

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF PHILOSOPHERS OF EDUCATION**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

The name of the Society shall be 'The International Network of Philosophers of Education'.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Purpose of the Society**

The International Network of Philosophers of Education is a non-profit organisation dedicated to

- (a) Fostering dialogue amongst philosophers of education globally
- (b) Promoting tolerance in the field of education and facilitating better understanding between thinkers of different schools of thought
- (c) Exchanging information, encouraging joint and comparative research, sharing materials and co-operating in publishing and in organising conferences for the in-depth discussion of current issues and the evolution of new initiatives.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

- (a) There shall be one category of members of the Society
- (b) Membership of the Society shall be open to all those who share its purposes
- (c) The Board shall maintain an official membership list
- (d) Applicants for membership must submit a form of application to the Secretary-Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Management of the Society's business**

(a) There shall be three officers of the Society:

- President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Programme Chair (of the next conference)

(b) The General Meeting is the supreme body of the association

(c) The Board will be chaired by the President and will consist of the President, the Programme Chairs of the two preceding conferences, the Programme Chair of the next conference, and the Secretary-Treasurer. The Board shall implement the decisions and provisions made by the General Meeting, arrange meetings of the Society, admit new members, administer the finances of the Society and deal with all other matters as concern the implementation of the purpose of the Society.

(d) The Board will be assisted by an Advisory Board which has to be consulted if one of the members of the Board requests this. The Advisory Board consists of the Conference Organizers of the two preceding conferences and of the next conference and the Editor of the official journal of the Society. For reasons of world-wide representation the General Meeting can elect a maximum of four additional members (the term of this membership is four years).

(e) The Conference Programme Committee is chaired by the Programme Chair. She/he appoints at least three other members. The Secretary-Treasurer is an *ex officio* member of the

Conference Programme Committee. The Conference Programme Committee shall determine and organise the content and structure of the academic programme of conferences held at least biennially. The Board appoints a Conference Site Committee to take responsibility for the organisation of the practical aspects of a conference at a particular venue, including accommodation, hospitality, catering and other facilities.

(f) The President is elected for a period of six years. The Secretary-Treasurer, the Programme Chair, and the Conference Organizer are appointed by the Board. The term for the Secretary-Treasurer is four years.

(g) Membership of the Board, the Advisory Board, and the conference Programme Committees will be on rolling basis, and any officers and members will be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Subscription**

- (a) Every member shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer an annual subscription, determined by the Society at a General Meeting.
- (b) If there are members who fail to pay their subscriptions, the Board shall be entitled to terminate their membership.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **General Meetings**

- (a) The General Meeting shall be held at each conference upon a date and at a time and place to be fixed by the Board.
- (b) The business of such meetings shall include the election of the President (and if this is so decided of the additional members of the Advisory Board) and auditors, the passing of accounts and such other business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by that officer to the members.

## **ARTICLE VII**

- (a) The Secretary-Treasurer shall arrange that the accounts shall be audited before each General Meeting by a professional accountant, who shall not be a member of the Society.
- (b) Full accounts of the duly audited financial affairs of the Society shall be delivered to every member with the final notice convening the General Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

A resolution, signed by at least three members of the Society, for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Society at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and shall be approved by at least two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting. The quorum for the purpose of changing the constitution shall be at least 25 paid-up members.

## **ARTICLE IX**

- (a) The President with the approval of the Board shall be authorised on behalf of the Society's members to enter into contracts relating to the management of the Society and its affairs.
- (b) Such parties acting or contracting expressly, or by implication, on behalf of the Society shall be indemnified out of the Society's funds and by the members for the

time being against any liability loss expense action or damages reasonably incurred by virtue of entering into such a contract.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **Journal**

The official journal of the Society is *Ethics and Education* published by "Taylor & Francis".

#### **ARTICLE XI**

- (a) The Board can propose the dissolution of the Society provided that at least two thirds of the existing paid-up members agree.
- (b) In the case of the Society being formally dissolved, the funds remaining after all outstanding costs have met, shall be sent to UNESCO.

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