

Constitution of the society

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1. Name, Object, and Status

1.1. The name of this organisation is **Society for the Study of Measurement (SSM)**.

1.2. The Society's objectives and values are stated in its Mission Statement.

1.3. The Society shall coordinate the organisation of a website, conferences, symposia, publications, and activities that promote its objectives, broadly construed.

1.4. The Society has no financial holdings, income, or expenditures and bears no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for actions performed by its members.

2. Membership

2.1. There is one class of member.

2.2. There are no dues.

2.3. The Society shall be open to all individuals who share the purposes of the society, and any person who, by training and/or experience, gives evidence of ability to contribute either directly or indirectly to the objectives of the Society, is eligible for membership.

2.4. Individuals wishing to be admitted as members should submit their application to the Secretary. The application shall be subject to approval by the Council by majority vote.

2.5. Membership privileges include voting in elections and at any general business meeting of the Society. They also include eligibility to serve on any committees of the Society, and to access any members-only portions of the website.

2.6. Membership continues indefinitely until a member elects to terminate their membership by giving notice of resignation in writing to the Secretary, or if the member dies.

2.7. A member may be expelled for good cause from the Society by a unanimous vote of the Council.

2.8. A list of all members with their contact details shall be made available to the members by the Secretary, and maintained on the website.

3. Officers and Council

3.1. The Council of the Society is responsible for organising and directing the interests and activities of the Society.

3.2. The Council consists of eight members, of which seven are elected (three as officers and four as general members) and one sits ex officio.

3.3. The Officers of the Society are the President, the Secretary, and the Web Coordinator.

3.4. The local organiser for the next biennial Conference is a member of the Council ex officio.

3.5. The President shall be the executive head and legal representative of the society and shall act as the Chairperson of the Council. The President is responsible for soliciting bids to host the biennial Conference, chairing any general business meeting of the Society, and more generally serving as an ambassador for the aims of the Society.

3.6. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and keeping minutes of all meetings, for communicating an up-to-date membership list to members, for communicating on Society business with the membership and other parties, including the date, time, and location of meetings (virtual or in person), and for stewardship of documents relating to the Society and its history.

3.7. The Web Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining the Society's web presence, including an official website, an email list, and an online repository for documents and links associated with the aims of the Society.

3.8. The term of office for all elected members of the Council is 4 years.

3.9. Officers and general members of the Council are eligible to run for re-election indefinitely.

3.10. Officers and general members of the Council are elected at the general business meeting of the Society ordinarily held at the biennial Conference.

3.10.1. For each vacancy, the Council solicits nominations from members, and circulates these in advance of the meeting.

3.10.2. Should a general member of the Council be elected to serve as an Officer during their term of service, they are expected to serve in their new post for the full 4 year term, and a new general member will be elected to the Council to fill their vacated position.

3.10.3. At the first election of the Society *only*, the Secretary and 3 of the four general members will be elected for terms of 2 years. At the next biennial Conference, representatives elected to these four positions will serve 4 year terms, as stipulated above. This will ensure that in future the elected representatives of the Society do not turn over all at once.

3.11. The Council will meet a minimum of once in each calendar year, either virtually or in person, and convene additional meetings as deemed necessary by the President.

3.12. A proposal before the Council shall be considered adopted if approved by a majority and the Council is quorate. In the event of a tie the President casts the deciding vote. A quorum shall consist of a majority of members and must include the President and Secretary.

3.13. In case an office or a membership in the Council becomes vacant, the Council is empowered to appoint an eligible member to the vacancy through majority vote. The member so appointed will hold the position until the next general business meeting of the Society.

3.14. In case the biennial Conference is not held, Officers of the Society and members of the Council will retain their positions and will exercise the functions pertaining to those positions until their successors have been elected.

3.15. The Council may form committees as required and invite members to join such subcommittees where appropriate.

4. Biennial Conference

4.1. The Society holds a biennial Conference at time and place the Council may determine.

4.2. The Council will solicit detailed proposals for hosting the biennial Conference at least two years in advance, to allow discussion and possible decision on the future venue by the Council at their conference business meeting.

4.3. The Council will appoint a local organiser for each biennial Conference.

4.4. The Council will facilitate local organisation of the biennial Conference by allowing organisers access to relevant Society resources, such as email lists for promotion and recruitment of program members.

4.5. The President and Secretary will attend the biennial Conference and convene there a general business meeting of the Society.

4.6. It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that local organisers advance the agenda and values of the Society as outlined in its Mission Statement, including its commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.

4.7. The Council will assist the local organisers should they wish to arrange publication of papers from the conference, whether as an edited volume, special issue, or some other format.

5. Amendments

5.1. Amendments to this Constitution or to the Mission Statement of the Society may be proposed by (a) any member present at a general business meeting of the Society, if seconded, (b) any member of the Council, if seconded, or (c) a petition signed by 6 members of the Society and submitted to the Secretary.

5.2. Amendments proposed outside the biennial Conference shall be submitted by the Secretary to all members at least 30 days before the general business meeting at which they are to be considered.

5.3. Amendments may be adopted by a 2/3 majority vote at a general business meeting of the Society.

6. Dissolution

6.1. In the event that the Council, on the proposal of 4 Council members or of 10 members of the Society, shall decide by the votes of three quarters of those present and voting that the society is unable to fulfill its purposes, it shall be dissolved.