

**INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA SOCIETY**  
**(IMS)**  
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- Art 1. The Society shall be constituted and named the International Myeloma Society (IMS).
- Art 2. The registered office of the Society shall be at Rochester, MN, USA.
- Art 3. The aims of the Society are to promote research, education, clinical studies (including diagnosis and treatment), workshops, conferences and symposia on all aspects of multiple myeloma and related disorders worldwide.
- Art 4. The Society shall consist of regular and emeritus members.
- Art 5. Any person who is or has been engaged in research, teaching, and/or practice in connection with multiple myeloma or with related disorders is eligible for election as a regular member.
- Art 6. Regular members, on retiring from full-time status, may be granted emeritus membership.

## BOARD

Art 7. The Society shall hold a scientific workshop every two years open to members and **other** attendees. Prior to the meeting, members shall elect a Board to consist of the following:

A President

A Vice-President who shall be the President-Elect

A Secretary and

A Treasurer

All of whom shall serve terms of two years except that the Treasurer's first term shall be four years

And four members of the society elected by the society for a term of two years (two members) or four years (two members) initially and then for two-year terms and the following:

Immediate past President of the Society

The Business of the Society shall be conducted by the Board.

Art 8. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Society's meetings and of the meetings of the Board, and at the business meeting shall report on the activities of the Society during the previous period.

Art 9. The Treasurer shall collect the dues of members and such other amounts as specified by the Board. The Treasurer shall pay amounts due by the Society and shall report the financial state of the Society at the biannual meeting. The Treasurer shall also prepare a written report following the end of each financial year (December 31) to be submitted to the Board. The Treasurer shall also serve on the organizing committee of the Workshop.

Art 10. The President – or in his/her absence the Vice-President – shall be the legal representative of the Society to third parties. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the Board.

Art 11. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board. Substitutes for Board members unable to attend the meeting are not permitted. However, the President may invite a non-voting substitute to attend for specific issues.

Motions shall be passed by a simple majority vote of those present, with the President voting only in the event of a tie.

Art 12. All members of the Board are eligible for re-election subject to a limit of two consecutive two-year terms. Names of members to serve on the Board may be proposed by any member of the Society who has obtained the written consent of the nominee; such nominations must be sent in writing to the Secretary at least three months before the business meeting.

Art 13. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate past President shall constitute an Executive Committee that shall confer at least annually

Art 14. The Board shall discuss financial matters, the policies and general directives of the Society, nominations for the Board, changes in the statutes and rules of the Society, and anything else to be discussed as required by law. . The Board under the President shall choose the site and

organizer of the next meeting, propose new members for election to the Board, and make other pertinent recommendations. A motion altering the Society's rules requires a two-thirds majority of the members of the Society Any such proposal must be included in the notice of the meeting.

Art 15. The names of the existing Board and of the retiring members, shall be printed in the notice of the business meeting to be issued by the Secretary at least three months prior to the meeting.

Art 16. The members of the Society shall select by ballot members to fill the vacant places and will be by majority vote. In the case of any vacancy occurring between Society meetings among the officers of the Board, such a vacancy shall be filled on the recommendation of the Executive Committee until the next general meeting when an election for the post shall be held.

## COMMITTEES

Art 17. Additional Committees on specific subjects can be installed on request by the Board.

## MEMBERSHIP

Art 18. Any member may submit to the Board (through the Secretary) the name of any person wishing to become a member of the Society.

Art 19. Membership shall be limited to those who, on being admitted, have paid the Society fees and/or dues.

Art 20. If at any time a member of the Board shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Society require the expulsion of a Society member, he/she shall submit the question to the Board at which, if two-thirds of the Board members present vote by ballot for the expulsion of the Society member in question, his or her dues for the current year shall (if already paid) be returned to him/her, and he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

Art 21. Society members, upon retirement, may apply for Emeritus Membership. Such members shall no longer be required to pay the annual dues. Any such member may attend Society meetings by paying the member's registration fee.

Art 22. Membership expires:

- Upon the death of a member
- After resignation via a written statement to the Executive Board, taking effect from the beginning of the following calendar year
- After expulsion
- After non-payment of dues for two consecutive years. The member may be reinstated after payment of all dues that are in arrears.

- Art 23. All members shall pay annual dues to be determined by the Board and approved at every business meeting of the Society.
- Art 24. The dues are payable in advance and become due on the receipt of the annual billing advice.

## **FINANCE**

- Art 25. Society revenues shall come from:
- Membership fees
  - Possible grants, gifts, or legacies
  - any other contribution towards the work of the Society
- Art 26. All members must pay a membership fee annually
- Art 27. The funds going to the Society may be expended to defray the costs of the International Workshop of the IMS, support young investigators for travel expenses with respect to their attending an IMS Meeting, and for other activities of the Society.

## **MEETINGS**

- Art 28. The Society's Workshop will be held once every two years in various locations in the world.
- Art 29. Such meetings will be organized by a Workshop Organizer from the host country together with a local Committee. The Workshop Organizer is appointed by the Board and is responsible to the Board for the scientific program and financial arrangements of the relevant meeting. The Board may provide input for the Scientific Program. A contract between the Board and the Organizer will be approved before the meeting and include that the Organizer is responsible for any financial loss and that any profit should be split 50%/50% between the Society and the Organizer.
- Art 30. A register of the members and non-members present at each meeting of the Society shall be provided to the Board through the Secretary, by the organizing Committee and shall be provided by the Secretary to subsequent Workshop Organizers.
- Art 31. The Board of the IMS is authorized to financially support the organization of a meeting based on the estimates of revenues and expenditures as presented by the local Organizing Committee. This support must be repaid to the Society.
- Art 32. After the Meeting the Workshop Organizer shall prepare a statement of income and expenditure to be presented to the Board by the Treasurer. The Workshop Organizer is responsible for the financial obligations of the Workshop.
- Art 33. Before any meeting, the Board may raise any matters of business which they consider requires the attention of the Society.

## AMMENDMENTS OF RULES

Art 34. Members of the Society may propose to the Board changes to the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation. If the proposed changes are approved by the Bylaws Committee, they will be submitted prior to the next-coming business meeting of the Society for approval by a two-thirds majority of the voting members.