made an outstanding contribution to paediatric oncology may be designated a Fellow. Nomination to Fellowship with supporting letters from five (5) or more ordinary members must be received by the Secretary General at least three (3) months before the Annual Meeting for consideration by the Board. The formal nomination will be made by a member of the Board at the Annual General Meeting if the nomination is favourably considered by a majority vote of the Board.

C. Nurse members

All applications must be received by the Secretary-General prior to the Annual Meeting; supported by one sponsor among ordinary members of the Society from the applicants own country or by the respective continental branch President. Applications for membership are vetted by the Secretary General and those which are complete and fulfill the regulations are submitted to the immediately succeeding Annual General Meeting for ratification.

D. Associate Members

Election to membership will be based on experience in the field of paediatric oncology. Associate members must be supported by one sponsor among ordinary members of the Society from the applicants own country or by the respective continental branch President. Application must be received by the Secretary General before the Annual Meeting.

E. Members in Training

All applications must be received by the Secretary-General before the Annual General Meeting, supported by one sponsor among ordinary members of the Society from the applicants own country or by the respective continental branch President. The application for membership as a member in training must include details regarding the year of awarding of the terminal degree and certification by the mentor/laboratory director, training programme director that the individual is participating in a clinical or laboratory training programme at the present time, indicating the dates of initiation and planned completion of the training programme. Applications for membership are vetted by the Secretary General and those which are complete and fulfill the regulations are submitted to the immediately succeeding Annual General Meeting for ratification.

**6. Duties and Privileges of Members**

A. Founding, Ordinary and Nurse Members

- i. must pay annual dues which includes subscription to the official journal of the Society when applicable;
- ii. Membership is automatically cancelled if dues are not paid for three consecutive years without good reason. The member's subscription to the official journal of the Society will be discontinued if dues are not paid for one year. The Board will make the decision regarding cancellation of membership.
- iii. members may:
  - a. Hold office, vote and nominate or second candidates for Society membership or office.

- b. Present communications to the Society.
- c. Serve on committees.
- d. Receive all publications and communications of the Society.
- e. Submit abstracts as the presenting author or as co-author for each annual meeting, for consideration by the Programme Committee.
- f. Sponsor abstracts from non-SIOP members for each annual meeting. Abstracts from non-SIOP members will only be considered for presentation if sponsored by a SIOP member.
- g. The permissible number of abstracts submitted or sponsored by anyone shall be established by the Board with the advice and consent of the membership.
- h. Each member will be allocated to a continent according to their usual domicile and to one or more disciplines, including paediatric oncology, radiotherapy, surgery, pathology, basic science, statistics / epidemiology or nursing.  
Members may only belong to one continent and one discipline group for the purposes of voting.

B. Honorary Members

May be exempted from the payment of dues, or pay a substantially reduced annual fee as decided by the board, may not hold office and are not eligible to vote nor nominate or second nominations, but are eligible for all other rights and privileges of the Society, except receipt of the journal. They must pay the member registration fee for meetings which they attend.

C. Fellows

Are exempt from the payment of membership dues. They shall be expected to pay the member registration fee for meetings which they attend. They may not hold office and are not eligible to vote, but are eligible for all other rights and privileges of the Society, except receipt of the journal.

D. Associate Members

Must pay annual dues which are substantially reduced, to a level decided by the Board. They must also pay the member registration fee for meetings they attend. They may not hold office or vote, but are eligible for all other rights and privileges of the Society, except receipt of the journal.

Honorary members, Fellows and Associate Members may receive the journal only upon payment of the appropriate subscription rate.

G. Members in training

Must pay annual dues which are substantially reduced, to a level decided by the Board. They must also pay the member registration fee for meetings they attend. They may not hold office or vote, but are eligible for all other rights and privileges of the Society, except receipt of the journal.

## **ARTICLE II: DUES**

The annual dues should be paid on or before the date fixed by the Board for the payment thereof. Payment shall be considered overdue if not paid by the first day of the Annual Meeting for that year.

Any member, when he becomes delinquent in payment after two (2) years will be notified by mail at his last address by the Treasurer that he is no longer in good standing, and thereafter shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges of membership. Any member not in good standing on account of non-payment of dues may be reinstated at any time during the fiscal year by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board and payment of his indebtedness plus an additional 25% of the annual dues as a fine for each year of delinquency.

