



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HYDRO-ENVIRONMENT
ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH**

Adopted by the General Members Assembly in Panama City on 6 September 2019

Name and seat

Article 1

The name of the Association is:

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HYDRO-ENVIRONMENT ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH (IAHR by abbreviation) and has its seat in Delft, the Netherlands.

Duration

Article 2

The Association has been entered into for an indefinite period on September 3, 1935.

Aim

Article 3

The Association represents a world-wide independent organisation of engineers and scientists interested in or working in fields related to hydraulics, hydro-environment science and engineering and its practical application.

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- a) to promote the research, education and practice of hydraulics, hydro-environment science and engineering and the application in all relevant fields, including industrial, municipal, agricultural and environmental aspects;
- b) to effectively contribute to the solution of global problems in the field of hydraulics, hydro-environment science and engineering;
- c) to provide a forum for exchange of information among and between researchers and practitioners in the international community dealing with fluid mechanics;
- d) to keep IAHR members current in their fields and alerted to future challenges and opportunities by examining, on a continuing basis, the present and likely future directions of the Association's areas of endeavour.

Article 4

The Association seeks to accomplish its objectives by:

- a) strategic and organisational development of the Association's areas of endeavour;
- b) organisation and conduct of congresses and conferences;
- c) publication of journals, newsletters, monographs, and proceedings of congresses and symposia;
- d) organisation and conduct of continuing education activities related to all fields of hydro-environmental science and engineering, including hydraulics and hydrodynamics;
- e) provision of an international clearing-house for information related to all aspects of hydraulics and hydrodynamics and their practical application;
- f) co-operation with other international organisations whose interests and activities are related to those of the Association;
- g) such other activities as may legitimately be adopted for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association.

For the realisation of its objectives the Association has created technical committees and regional divisions, whose chair and leadership team are selected in accordance with the bylaws of the relevant committee or regional division. The duties, powers and structure of the committees and divisions are described in their by-laws.

Membership

Article 5

Membership of the Association shall comprise:

- a) Individual members
- b) Institute members (individuals who are part of an Institute member are referred to as Institutional members)
- c) YPNs
- d) Hosts

In addition to the above types of members there may be such other kinds of memberships or subsets of memberships as are specified in the Bylaws.

Article 6

Individual membership shall be open to any person engaged in hydraulics, hydrodynamics, and hydro-environment engineering (inclusive of science and practice) and its application or interested in the objectives of the Association and who is or is becoming a graduate in engineering or science, or possesses or is acquiring equivalent qualifications at an institution approved by Council.

Article 7

Institute membership shall be open to the following types of institutions:

- a) hydraulics laboratories and other organisations involved in research and development of hydraulics, hydrodynamics and hydro-environment science and engineering in all its aspects, including policy analysis, water resources management, industrial applications and the environment.
- b) educational institutions dealing with hydraulics, hydrodynamics, hydro-environment science and engineering and their practical applications;
- c) organisations, institutions or companies which promote, design, execute or supervise hydro-environment science and engineering applications, hydraulic engineering works, perform management tasks, carry out surveys or industrial projects, develop, supply or apply relevant equipment, instrumentation, hardware or software.

Article 8

Host membership is reserved for the institutes who provide physical hosting of and/or human resources or other significant resources for the secretariat of IAHR at no cost to the Association.

Article 9

Young Professional Network (YPN) membership shall be open to members of IAHR as defined in the By-laws of the Association.

Article 10

Applications for membership of the Association shall be made to the secretariat in writing. Applicants shall be members of the Association after they have been notified, in writing, by the Executive Director (or her/his delegated staff member from the secretariat, of the acceptance of their application.

Article 11

1. Membership expires:
 - a) by decease of the member (being an individual) or by bankruptcy or liquidation of a member (being an institution);
 - b) by written notice of termination to the Executive Committee (defined in Article 18) by the member;
 - c) by written notice of termination to the individual or institution involved, with reasons given, by the Executive Committee;
 - d) by written notice of deprivation to the individual or institution involved, with reasons given, by the Executive Committee.
2. Termination by a member can only be done for the next Association year at two months' notice.
3. Termination by Executive Committee occurs when the Association cannot reasonably be expected to have a member continue membership.
4. Deprivation of membership can only take place when a member acts in defiance of this constitution, the norms of professional ethics, the by-laws or the decisions of the Association or harms the Association unreasonably, e.g. by non-payment. Non-payment occurs when the member involved has not paid the relevant dues within 6 months of a written reminder by the Secretariat.
5. The member involved can appeal against deprivation to the Executive Committee within a month after receipt of the written notice thereof. During the term of appeal and pending the issue, the member is suspended from membership.

Honorary members

Article 12

Individual members and institutional members, as well as individuals and entities outside IAHR, may be awarded honorary membership, upon the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee and endorsed by a two-thirds majority of the Council in a ballot, in the year preceding the biennial congress. Not more than three honorary members from among the IAHR membership and one from outside IAHR may be elected in a given biennial cycle.

Awards

Article 13

The Council establishes procedures and regulations for the adjudication of awards. Establishment or discontinuation of an award shall be by two-thirds majority vote of Council in a Council

meeting which is attended by a quorum comprising at least half the number of Council members.

Association Year

Article 14

The Association year shall be the calendar year.

Financial Resources

Article 15

The financial resources of the Association consist of: a) contributions from members; b) registration fees; c) testamentary dispositions, bequests, grants and donations; d) professional or educational activities; e) publications; f) other assets.

