

BY-LAWS
OF
THE INTERNATIONAL HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, [SOCIOLOGY],¹ AND SCIENCE
TEACHING GROUP

(By-Laws Adopted and Effective as of June --, 2007)

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be the International History, Philosophy, [Sociology], and Science Teaching Group (“IHP[S]ST”).

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE.

1. The purpose of this organization is to promote the understanding and incorporation of history, philosophy and social studies of science in science teaching. It fosters links between professional communities of historians of science, philosophers of science, sociologists of science and science educators.
2. IHP[S]ST will endeavor to hold regular conferences. Generally, these conferences will be held every other year and their program will be set by the Program Officer. The primary purpose of the conferences will be to serve as a forum for the presentation of lectures and technical papers that enhance and advance the knowledge and understanding of the history, philosophy and/or social studies of science and its relation to science teaching.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERS

1. GENERAL.

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the history, philosophy and social studies of science and science education. Registration of name and address and payment of dues shall constitute formal recognition of membership.

2. CLASSES OF MEMBERS.

Members shall consist of three classes: (1) Regular Members; (2) Student Members and (3) Retired Members. Regular Members are those who pay annual dues. Student Members are individuals registered in a program of study in any field relevant to the purposes of IHP[S]ST who pay annual dues at the student rate. Retired Members are individuals who are fully retired and pay the annual dues set for this class.

¹ The Advisory Council did not reach a consensus about a final name.

3. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each member, regardless of class, shall have the right to vote in the election of each officer and council member of IHP[S]ST, except that only Student Members shall be entitled to vote for that Council Member designated as the "Student Member of the Council". Votes taken at any meeting for any purpose shall be taken by ballot upon the demand of any member.

4. DUES.

The dues for Regular Members, Student Members and Retired Members shall be established by the Council. Any member in arrears of dues for more than ninety (90) days may be dropped from the list of Members.

5. QUORUM.

At any meeting of Members, Members holding one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast, represented in person or by registered proxy, shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum exists, the affirmative vote of the majority of the Members represented in person or by registered proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter shall be the act of the Members. If less than a quorum exists at a meeting, no action may be taken by the Members except that a majority of the Members represented in person or by proxy may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

6. CHAIRPERSON OF MEETINGS.

The President of IHP[S]ST shall preside over all meetings of the Members. If he or she is not present or there is no person holding that office, the President-Elect shall preside. If neither the President nor the President-Elect is present, the Secretary shall preside, or if he or she is also not present, a Chairperson shall be elected by the meeting. The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all the meetings, if he or she be present. If he or she is not present, the President shall appoint a Secretary of the meeting.

ARTICLE IV — COUNCIL

1. GENERAL POWERS

The property, business, and affairs of the organization shall be managed by the Council composed by the nine (9) Council members.

2. MEMBERS, DUTIES, AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

The members of the Council shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Program Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Past-President, two Directors, and a Student Member. The Members of the IHP[S]ST shall elect a President-Elect, a Program Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two Directors, and a Student Member (to be elected only by student members of IHP[S]ST). At the expiration of the term of the President, the previously elected President-Elect shall automatically become President and the President whose term has just expired shall automatically become the immediate Past-President.

A. THE PRESIDENT.

The President represents IHP[S]ST, presides at all business meetings of IHP[S]ST, the Executive Committee and The Council, and appoints all committees, except the Nominating Committee, which shall be elected. The term of office of President shall be two years without eligibility for re-election.

B. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

The President-Elect shall assist the President and act for the President when the latter is absent from the meetings or otherwise unable to carry out the duties of office. The President-Elect shall serve for a term of two years and then automatically advance to the position of President.

C. THE PROGRAM OFFICER.

The Program Officer is responsible for the scholarly program of all IHP[S]ST conferences and meetings. The Program Officer may have a program committee to assist in the work of preparation of the program at any meeting. The Program Officer shall serve for two years, without eligibility for re-election.

D. THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall edit any newsletter of IHP[S]ST and shall perform other duties assigned by the President. The Secretary shall keep meeting minutes, maintain the Membership list of IHP[S]ST, and is responsible for conducting all balloting in elections. The Secretary shall serve a term of two years and is eligible for re-election. A secretariat may be established by the Council.

E. THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of IHP[S]ST, including generating financial reports for the Council and the membership, and filing all necessary forms and reports with any relevant government or tax agency. The Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and is eligible for re-election.

F. THE PAST-PRESIDENT.

The Past-President, which refers only to the immediate past President whose term has expired, shall chair the Nominating Committee, validate all election counts, and perform other duties assigned by the President. Any Past-President's term in office shall expire upon the expiration of the then existing President's term in office.

G. THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors are responsible for contributing their perspectives concerning broad policy decisions for the purpose of promoting the welfare and mission of the organization. The Directors shall be elected for two years. The directors are not eligible for serving two consecutive terms.

H. STUDENT MEMBER.

The Student Member represents the interests and views of student members in the organization. The Student Member of the Council shall be elected by the Student Members of IHP[S]ST, serves a two year term, and is not eligible for re-election.

3. OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

Five members of the Council constitute the Officers: The President, the President-Elect, the Program Officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

4. NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The number of Members sitting on the Council may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to these By-Laws. No decrease in the number of elected Council Members by amendment to these By-Laws shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Council Member.

5. NOMINATION PROCEDURE.

Candidates for each office and Council membership shall be nominated by a nominating committee or by nomination of any two Members, regardless of class, of IHP[S]ST.

6. BALLOT ELECTION.

Voting for the election of Officers, Council Members, and the Nominating Committee may be conducted by mail². A mail ballot shall be sent to the entire Membership of IHP[S]ST no more than one hundred (100) days prior to the Biennial Meeting. Members shall have not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the ballot postmark in which to cast their ballot. The Secretary shall conduct all balloting in elections and the Past President of IHP[S]ST shall validate all election counts and report the results to the Membership.

7. RESIGNATION.

A Council Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Council, the President, or the Secretary of the organization. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by the Council or such officer, and the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

8. VACANCIES.

A vacancy in any Council Member position because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the then existing Council. The Council shall nominate and elect a replacement for the unexpired portion of the term.

9. REMOVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Any officer or agent of the organization may be removed by the Council whenever in their judgment the best interest of the organization would be served thereby, but such removal shall be

² Mail ballot can be paper or electronic as determined by the Council.

without prejudice. At a meeting called expressly for that purpose, any Council Member may be removed, due to serious cause, by a two-thirds majority vote of all the Council Members then serving and entitled to vote at such meeting in person or by proxy, provided that a quorum is present.

10. OFFICE-HOLDING LIMITATIONS.

No member shall hold more than one office at the same time.

ARTICLE V — MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1. PLACE OF MEETINGS.

The Council will meet at the regularly held conference. The Council may also hold additional meetings at such place(s) as the Council may by resolution determine.

2. QUORUM.

At any meeting of the Council, the presence of a majority of the number of Council Members entitled to vote fixed by these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the Council Members entitled to vote and present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Council. If a quorum is not present, a majority of the Council Members entitled to vote and present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

3. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS.

The Council may hold special meetings via electronic communication. Notification of all Council members shall be confirmed and quorum shall be established by active participation in electronic discussion or, when appropriate, by submission of votes. The Secretary shall keep records of the communications. Decisions made through electronic meetings shall have the same force as those made at other meetings.

ARTICLE VI — COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of five Officers: The President, the President-Elect, the Program Officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall act as the general governing body of IHP[S]ST and may exercise the authority of the Council for all matters arising between scheduled meetings of the Council, except for those matters specifically assigned to the Council under these By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall promptly inform the Council of all decisions reached by the Executive Committee. At the judgment of the President, matters which the Executive Committee may take action on shall instead be referred to the Council for decision, if the President deems such referral to be prudent and in the best interests of IHP[S]ST.

2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate Past-President, who shall serve as

its Chairperson, and four other members elected by IHP[S]ST members.

3. The Council may establish such other committees as it shall deem advisable. The President shall appoint the IHP[S]ST members to serve on such committees, each of which shall include at least one (1) Council Member. Each committee, including the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee, shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

ARTICLE VII: PUBLICATIONS

1. TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Organization may publish in print and/or electronic form scholarly reports of research pertaining to history, philosophy and/or social studies of science and its relation to science teaching.

2. CONTENT.

The Council monitors the content and form of the Organization's publications.

3. EDITORS AND EDITORIAL BOARDS.

The Council appoints Editors and the Editorial Board of the Organization's publications.

4. FISCAL POLICY.

The Council approves all fiscal matters related to the Organization's publications.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS

The By-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-laws may be adopted at a meeting of the Members upon receiving the vote of at least a majority of the Members represented at a meeting in person or by proxy, provided that a quorum is present. The notice of such meeting shall identify the specific By-Law that is to be amended and shall provide a summary or description of the proposed change. It shall not be necessary to provide the precise language of the amendment in such notice.

ARTICLE IX — NON-DISCRIMINATION

The organization shall in no way discriminate against any person because of race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin, in the conduct of any of the organization's activities (including, but not limited to, the selection or hiring of employees and contractors and the selection of those admitted to the organization's programs and activities).

