

## **B-1 INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR SURVEYS AND MAPPING (IUSM)**

### **STATUTES**

#### *Article I-Definition, Name, and Mission*

- (a) Surveys and Mapping is the science, art, technology and economic aspects of collection, measurement, processing, analysis, interpretation, portrayal, dissemination, utilization, and evaluation of geographically referenced data.
- (b) The International Union for Surveys and Mapping (hereinafter referred to as the Union) is a non-governmental body devoted to coordination and cooperation among international organizations concerned with surveys and mapping.
- (c) The Union subscribes to the 1958 declaration of the 8th General Assembly of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) concerning non-discrimination on the basis of politics, nationality, religion, race, or sex.

#### *Article II-Objectives*

The objectives of the Union are:

- (a) To promote interdisciplinary study of problems relating to surveys and mapping of the Earth and other celestial bodies;
- (b) To initiate, facilitate, and coordinate research and investigations of problems in surveys and mapping which require international cooperation or which are of international scope;
- (c) To provide scientific and technical advice on practical projects in surveys and mapping which have international aspects or require international cooperation;
- (d) To participate in any other form of international cooperation such as education, training, and technology transfer;
- (e) To provide an international basis for discussion and publication of the results of research and projects;
- (f) To arrange scientific and technical meetings among the Union Members and to hold International Congresses to present the results of intersociety activities in surveys and mapping;
- (g) To represent the common interests of surveys and mapping organizations in international bodies such as United Nations (UN), International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), and others.

#### *Article III-Organization*

The Union shall be made up of:

- (a) Members
- (b) General Assembly
- (c) Executive Committee
- (d) Officers

#### *Article IV-Membership*

- (a) Members of the Union shall be international societies or organizations involved in the various disciplines of surveys and mapping.
- (b) International organizations wishing to become Members of the Union shall submit to the Executive Committee an application which includes the Statutes or Constitution, names of affiliated national or member societies, and financial structure of the organization.
- (c) Applications for Membership in the Union shall be reviewed for completeness and applicability by the Executive Committee and referred to the General Assembly for approval or rejection.
- (d) Member organizations of the Union shall retain their individual identity, officers, budgets, administrative and technical functions as defined in their own Statutes or Constitutions.

#### *Article V-General Assembly*

- (a) The General Assembly of the Union shall be composed of the Executive Officers and the Presidents or Chairpersons of the Commissions of the Member organizations.
- (b) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall decide the administrative, Scientific, and technical direction of the Union.
- (c) An extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly may be called by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee, and must be called on written request from at least half the Member organizations. At least four months notice must be given for all meetings of the General Assembly.
- (d) The General Assembly shall decide the administrative, scientific, and technical direction of the Union.
- (e) The General Assembly shall appoint an Executive Committee. On recommendation by the Executive Committee, the General Assembly shall appoint an ex officio Executive Director.
- (f) The General Assembly may establish Commissions and Working Groups to carry out the objectives of the Union. It may initiate and terminate projects in areas of concern to the Member organizations. It shall receive and approve reports on the administrative, scientific, and technical affairs of the Union.
- (g) The General Assembly, on recommendation by the Executive Committee, may establish special honours for persons who have achieved distinction within the disciplines of the Union, or who have rendered outstanding service to the Union.

#### *Article VI-Executive Committee*

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of two representatives designated from each of the Member organizations. It shall serve for the period between regular meetings of the General Assembly. Member organizations may continue their representatives for successive terms, but not for more than five consecutive years.
- (b) The Executive committee shall be responsible for the continuing administrative affairs of the Union, and shall make recommendations to the General Assembly on the scientific and technical activities of the Union.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year. The Executive Director shall make arrangements for this meeting and attend in ex-officio status.
- (d) Member of the Executive Committee may be assigned responsibility for a scientific or technical area designated by the General Assembly.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy among its members. Any person so appointed shall serve until the next regular meeting of the General Assembly at which he may be designated as entering office for the first time.

