

# **By-laws of the International Association for Experimental Structural Engineering (IAESE)**

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## **Name of the Body**

### **Art. 1**

1. The name of the body is the “International Association for Experimental Structural Engineering”, an Association set up on June, 2008, in Nagoya, Japan.
2. The Association has an emblem, which shall be used as designed, and only as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
3. The seat of the Association is Nagoya, Japan.

## **Field of Activity**

### **Art. 2**

1. The Association deals with the whole and all possible aspects of experimental structural engineering.
2. The term “Structures” includes buildings, bridges and all types of civil engineering structures, composed of any structural material.

## **Objectives**

### **Art. 3**

1. The aim of the Association is to exchange knowledge and to advance the practice of experimental structural engineering worldwide in the service of the profession and society.
2. The Association has the following objectives:
  - to promote cooperation and understanding among all those concerned with experimental structural engineering and related fields by worldwide exchange of knowledge and experience
  - to encourage actions necessary for progress in experimental structural engineering
  - to improve and foster cooperation and understanding between organizations having similar objectives.
3. For this purpose, the Association may:
  - organize conferences by itself or in collaboration with other organizations
  - encourage and conduct continuing education programs

- publish reports, communications and periodicals
  - identify research and development needs
  - initiate and support research activities
4. The Association neither has nor pursues any commercial objectives.

## **Membership**

### **Art. 4**

1. Any person who possesses appropriate technical or scientific knowledge, who is willing to support the Association's objectives, may become an individual member of the Association.
2. Organizations having technical or scientific interest, such as public authorities, universities or institutes, libraries, associations, syndicates and firms, may become collective members of the Association.
3. The Board of Directors may terminate the membership of any person or organization.

## **Organization**

### **Art. 5**

1. The organization has Board of Directors coming from all over the world.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once every two year. Meetings will be called and chaired by the President of the Association.
3. The Board of Directors is the highest body of the Association. It determines the long-term objectives of the Association, encourages, promotes and controls its activities, and decides on location, date and theme of conferences.
4. The Board of Directors can take valid decisions if the meeting has been called at least six weeks in advance, and if at least one third of its membership is present.
5. Decisions on amendments of the By-laws shall always be brought to the attention of all members of the Board of Directors. They will be final if no more than one third of the members disapproves of them within three months.
6. A Secretariat office carries out the administrative work under the direction of the president and Board of Directors.
7. The location of Secretariat office will be selected by the president of the Association, and the secretariat office members meets several times each year, as needed.
8. The secretariat office is responsible for the routine work of the Association under terms of reference laid down by the Board of Directors, and makes report to the Board of Directors once a year.

**Terms****Art. 6**

1. The President and Vice Presidents of the Association are elected for a period of four years with one re-election possible. However, no one can be elected for more than two terms of four years in the same position.
2. In case of absence of the President, the most senior Vice-President in terms of office and age, will be invited to act as the acting President.

**Language****Art. 7**

1. The official language of the Association is English.
2. Other languages may be used by request to and with the approval of the Board of Directors. When a Conference is held in a country where another language is spoken, that language can also be used for the duration of the Conference.

**Resources****Art. 8**

1. The financial resources of the Association are:
  - the annual membership fees if applicable.
  - the contributions of sponsors, donations from the agency where the Secretariat office locates.

**Dissolution****Art. 9**

1. The Association can be dissolved only by decision of the Board of Directors, and provided it has the absolute majority of all members of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors decides also, in case of dissolution, on the use of any residual assets, to be remitted to an institution with similar objectives. A distribution of the assets among the members is excluded.

**Final Arrangements****Art. 10**

1. These By-laws shall take effect on January 1, 2009, and can be modified by the Board of Directors.