If the said indebtedness, or any part there of remains unpaid at the end of the third calendar year, membership will cease automatically. Thereafter individuals may re-apply for membership but must follow exactly the same procedures as are required of new applicants for membership outlined in Article I, Section 1. All old debts to the Society must be paid before membership can be reinstated.

## **ARTICLE III: REGIONAL SUB-GROUPS**

The Society is international in nature and members may be elected regardless of their country of origin. The main body of the Society will be divided for administrative purposes into continental branches, as follows:

1. Europe
2. Mexico, Central America and South America
3. Canada and the United States
4. Asia
5. Oceania
6. Africa

Members in all categories of membership will be assigned to the appropriate branch according to their country of domicile.

## **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY**

- 1. The Board of the Society is composed of:**
  - A. President, elected for three years, who assumes that office immediately after the end of the relevant Annual Meeting.
  - B. President-Elect, who is elected one year before taking office, and is a member of the Board for the one year before taking office.
  - C. Past-President, remains on the Board for one year after completion of office.
  - D. Secretary General, elected for three years.

- E. Treasurer, elected for three years.
- F. Chairman of Scientific Committee, elected for up to three years.
- G. Local organiser of next Annual Meeting. On the board for one year only.

## **2. Election of President and Officers**

- A. Candidates are proposed by a Nominating Committee, (6A) which will receive suggestions from any member of the Society. The Secretary General should receive written confirmation from the candidate(s) that the person is willing to accept the post for which the person is proposed, if elected. In the event that two or more candidates are proposed for the same post, a secret postal ballot will take place. Election is decided by a simple majority of votes received. The Secretary General shall be responsible for the ballot count, and the result verified by the Treasurer. The President or the Chairman of the Scientific Committee may substitute for the other officers for this purpose if need be.
- B. The Chairman of the Scientific Committee is elected for a 3 year term of office by that committee, subject to the approval of the Board.

## **3. Duration of Mandate**

- A. Presidency - The President is restricted to a single 3-year term of office, and may not be re-elected.
- B. Other officers - The Treasurer may be elected to more than one three year term in office. The Secretary-General may not be elected to more than two consecutive three year terms in office. The Chairman of the Scientific Committee may not be re-elected for a second consecutive three year term as Chairman.

## **4. Role of Officers**

- A. The Board is responsible for the regular business of the Society and for promoting the Society's aims. The Board may delegate to the Scientific Committee the organisation of the Annual General Meeting, including the vetting of proffered papers, but remains responsible for the content of the scientific sessions of the meeting, in collaboration with the local organiser. The social aspects of the Annual General Meeting are approved by the Board in collaboration with the local organiser.
- B. Under exceptional circumstances the Board is empowered to appoint members to serve on duly constituted committees of the Society, should positions become vacant.
  - i. In order to maintain continuity of scientific thought, the Board may request members to serve more than 3 years as a term of office.
  - ii. In the event of a committee member relinquishing his position before completion of his term of office the Board may select another member to complete that term of office.

## **5. Continental presidents**

Presidents of the continental branches of the Society will hold office for three years. They will be responsible directly to the SIOP Board and may be invited to attend Board meetings if appropriate, but will not be a member of the Board as a right. They will be considered representatives of the regions they represent, and are expected to act in close liaison with established regional societies or associations pertaining to paediatrics and paediatric oncology.

## **6. The Council**

- i. Composition – The Council includes the members of the SIOP Board and all of the continental presidents
- ii. Meetings - Once a year, usually at the Annual meeting, the Council will meet. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the broad strategy for SIOP activities worldwide and, where appropriate to coordinate these activities. The Council will also make the final decision regarding the venue for the Annual meeting.