#### *Article VII-Officers*

- (a) The President of the Union shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members. He will assume office immediately after the close of the General Assembly at which he is elected, and will remain in office until after the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President may be reelected, but may not serve for more than five consecutive years. The President is responsible for the overall direction and management of the affairs of the Union. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall elect one of its members as the Vice President who shall take the place of the President should the President be unable to act. The President and Vice President may not be from the same Member organization. The Vice President may not serve for more than five consecutive years.
- (c) The non-voting Executive Director shall be appointed by the General assembly on recommendation of the Executive Committee. He shall take direction from the Executive Committee and be responsible for the secretarial and financial management of the affairs of the Union. The Executive Director may serve continuously at the pleasure of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

#### *Article VIII-Finances*

- (a) The functions of the Union shall be funded by assessed contributions from the Member organizations. The amount of the assessment shall be decided by the General assembly on recommendation from the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Union may accept funds or grants for purposes in keeping with its objectives. Such funds shall be used with due regard to the wishes of the donors.
- (c) If a Member organization is more than four years in arrears in paying its assessment, the General Assembly at a regular meeting may decide to separate the organization from the Union. Such an organization may not apply for readmission to the Union until at least one regular meeting of the General Assembly has intervened.
- (d) Members of the Executive Committee shall serve without salary, and their expenses incurred on behalf of the Union will normally be reimbursed by their Member organization.
- (e) On recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director may be paid a salary, and also be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the Union.
- (f) The Executive Director shall prepare an annual statement of income and expenses for submission to the Executive Committee. He shall also prepare an annual estimate of the budget. A financial report shall be submitted to each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (g) Activities of commissions and Working Groups appointed by the General Assembly shall, in general, be supported by the Member organizations involved.
- (h) The income of the Union shall be used primarily for:
  - (1) Administrative costs of the Executive Director and the meetings of the Executive Committee;
  - (2) The cost of publications authorized by the Executive Committee and issued by the Union;
  - (3) Subventions toward the expenses of Commissions and Working Groups established by the General Assembly;
  - (4) Subventions toward the costs of organizing meetings of the Union approved by the General Assembly;
  - (5) Any purpose approved by the General Assembly to advance the objectives of the Union.
- (i) Any Member organization which withdraws or is separated from the Union shall have no claim on any of the assets of the Union.
- (j) In the event of dissolution of the Union, any funds remaining after settlement of liabilities of the Union will be transferred to the International Council of Scientific Unions.

#### *Article IX-Voting*

- (a) Fifty percent of the delegates to the General Assembly shall constitute a quorum for that body. Each delegate present shall have one vote, with a maximum of twenty votes per Member. Except for amendment of Statutes, a vote shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.
- (b) The Statutes may be amended by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the General Assembly.
- (c) To transact business at the Executive Committee, there must be at least one representative from each of the Member organizations. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. The Executive Director may express opinions on any matter before the Executive Committee, but shall not be entitled to vote. A vote shall be passed by the simple majority of those present and voting. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President shall decide.

*Article X-Meetings and Congresses*

- (a) Commissions and Working Groups authorized by the General Assembly of IUSM may hold business meetings or scientific and technical workshops or symposia as needed to execute their charges. No such meeting shall be considered a meeting of the Union unless two or more Member organizations are involved. Such meetings may be hosted by one or more of the national affiliates of the Member organizations, or by the Member organizations themselves.
- (b) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall normally be held in conjunction with events planned by one or more of the Member organizations.
- (c) An international Congress of the Union shall be held approximately every four years at the time and place of a meeting of the General Assembly of the Union. It may include business meetings of Member organizations, scientific and technical sessions, appropriate exhibits, and social events.
- (d) Invitations to host a Congress of the Union may be submitted to the Executive Committee by one or more of the Member organizations or their national affiliates. Such invitations must include a description of the facilities, a preliminary plan for the program, and a financial plan. After review by the Executive Committee the invitations shall be accepted by vote of the General Assembly.
- (e) The Congress host shall present a detailed plan to the Executive Committee at least two years before the Congress. The Executive Committee shall assure that the plan meets the requirements of the Union.
- (f) The Congress host shall inform all Member organizations as plans for the Congress develop. The host may also communicate directly with the national affiliates of the Member organizations.

*Article XI-General Provisions*

- (a) The official language of the Union shall be English. Host countries for meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, or the Congress may provide translation into other languages at their own discretion and expense.
- (b) Proposals for amendment of the Statutes may be submitted by any Member organization through the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee approves the proposed amendments they shall be submitted to all Member organizations at least six months before the date of the General Assembly at which they are to be considered.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt By-laws or rules of procedure which do not conflict with the Statutes.
- (d) The present Statutes and any subsequent amendments shall come into force at the conclusion of the General Assembly at which they are adopted.