



International Society for Education through Art
Société Internationale pour l'Education à travers l'Art

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國際藝術教育學會

Международное Общество Образования через Искусство
Sociedad Internacional de Educación por el Arte

CONSTITUTION

As approved by the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JULY 2019

InSEA is the International Non-Government World Organization for
Education through Art in Consultative Relations with UNESCO

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PREAMBLE

The MEMBERS of the International Society for Education through Art

BELIEVING

- That: Creative activity in art is a basic need common to all people; and art is one of human kind's highest forms of expression and communication;
- That: Education through art is a natural means of learning at all periods of the development of the individual, fostering values and disciplines essential for full intellectual emotional and social development of human beings in a community;
- That: Association on a world-wide basis of those concerned with education through art is necessary in order that they may share experiences, improve practices and strengthen the position of art in relation to all education;
- That: Co-operation with those concerned in other disciplines of study outside the teaching profession and domains of education would be of mutual advantage in securing closer coordination of activities directed to solving problems in common;
- That: International cooperation and the better understanding between peoples would be furthered by a more completely integrated design and permanent structure for the diffusion of beliefs and practices concerning education through art, so that the right of individuals freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to create beauty for themselves in reciprocal relationship with their environment, would become a living reality;
- That: The Society seeks to foster a global community that encourages understanding, appreciation and acceptance of all within its membership and executive. The activities, programs and publications of the Society shall be designed to embrace diversity, inclusivity and equity, while engaging persons of every gender, race, culture, ethnicity, and belief among other factors. The Society shall not permit discrimination or harassment in any form; shall promote and encourage the principles of acceptance, inclusion, equity and diversity; and shall support the equitable treatment of every Society member in every context and every situation.

RESOLVE

To support an International Society for Education through Art in accordance with the foregoing statement of principles and beliefs, with a duly adopted Constitution and Bylaws, and to accept for Membership in the Society those individuals and organizations that shall undertake to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society.

Articles of government amended this twelfth day of July in the year two thousand and nineteen by resolution of a two-thirds majority of members present at the General Assembly held in Vancouver, Canada.

Article I: NAME

The title of the organization in the English language shall be:
International Society for Education through Art

The title of the organization in the French language shall be:
Société Internationale pour l'Education à travers l'Art

The title of the organization in the Arabic language shall be:
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The title of the organization in the Chinese language shall be:
國際藝術教育學會

The title of the organization in the Russian language shall be:
Международное Общество Образования через Искусство

The title of the organization in the Spanish language shall be:
Sociedad Internacional de Educación por el Arte

For all practical purposes the acronym 'InSEA' shall be adopted for use in all countries.

The InSEA name shall only be used with the approval of the World Council of InSEA. If approved by Council the following words are to be used: InSEA is an International Non-government World Organization for Education through Art in Consultation with UNESCO.

Article II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be the encouragement and advancement of creative education through art and crafts in all countries and the promotion of research and praxis about art education to foster international understanding. This purpose shall be achieved by such means as the publication of journals, books, advocacy documents and newsletters, the exchange of information, persons and materials; coordination of intercultural exchanges; the organization of exhibitions of original works, reproductions and illustrations of methods of art education; the organization of seminars; conferences, workshops, meetings and study groups; endorsement of events and publications; the encouragement and coordination of researches concerned with art education; the establishment of an international platform for art education.

Article III: LOCATION

The headquarters of the Society shall be located at the address of the Treasurer of InSEA.

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Society shall be of two main categories Active and Associate - each comprising classifications as set out below and as defined in the Bylaws:

- a. Active members shall be:
 - i. Individual members including Founder and Honorary members;
 - ii. Student members
 - iii. Organisational and Institutional members.
- b. Associate members shall be:

- i. Supporting members;
- ii. Affiliated members

Article V: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- a. The General Assembly of the Society shall consist of all the active members present and in good standing.
- b. The General Assembly shall determine the main lines of policy of the Society and shall conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. The General Assembly shall meet periodically, normally at each World Congress of the Society, by call of the Secretary acting upon the instruction of the World Council.
- d. The General Assembly may also be convened at the written request of a simple majority of the Active Membership.