## **7. Nomination Procedures**

### A. Nominating Committee

- i. The Society will form a Nominating Committee to propose candidates for President, Secretary General and Treasurer.  
The Committee shall consist of the current officers plus the President of each of the continental sub-groups. Candidates may be nominated by members of the Society to this committee; in the event of no nominations being received from the body of the Society, it will be the duty of the Nominating Committee to propose a short list of candidates to be considered for office within the Society. The candidates will be contacted by the Nominating Committee to ensure that in the event of their being elected they will be willing to accept the post. Election will take place by a postal ballot and will be decided by a simple majority of votes.
- ii. The Secretary General of the Society will act as the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

### B. Scientific Committee

- i. The Chairman of the Scientific Committee will be elected by that committee, subject to the approval of the Board.
- ii. This will have members representing the discipline groups within SIOP. One each will be chosen from the experts in clinical trials, experts in basic or translational research, disciplines of surgery, radiation oncology, pathology, epidemiology/biostatistics and nursing.
- iii. Nominations for members of the scientific committee will be sought, in advance of such an election becoming necessary, by the Nomination Committee (6.A.i) from members within a particular discipline. All

nominations, accompanied by curricula vitae (CV), and written confirmations of willingness to serve if elected, should be submitted to the Secretary General for inclusion in the December SIOP Newsletter

A postal ballot will be held for appropriate vacancies no later than April. Only members of a particular discipline group can vote for candidates to represent their discipline.

These members of the Scientific Committee will be elected by postal ballot and will be announced at the Annual Meeting. The same SIOP officers identified in Article IV 2 B will be responsible for the ballot count.

- iv. Other Board members may attend meetings of the Scientific Committee as appropriate.

#### C. Discipline Group

All members will be allocated to one or more discipline groups. These groups, except paediatric oncology, may hold meetings and may elect their own chairman from within their own membership. By agreement with the board such a chairman may serve on the scientific committee as a representative of that discipline.

#### D. Sub-committees and special interest groups

- i. SIOP members engaged in a sub-speciality or pursuit (hereafter "speciality") within the broad ambit of Paediatric Oncology, may form committees of the whole as sub-committees of the Scientific Committee.
- ii. Petitions for Sub-committee status must be submitted to the Scientific Committee and bear the signatures of not less than 10 members of SIOP in good standing. The petition should detail the rationale for the organization of a Sub-committee, and explain why the aims of the Sub-committee cannot be achieved through current SIOP structures.
- iii. The petitions shall be screened by the Scientific Committee and submitted to the Board for review.
- iv. The Board shall present the proposal to the general assembly with a recommendation with reasons for approval or disapproval.
- v. The general assembly will ratify or reject the Board's recommendation by a simple majority vote.

#### E. Presidents of the continental branches

These will be elected by a postal ballot conducted by the SIOP Office of all those members shown as having their country of domicile as within the appropriate continent. Nominees will be sought by the Secretary General in a letter to all members within a continental sub-group, unless the continental branches have developed a different procedure that has been agreed to by the Board.

The membership of the Society by continents will receive a ballot paper on which would be listed the names of the nominees. This will be mailed two months before the annual general meeting and should be returned to the Secretary General two weeks before the annual general meeting. A simple majority of votes received will result in election. In case of a tie the President of SIOP will cast the deciding vote.

## **ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Past-President (who remains on the Board for one year after completion of office), Secretary General, Treasurer, Chairman of the Scientific Committee and the local organiser of the next Annual General Meeting.

The Board shall administer the affairs of the Society during the intervals between meetings, in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Society, and subject to general policy established by the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

1. The Society shall meet at least once annually in a combined business and scientific session. The times and places thereof will be determined by the Council in consultation with the voting membership of the Society, and notice thereof shall be mailed to every member at least one (1) month prior to such meetings. The Annual meeting will be held in a different continental location each year. The location / rotation of the annual meetings to various continents will be determined by the Council.
2. Venues may be proposed by the Continental Presidents, in consultation with interested individuals or groups from their continent, to ensure the presence of local flavour and involvement in meeting planning.  
The final decision on the venue is made by the Council.
3. In addition, the Board may call for additional scientific and other special meetings by the Society itself, or in co-sponsorship with other organisations, public or private, in such manner and format as they deem appropriate to the pursuit and advancement of the purposes of the Society. Such meetings include SIOP continental meetings and meetings held in conjunction with other societies.

## **ARTICLE VII: QUORUM**

One-twentieth (5%) of the total ordinary membership shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Society except where specified otherwise in these By-laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

1. **Standing Committees**
  - A. The Scientific Committee

It is the primary purpose of the Scientific Committee to plan the scientific content of the Annual meeting, in collaboration with the Local Organizing Committee. The Scientific Committee will review, score and rank every submitted abstract. The scores and ranking will form the basis for designation of those abstracts to be presented in platform sessions, those to be presented in poster sessions, and those to be published, but presented neither in a platform nor a poster session. The Scientific Committee is responsible for review of the nominations for the Schweisguth Prize and for the selection of the awardee. The Scientific Committee may, when asked, provide a scientific critique of clinical research project proposals.

