

Proposed update of the ISG byelaws

Proposed new texts are underlined; proposed removals are identified with a double strike-through.

1. BYE-LAWS

The Byelaws, and any changes of them shall be approved by the General Assembly of the ISG.

2. COUNCIL AND OFFICE

Daily affairs of the ISG are delegated to the Council that report to the Board on a yearly basis. The administrative office of the ISG shall be the address of one of the Council members.

3. LANGUAGE

The working language of the ISG shall be English. Other languages for conferences or other scientific meetings of the ISG shall be accepted, if translation into English is provided. Exception to this Bye-Law may be made for meetings of regional chapters of the ISG.

4. COMMITTEES

The task of Committees is to support the Council. There are (a) Standing Committees and (b) other Committees. Standing Committees shall be chaired by a member of the Board, ~~except for the Financial Committee. The Membership Committee shall be assisted by an Advisory Group consisting of regional representatives.~~

~~Other committees will be installed by the Council. Committee members must be Full members or members with similar rights, appointed for a period of three years by the Council, normally during the time of the General Assembly.~~

~~The number of members in other committees shall not exceed six. Each committee shall recommend (by election) a chairperson whose appointment must also be approved by the Council.~~

The tasks of committees shall be those defined by the Council, and shall be published in the official journal of the ISG.

5. EDITORS OF THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL

The editor, associate, and assistant editors of Gerontechnology journal form a standing committee that works under an Editorial Statute.

6. CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The Board decides on Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conferences, on proposal of the Council. The organizers of an Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conference form a standing committee ('Conference Committee') that is held responsible to the Council as to venue, date, scientific content and finances. The Conference Committee organizes the conference, including its advertisement and the independent peer-review of contributions. Abstracts of proposed contributions to the conference are collected through the normal channels of 'GERONTECHNOLOGY' journal. Financial agreements include at least (ii) Pay over of a 1-year membership fee of all non ISG-members attending the conference, (iii) Costs of the issue of 'GERONTECHNOLOGY' containing the abstracts of the contributions to the conference, and (iii) 15% of the income of the exhibitions.

76. SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

A Scientific Advisory Board can be created.

This Board shall co-ordinate conference policy and other scientific matters between the ISG and the international and national organisations. The Board will meet in connection with the Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conference ~~triennial conference of the ISG~~ or as often as requested by at least 5 Board members, each Board member being the single representative of a national, regional or international organisation which is an Associate Member of the ISG. The Chairperson shall be the President of the ISG (or nominated representative).

87. ADVISORY BOARD OF COMMERCIAL PROVIDERS

An Advisory Board of Commercial Advisors can be created.

This Board shall advise the Council of the ISG on all matters concerning co-operation between the ISG and industry and other private organisations. This Board will meet in connection with the Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conference ~~triennial conference of the ISG~~ or as often as requested by at least 5 Board members, each Board member being the single representative of an industrial member of the ISG. The President of the ISG (or nominated representative) shall be the Chairperson of this advisory board.

98. PUBLIC POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

A Public Policy Advisory Board can be created.

This Board shall advise the Council of the ISG on all matters concerning co-operation between the ISG and not-for-profit providers, and policy matters. This Board will meet in connection with the Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conference ~~triennial conference of the ISG~~ or as often as requested by at least 5 Board members, each Board member being the single representative of a non-profit making Organisation which is an Associate Member of the ISG. The President of the ISG (or nominated representative) shall be the Chairperson of this Advisory Board.

109. WORKING GROUPS REGIONAL CHAPTERS

The ISG may also establish Regional Chapters. ~~topic-oriented Working Groups. Administratively, these groups will be subgroups of the Council, but membership is open to all members of the ISG.~~ The Council will establish and dissolve them. Concerning their financial affairs, they are accountable to the Treasurer. ~~They may give themselves a remit, but this must also be approved by the Council.~~ Regional Chapters may organize Official International Gerontechnology Master Classes for young professionals to teach the interdisciplinary fabric of gerontology and technology as presented by senior professionals in the field.

1140. MEMBERSHIP

The ISG has Individual members (Full members and Student members) and Associate members.

1140.1 Individual membership

1140.1.1. Full members

Full members are defined as individuals whose admission is approved and proposed by the Council Membership Committee. Full membership must be confirmed during the first General Assembly following the membership application. Individuals are eligible for Full membership: (i) If they have completed successfully at least a three year programme at an institute for higher vocational or academic education (BSc or equivalent) in a field related to gerontechnology, or (ii) if their curriculum vitae shows experience and/or interest in the area covered by the ISG's objectives. ~~In addition account shall also be taken of advice from one of the regional representatives of the Membership Advisory Group.~~

1140.1.1.1. Privileges, duties and rights of Full members

- (a) Receive, ~~and have access to~~ Gerontechnology Journal free of charge;
- (b) Benefit by reduced fees for publications of the ISG such as Conference Proceedings, books, literature services, etc.;
- (c) Benefit by reduced fees for all conferences and other scientific meetings, of the ISG as determined by the Conference Committee;
- (d) Enjoy representation in the General Assembly of the ISG as provided by the Articles of Association;
- (e) Pay membership dues
- (f) Support the ISG to reach its goals;
- (g) Serve in Committees or on the ~~Board~~Council (where relevant).