Article VI: WORLD COUNCIL

- a. A World Council shall be responsible to the General Assembly for the conduct of the affairs of the Society between meetings of the General Assembly.
- b. The World Council of the Society shall consist of;
 - o the officers of the Executive Board
 - o World Councillors and not less than six world Councillors
 - o Chairpersons of Regional Councils shall be ex officio members of the World Council.
 - o Co-opted members of the Executive Body shall be ex officio members of the World Council.
 - o The size of the World Council shall not exceed twenty-four voting members.
 - o Voting members are those elected World Councillors and officers of the Society. Ex-officio and co-opted members do not hold voting rights.
- c. The World Council may co-opt up to four additional members as temporary advisers and for a period of not more than two years; these shall be individuals who, because of special responsibilities in the Society, may better contribute to its activities by working closely with the World Council.
- d. For the conduct of routine or emergency tasks between its meetings, the World Council shall delegate the necessary powers to an Executive Board, comprising the President, the immediate Past President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer, and the Principal Editor of the International Journal of Education through Art may be invited to attend, if this post is not otherwise occupied by one of the members of the Executive Board.
- e. The World Council shall meet, as far as possible, at intervals of not more than six months, and, in any event, shall hold meetings in conjunction with all General Assemblies of the Society.
- f. During meetings of the General Assembly held at the time of the election of officers and World Council members, the newly elected officers and World Council members shall meet together with the outgoing officers and World Council members.

Article VII: Executive Board OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be the President, the immediate Past President, two Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

- i. The Executive Board may nominate up to FOUR co-opted members as temporary advisers and volunteers for a period of not more than two years; these shall be individuals who, because of special responsibilities in the Society, may better contribute to its activities by working closely with the World Council.

Article VIII : ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

- a. The officers and members-at-large of the World Council shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee and shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedures set out in the Bylaws. The Secretary and Treasurer are positions nominated by the President and ratified by the World Council.
- b. The terms of office of the officers, members and co-opted members shall be for two years. Co-opted members shall serve in a temporary advisory capacity and normally shall not hold office for a period of more than two years. The President and the Vice-Presidents normally shall only be eligible for election to the same offices as those they hold for a maximum of THREE consecutive two-year terms of office.
- c. The officers and members of the World Council shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee and shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedures set out in the Bylaws. The Secretary and Treasurer are positions nominated by the President and ratified by the World Council.
- d. The number of times a member may be elected to World Council shall be limited to three consecutive two-year terms (a period of SIX years). This period of six years shall not be deemed to include one or more terms as an elected officer of the Society. An ordinary member of World Council shall again be eligible for election to World Council after a period of not less than two years has elapsed.
- e. The change of officers shall occur during a World Congress. Should a World Congress be cancelled, or not take place, a change of officers shall occur on August 1 of the year in which the World Congress would have taken place.

Article IX : BOARDS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL

- a. A **PUBLICATIONS BOARD** of at least six members shall be appointed by the World Council and shall carry out the publication functions of the Society under the general authority of the World Council to which it shall be responsible. The Chair of the Publications Board, who shall be an ex officio (non-voting) member of the World Council. The Publications Board will be responsible for all the publications activity of the Society, including InSEA Publications (the publishing section of the Society).
- b. A **RESEARCH & PRAXIS BOARD** of at least six members shall be appointed by the World Council and shall carry out such functions as are assigned to it by the World Council and to which it shall be responsible. Its objects shall be to:
 - i. initiate and promote cross-cultural and multi-cultural research in art education and related fields;
 - ii. advise members of InSEA in the conduct of research in art education and related arts subjects;
 - iii. advise members of InSEA in aspects of teaching and development of research-based courses in art education;
 - iv. serve, in a consultative capacity, InSEA congress organisers in the organisation and promotion of research conferences and pre-conferences;
 - v. facilitate identification and dissemination of significant research issues and methodologies in art education that are of international importance;
 - vi. support members of InSEA in their efforts to win research funding by approving suitable projects as consistent with the objects of InSEA;
 - vii. influence the priorities of research funding agencies in support of InSEA approved research projects;
 - viii. actively seek funding for art education research;
 - ix. facilitate interaction and information exchange between InSEA members engaged in research;