- ii. The membership of the Scientific Committee will include One each from the experts in clinical trials, experts in translational research, disciplines of surgery, radiation oncology, pathology, epidemiology/biostatistics and nursing. The term of office for members will be three years. The Chairman, elected by the members of the Committee, will serve for up to three years.
- iii. Members of the Committee may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. They may, however, be re-elected after an interval of three years.
- iv. The Committee has the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes approved by the Board. Normally one third of the members of the Scientific Committee will complete their term of office each year. Nominees according to Article IV, 6, B, i will be approved by the Board, and elected by postal ballot.

**B. Nominating Committee**

There shall be a Nominating Committee according to Article IV 7 A i.

**C. Other Committees**

Shall be appointed by the President, in consultation with the Board, as the need arises.

## **ARTICLE X: SOCIETY MEETINGS**

### **1. Society Meetings**

The Society meets at least once a year. This meeting consists of two parts: an administrative meeting (the Annual General Assembly) and a scientific meeting.

### **2. The Annual General Assembly**

The Annual General Meeting is constituted by the assembly of the members of the Society. It is responsible for the election of the Officers, for admission of new members and for deciding the general direction of the Society. It decides the amount of the annual dues. It adopts and, if necessary, modifies internal rulings of the Society. An

extraordinary General Meeting can be called on the written request of half plus one of the members of the Society.

### **3. The Scientific Meeting**

The scientific meeting is open to all members. Papers may be presented by members of the Society and by non-members, if sponsored by a Founding or Ordinary Member, Honorary Member, Associate Member, Fellow or Member-in-Training of the Society. Nurse members may sponsor nursing abstracts.

### **4. Organisation of the Society meetings**

The Organisation of the Society meetings rests with the designated local organiser in co-operation with the Board. The Scientific Committee will be responsible for the selection of scientific papers to be presented from among those submitted by eligible members or their guests. The Scientific Committee will be assisted in this by the Secretary General and may include Society members co-opted for the specific purpose. The Scientific Committee in co-operation with the Board will formulate rules for the submission of papers and similar practical details, including the criteria for selection and award of prizes and scholarships.

## **ARTICLE XI: FUNDS**

### **1. Sources**

Funds from the Society, its operation and projects, shall be derived from membership dues and other legal sources. Acceptance of funds from other sources requires Board approval.

### **2. Dues and Fees**

The dues for the members, and registration and admission fees for its educational activities, shall be prescribed by the Board. The amount of the annual dues is decided each year at the Annual General Meeting. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to collect the subscriptions.

3. The financial operations of the Society will be guided by a budget, presented to the Board for approval.

4. An audit of the Society's accounts will be made annually by a certified public accountant. It will be presented to the Board and a copy will be made available, upon request, to any member of SIOP.

5. SIOP does not have any responsibility for the financial aspects of regional meetings. The Board would expect to see a final accounting for any direct subsidy given by SIOP to the organisers of a SIOP continental meeting.

6. Continental Branches of SIOP can have the right to request for collection of extra membership fees if approved by their own members at their annual general assembly

and by the SIOP Board. This extra fees for the Continental branches will be collected by the SIOP Secretariat and then transferred to the Continental branch on a regular basis.

## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-laws or any portion thereof may be amended by a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by a quorum of the eligible voters at a general meeting of the Society, hereafter called the “Annual Meeting” but not restricted to same, provided that proposed amendments have been submitted to and approved by the Board and circulated among the members at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. Proposed amendments may originate with the Society. They should be submitted to the Board at least six (6) months prior to the Annual Meeting, and should have the endorsement of at least 20 members of the Society, none of whom may be delinquent in the payment of their annual dues .
3. Amendments properly proposed to the Board will be presented at the succeeding Annual Meeting with the recommendation of the Board.

## **ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

The procedure at all meetings shall be according to the most recent edition of Robert’s Rule of Order Revised.

**This version of the Constitution and Bylaws was approved by the Annual General Assembly at the meeting in Boston, USA, October, 2010.**