1140.1.1.2. Annual ~~Subscriptions~~ (Membership Dues) for Full Members

Dues shall be paid, net to the ISG, in the first quarter of every year upon request of the Treasurer. Membership dues will be proposed by the Council and approved by the General Assembly.

1140.1.2. Student members**1140.1.2.1. Privileges, duties and Rights of Student Members**

- (a) ~~Receive~~ Have access to the digital version of the Journal and Gerontechnology News free of charge;
- (b) Benefit by reduced fees for publications of the ISG such as Conference Proceedings, books, literature services etc.;
- (c) Benefit by reduced fees for all conferences and other scientific meetings of the ISG as determined by the Conference Committee;
- (d) Enjoy representation in the General Assembly of the ISG, as provided by the Articles of Association;
- (e) Pay membership dues;
- (f) Support the ISG to reach its goals;
- (g) Serve in Committees;
- (h) Student members cannot serve on the Council.

1140.1.2.2. Annual ~~Subscriptions~~ (Membership Dues) for Student Members

Dues must be paid in the first quarter of every year upon request of the Treasurer. Membership dues will be proposed by the Council and approved by the General Assembly.

1140.2. Associate membership

A scientific, industrial or other organisation may become an Associate Member after its application for membership has been approved by the ~~Council~~Membership Committee. The application must be confirmed during the first General Assembly following the membership application.

1140.2.1. Privileges, duties and rights of Associate Members

- (a) Vote in the General Assembly; The number of votes in the General Assembly of an Associate Member has a maximum of ~~5~~2;
- (b) Representatives of Associate Members shall meet the same eligibility criteria as mentioned in article ~~1140.1.~~ and shall have the same privileges and rights as defined for Full members (Art. ~~1140.1.1~~), ~~excepts for positions as excluded in Art. 10.2.1.d;~~
- (c) Obtain reduced fees for space in scientific and commercial exhibitions as determined by the Conference Committee;
- ~~(d) Representatives of Associate Members cannot be elected for Council membership, but can be appointed in committees and advisory board;~~

- (de) Pay membership dues;
- (ef) Support the ISG to reach its goals;
- (fg) Serve in Committees and advisory Boards;
- (gh) Associate Members shall notify the Secretary General of the name(s) of person(s) who shall represent the Associate Member in the ISG and the name(s) of any representative(s) on Committees and ~~Advisory~~ Boards;
- (h) Commercial Associate Members have the right to publish a full page advertisement in the Journal.

1140.2.2. Annual ~~Subscriptions~~ (Membership Dues) for Associate Members

- (a) For scientific and non-profit-making public organisations, the minimum dues for Associate Membership, shall be five times those for Full members;
- (b) For industrial organisations, the minimum dues for Associate Membership shall be ~~ten~~ fifteen times those for Full members;
- (c) On recommendation of the Membership Committee the Council is authorised to determine a different level of dues;
- ~~(d) Normally, higher dues will be sought from a scientific organisation when their membership exceeds 20. In that case these dues become: Total number of members divided by 4 times the due for individual membership;~~
- (ed) Full members of the ISG who are either members of a scientific organisation associated with the ISG, or employee/member of another non-profit or industrial organisation associated with the ISG shall pay a fee that is lower than the regular individual fee, while maintaining the same privileges, rights and duties as defined for Full members (Art. ~~1140.1.1.1~~ and ~~1140.1.1.2~~);
- (fe) Dues must be paid, net to the ISG, in the first quarter of every year upon request by the Treasurer.

121. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership (any class) may be terminated by a written declaration to the Secretary General before November 30 of that year, by death of an Individual Member, or by dissolving of an Associate Member.

Membership may be terminated by the Council if dues have not been paid for two of more years or if the member has offended severely the goals and standing of the ISG.

132. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall have its normal session at the time of the Official Periodical International Gerontechnology Conference ~~triennial Conference of the ISG~~. An extraordinary General Assembly may be also convened as under Article 10 of the Articles of Association. The agenda for the General Assembly shall be prepared by the Secretary General on behalf of the Council. It shall be sent to all members of the ISG, including those nominated by the Associate Members at the latest ~~one~~ two weeks before the meeting, and the agenda includes at least: (i) Reports from the President, Secretary General, Treasurer, and Finance Auditors ~~Committee~~, (ii) Reports from the Committees, (iii) A membership overview, and (iv) Details on elections.

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