- x. encourage contribution to data-bases and journals reporting art education research;
 - xi. encourage distribution of refereed proceedings from research conferences.
- c. An **ADVOCACY & NETWORKING BOARD** of at least three members shall be appointed by the Council and shall advise the World Council on all matters related to organisational membership and affiliated organisations, or to organisations which wish to become affiliates of the Society.
- d. The President will be ex-officio a member of each Board.
- e. Each Board will have the power to co-opt up to two individuals with relevant expertise.

Article X : DUES

Dues shall be established by the World Council of the Society on a unit basis as set forth in the Bylaws. Members shall be in good standing in any year in which their appropriate dues are paid. The fiscal year shall extend from 1 July until 30 June.

Article XI: AFFILIATION

- a. The Society, upon approval of the General Assembly, may affiliate with such other international organizations as may be desirable.
- b. Any art education organisation may apply to become an Affiliated Organisation of InSEA if it pursues similar goals.

XII PARTNERSHIPS

The Society, upon approval of the World Council may make Partnerships with organisations, institutions

Article XIII: AMENDMENTS

- a. Amendments to the duly adopted Constitution may be made only by a two-thirds approval vote of the active members in good standing, present and voting at a General Assembly of the Society. The texts of proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the World Council six months before a meeting of the General Assembly and be sent to members of the Society at least 90 days in advance of such a meeting.
- b. Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by a majority vote within the World Council.

Article XIV: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official language of the Society shall be English. However, meetings of the General Assembly shall be conducted in English and the language of the region in which the meetings are held. The affairs of the Society shall be conducted in another language or other languages when considered necessary.

Article XV: DISSOLUTION

- a. Any proposal for dissolution of the Society shall be sent in written notice to all members of the Society at least 90 days before a meeting of the General Assembly especially convened for this purpose, and such dissolution shall be pronounced only by

- a two-thirds approval vote of the active members in good standing, present and voting at the General Assembly.
- b. The same General Assembly shall determine the manner in which any assets remaining to the Society shall be disposed. In the event of it being impossible to hold such a meeting of the General Assembly, the proposed dissolution shall be dealt with by postal vote and the Executive Board shall determine how all assets and funds will be transferred to another nonprofit or NGO entity or entities with similar educational, charitable and cultural purposes.

Article XVI: REGIONAL COUNCILS

- a. Regional Councils of InSEA shall be formed based on geographical areas determined by the World Council.
- b. Regional Councils shall have statutes in accordance with the InSEA Constitution and approved by the World Council.
- c. Chairpersons of Regional Councils shall be ex officio members of the World Council.
- d. The terms of office of the Regional Council, its officers and active members shall be two years. The Chairperson shall normally be eligible for immediate nomination or election to the same offices as those they hold, for a maximum of THREE consecutive terms of office.
- e. Members of the World Council shall be ex officio members of the Council in the Region in which they reside.
- f. An elected member of the World Council shall not hold office within a Regional Council.

Article XVII: CONGRESSES OR MEETINGS OF InSEA MEMBERS

- a. Affiliated organisations that seek to organise InSEA World and Regional congresses or other conferences held under the auspices of InSEA shall comply with the guidelines for the organisation of such events that shall from time to time be published by the World Council.
- b. Plans for all such events shall be submitted for approval to the World Council through the Executive Board and a formal and binding 'Memorandum of Agreement' shall be entered into by all the parties concerned.