Article 16

Each member shall pay to the secretariat an annual subscription, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Council and Executive Committee

Article 17

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, and three Vice-Presidents together with one Secretary General nominated by each host organisation of IAHR and appointed by the Council. The Executive Director is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Only members of the Association may be elected as President or Vice-President. The President, and the three Vice-Presidents are elected in the year of the world congress for a term of two years according to a procedure described in the by-laws of the Association. The President and the three Vice-Presidents should represent the geographic, gender, and discipline diversity within the Association. The President serves a two-year term, and then remains on the Executive Committee for a further two-year term as Past-President. The Vice-Presidents serve a two-year term with possible renewal for a further two-year term. No Vice-President shall serve for more than two terms in total as either consecutive terms or terms taken at different times. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee (EC) is from the beginning of the month following election. Elected officers shall retire at the day the newly elected officers shall enter upon their duties. Not more than two persons from the same country shall serve on the EC. The President and the three Vice-Presidents shall be each from a different country and gender distribution of the Association shall be reflected. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee are defined in the IAHR by-laws.

The Executive Committee may, if it so desires, co-opt up to three additional members from

members of the Association or from outside the Association for particular experience. One of the co-opted members may, in exceptional circumstances, be appointed as a Vice President to provide specific expertise or experience, for example from industry, government, public agencies, NGOs, or research institutions.

The Council comprises the Executive Committee, the chair of each Technical Committee (TC), the chair of each Regional Division (RD) and the editors of IAHR Journals (as defined in the By-Laws). In recognition of the critical importance of early-career engineers and scientists to the future of IAHR, one YPN member from each RD will be invited to participate in Council. The selection procedure of YPN participants is defined in the IAHR by-laws. They are full voting members of Council.

The chairs of TCs and RDs will be elected according to the by-laws of the relevant entity and will automatically become a member of the IAHR Council with the expectations and responsibilities of a Council member. Members of Council (EC, TC, RD) shall generally be elected on individual merit, but to the extent possible Council should represent the gender and geographic distribution of the membership.

Any member of the Council, not being a member of the retiring Executive Committee may be elected as Vice-President. Any previous, retiring or non-retiring Vice-President may be elected as President.

Members of Council can be suspended and discharged according to the IAHR constitution and by-laws.

Article 18

The Council shall convene at least at every IAHR leadership meeting at the IAHR World Congress and communicate more frequently through email, virtual meetings or additional face-to-face meetings as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee (EC). The Council is entitled to make decisions provided a quorum of not less than three members of the EC and half of the members of Council representing different countries are present at the meeting. In the absence of the President, the most senior Vice-President in order of age shall discharge the functions of the President. In the absence of all Vice-Presidents, an elected member in order of age, shall officiate for the President. Each Council member is entitled to be represented, by written proxy, in accordance with IAHR by-laws. A vacancy of the office of President shall be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the next World Congress and General Members Assembly.

The general management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Director and the Executive Committee with the responsibility of submitting financial reports for approval to the Council as well as providing updates on the status of the Association. Individual Council members can be charged with special assignments or to participate in task forces.

Representation

Article 19

1. The Association shall be represented in contracts, memoranda and protocols signing and other legal proceedings by the President and the Executive Director together, or by the President together with one of the other EC members, or by the Executive Director together with one of the EC members, at the designation of the President.
2. The Executive Committee is entitled to: (a) contract loans; (b) purchase, alienate, mortgage, hire and let real property.

By-laws

Article 20

Council is entitled to frame and amend the by-laws provided the contents do not conflict with the constitution and provided that at least two thirds of the entire Council have approved them. Distinctive amendments to the by-laws can only take place after all members of the Association have been notified thereof and it can be reasonably assumed and/or it has been found that the majority of the members agree to these amendments. Distinctive amendments in the sense of this article are considered in any case: amendments regarding nominating procedures of officials who, to a large extent, determine or contribute to determining the Association's policy.

General Members Assembly

Article 21

The General Members Assembly (GMA) is held bi-annually at the IAHR World Congress during odd numbered years. The announcement of the date, venue and time of the General Members Assembly together with the agenda will be published in Hydrolink, posted on the Association website and emailed to members. At this meeting the Executive Committee shall report to the members about the activities of the Association during the past Association bi-annual period and the Executive Committee shall render account of the financial management. The Executive Director shall deposit the relevant records for members' inspection one month prior to the GMA, and shall forward to members who request in writing a copy of these records. At the GMA the financial report shall thus be validated and the biennial report of the Council shall be submitted to the GMA for approval. The annual financial report shall be submitted to the Council and any member who requests the report in writing to the secretariat.

Votes

Article 22

Resolutions at the General Members Assembly and at the meeting of the Council and of the Executive Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of votes except for the cases in which this constitution prescribes otherwise. At a GMA, each individual member, present shall have one vote and each represented institute member shall have six votes. The President decides

how the votes are cast. However, voting by acclamation is permitted provided none of the voting members present objects to this method. Electronic voting and balloting is also permitted for issues not ascribed to GMA only in the constitution and by-laws.

Secretariat/Financial Management

Article 23

The Council shall establish a Secretariat under the management of the Executive Director, who also acts as treasurer and is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and Council. The duties and powers of the Secretariat shall be determined by the by-laws of the Association.

Amendments to the Constitution and Dissolution of the Association

Article 24

Decisions on amendments of the constitution and on the dissolution of the Association can only be arrived at by a general members assembly with a majority of two thirds of the votes in favour of it.

Proposals on amendments of the constitution and dissolution of the Association shall be circulated in writing to the members at least two months prior to the general members assembly that coincides with the biennial congress and at which action is to be taken. In case of dissolution of the Association, the assets are to be earmarked in accordance with the objectives of the Association, at the discretion of the liquidators, who are appointed by the Executive Committee.