

Proposal for An Amendment of the IASECS Constitution and Bylaws

Ad Hoc Committee for the Rewriting of the Bylaws

October 12, 2022

Rationale

Motions to adopt a new constitution of the society, **or to amend the existing constitution**, or to dissolve the society shall be made in writing over the signature of at least ten (10) members of the society in good standing and shall be transmitted to the Executive Board, which shall submit them to the membership of the society for balloting at the next annual meeting. Motions to adopt by-laws shall follow the same procedure, except that only five (5) signatures will be required. Adoption of any of the above motions shall require a two-thirds majority by members voting and in good standing.

Current

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership shall be open to any person interested in the purpose of the society. Voting members shall be those who have paid current dues to the Executive Secretary of the society.

B. All members who have paid annual dues for the calendar year at least thirty days before the annual meeting shall have full voting rights. Members **present** at the business meeting may extend voting rights to those who pay dues after the deadline but before the business meeting.

C. A voting member may extend proxy to another voting member **present** at the business meeting provided that the Executive Secretary be notified a minimum of three (3) days before the annual meeting of ASECS,

V. ORGANIZATION

D. Elections. Elections shall be conducted at the annual meeting and shall be by a majority vote of the members in good standing. Nominations shall be made at the annual meetings by a Committee on Nominations appointed by the Executive Board, or by any member in good standing who is present at the annual meeting. **Attendance** at the annual meeting shall be mandatory for all members to be elected. If for any reason an office or a member of the Executive Board should fall vacant before the scheduled election to that position, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall appoint a member of the society to fill the office until the next meeting.

VI. MEETINGS

A. Meetings of the Society. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, to be held normally at the place and time to coincide with the meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century **Studies**; said meeting shall include the guaranteed session dedicated to the Society as well as an annual business meeting. Other special meetings of the society may be arranged at the discretion of the Executive Board, but no business affecting the whole membership shall be transacted at such meetings unless four weeks' notice has been given to all members of the society.

B. Meetings of the Executive Board. Meetings of the Executive **Board shall** be held at the call of the President, or in the President's absence, the Vice President. A quorum of the Executive Board shall be four members. In intervals between meetings of the Executive Board, routine and urgent business of the society may be handled by the President and Executive Secretary subject to later approval by the Executive Board.

Proposed

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D. **Elections.** Elections for officers of the Executive Board of IASECS shall be conducted at the annual meeting and shall be by a majority vote of the members in good standing. Nominations shall be made at the annual meetings by a Committee on Nominations appointed by the Executive Board, or by any member in good standing who is present at the annual meeting. Attendance (either in person or virtual) at the ASECS conference and the IASECS annual business meeting shall be mandatory for all members to be elected to an office. —

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