

Constitution

of the

Idaho Academy of Science

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Idaho Academy of Science.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this Academy shall be: to stimulate scientific education and research; to disseminate scientific knowledge across the various fields of science and to the general public; to promote fraternal relationship among those engaged in scientific work; and to unify the scientific interests of the State.

Article III

Members

Section 1. The categories of membership, the manner of nomination and election to all membership grades of the Academy and provisions concerning fees, or the changing of such provisions, shall be incorporated in the Bylaws of the Academy in the regular manner.

Section 2. Regular, Life, Emeritus and Sustaining Members shall enjoy voting privileges.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Academy shall be President, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees. These officers shall be elected by polling the members who are currently entitled to vote in advance of the Annual Meeting. Elected officers shall hold offices as follows: President and Vice President/President-Elect one year; Secretary and Treasurer, two years, or until their successors have been elected and are duly qualified; Trustees, 3 years, at least one to be elected each year.

Each participating (“hosting”) institution of the Academy is entitled to have one Trustee on the Academy’s Executive Committee unless an elected officer or appointed Executive Committee member from that institution chooses to be that Trustee in addition to his/her elected or appointed position. When there is neither an elected officer nor a Trustee from a participating institution, the President may appoint a Trustee from that institution subject to approval from the Executive Committee.

At the discretion of the Executive Committee, a Trustee who misses two consecutive Executive Committee Meetings may receive a warning letter. If a third meeting is missed, the Executive Committee may request that the Trustee should resign.

Section 2. The above officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices as defined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Appointed officers shall be: Retort editor, Journal editor, Historian, Executive Director, and Representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and National Association

of Academies of Science (NAAS). They shall be appointed by the President and their terms of office defined by the Bylaws.

Section 4. Rules governing elections shall be such as are laid down in the Bylaws.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1. The time and place of all meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee, but there shall be at least one meeting annually for the presentation and discussion of papers, at which time there shall also be a general business meeting and a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Two months' notice shall be given for the annual business and program meetings, and those present at such meetings shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI

Publications

The official publications of the Academy shall be, the Journal of the Idaho Academy of Science and the Retort Newsletter. The Editorial Committee shall consist of the Editor of the Journal and the Editor of the Retort, with the addition of an editorial board, composed of persons from the various fields of science represented in the Academy, appointed by the Journal Editor with the approval of the President of the Academy and shall be subject to the general control of the Executive Committee.

Article VII

Amendments

Proposals to amend the Constitution and Bylaws may be suggested by the Executive Committee. Members may also initiate proposals by presenting a petition by 10% of the membership in favor of the amendment.

Publication of proposals will be carried out through the Retort and (if possible) by including the proposals with the materials for voting for candidates. Proposals will be discussed at the Annual Meeting, after which the Executive Director will poll the membership (including members not present at the Meeting).

Amendments to the Constitution require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting. Amendments to the Bylaws require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting.

Article VIII

In matters not covered by this Constitution and Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order (current edition) shall prevail.

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