

THE AFRICAN MEMBRANE SOCIETY BYLAWS

Observation: this document predominantly uses the articles and pronouns He, Him, His. These forms should be read as equivalent to She, Her, Hers, respectively, and consistent with the spirit of gender equity promoted by AMSIC.

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: The present Internal Regulations complement the Statutes of the African Membrane Society and cannot be considered as contrary to its Statutes. They are enforceable. Its violation constitutes an act of indiscipline and shall be sanctioned as such.

Article 2: Purpose and Objectives of the Association

It is non-political, secular, non-denominational, and non-profit making. Its aim is to train a critical mass of African experts in membrane processes and innovative water technologies for sustainable development.

The Association has set itself the following objectives:

- a) Initiate/consolidate training and research programmes on Membrane Science and Technology (MST) and filtration;
- b) To support national and global development strategies in sectors such as water resources management, energy, health, food security, agriculture, environmental protection/sanitation;
- c) Encourage partnerships between experts in the sub-region and simplify scientific mobility protocols;
- d) Broaden the convergence of activities and technology transfer between the academic and industrial research sectors;
- e) Foster the emergence of a dynamic private sector capable of drawing on research expertise from the industrial and academic sectors;
- (f) Inform/train political actors and civil society on the usefulness of STMs in Africa.

Article 3: Members - Membership - Resignation

a) The Association includes active members, honorary members, and associate partners.

b) An active member is any person whose candidacy is approved by the AMSIC Board of Directors and who subscribes to the objectives, principles and rules of the Association as set out in its Statutes and these Internal Regulations, and who:

- pays the annual membership fee of 30 euros, excluding students;

- participates regularly in the activities of the Association (teleconferences, annual meetings, submission of scientific papers, fundraising, etc.)

c) An Honorary Member is any individual or legal entity who has rendered exceptional services to the Association and whose candidacy has been approved or requested by the Board of Directors;

d) Membership shall be terminated by resignation or expulsion. It shall be decided by the Board of Directors.

Article 4: Student contribution to the AMSIC

The Board of Directors shall encourage student membership in AMSIC.

Article 5: Headquarters - Duration of the Association

The registered office of the Association is in Bamako and may be transferred to any other place in Africa by decision of the General Assembly.

The life of the Association is unlimited.

CHAPTER II: DISCIPLINE

Article 5: Rights and duties

a) Each member of the Association shall be entitled to :

* participate in the management of the Association;

* apply for all elective offices if he/she fulfils the required conditions;

* participate in voting except in case of revocation of voting rights.

b) Each member is required to participate in fulfilling the objectives of the Association in accordance with its Statutes and By-Laws.

c) Participation in the meetings of the members of the Board of Directors is compulsory under penalty of sanctions applicable after six consecutive months of unjustified absence.

d) The annual payment of membership fees is compulsory for all professional members of the AMSIC under penalty of sanctions after a cumulative two (2) year non-payment. The Treasurer shall disclose in his/her annual report the balance of dues (acquittal) for each AMSIC member.

Article 6: Penalties

a) Any member of the Association who is guilty of indiscipline or other violation of the Statutes or bylaws, shall incur the following progressive sanctions: warning, suspension, and expulsion.

b) The definition of behaviour qualified as "undisciplined" or "incompatible with the Statutes or Bylaws" is left to the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

c) Except in the case of refusal to comply, any promulgation of a sanction is subject to the prior hearing of the offender.

Article 7: Warning

The warning is pronounced by the Board of Directors by majority decision of its members.

Article 8: Suspension - Exclusion

a) Suspension and expulsion are pronounced by the Board of Directors after prior mediation by the members of the AMSIC.

b) If, despite this intermediation, the recalcitrant member persists, the recommended sanction shall then be enforced.

- c) The minimum duration of a suspension is three months and is irrevocable in extreme cases. This decision must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- d) Suspension of a member shall not relieve the member of any financial obligations (dues, or other obligations incurred prior to suspension), unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise.
- e) The lifting of the suspension is subject to the terms and conditions defined by the Board of Directors.
- f) Exclusion is pronounced with the possibility of reinstatement not less than twelve months later.

CHAPTER III: POWERS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Article 9: The President

- a) He is the primary individual responsible for the Association.
- b) He represents the moral authority of the Association vis-à-vis third persons and institutions. He guarantees the Statutes and the Bylaws.
- c) He may delegate some of his functions to any member of the Board of Directors.
- d) He may appoint an interim member of the Executive Committee in case of absence or impediment of the latter.
- e) He assumes, among other things, the following tasks:
 - chairing the meetings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee;
 - ordering the expenses of the Association and co-signing, with the Treasurer, cheques and any other document relating to the management of the financial and material resources of the Association;
 - ensure the implementation of the Vision, Mission and objectives of the Association.

- assist the other bodies of the Association with the implementation of their functions;
- ensure the strict application of the Association's Statutes and Bylaws, as well as the correct execution by the Board of Directors of the decisions and instructions given by the General Assembly.

Article 10: The Vice-President

The Vice-President works closely with the President to facilitate the execution of the tasks. He provides critical analysis to inform the President in his decision making to improve the strategic orientations of the Association.

Article 11: The Secretary General

(a) The Secretary shall carry out by delegation all tasks entrusted to him/her by the President.

(b) He shall be responsible for all matters relating to correspondence and archives. He draws up the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Assemblies, as well as a record of the membership.

Article 11: The Treasurer

(a) He shall be responsible for the management of the funds, property and equipment of the Association.

b) The Treasurer shall have the authority to make any payment on behalf of the Association, to collect any monies and to give a valid receipt. He holds the chequebooks and his signature is required on all cheques and other documents relating to the management of the financial and material resources of the Association, alongside that of the President.

c) He presents a financial report to each meeting of the Board of Directors for approval.

Article 12: The Director of the Academy-Industry Partnership:

a) He/She shall consolidate the partnership and act as an interface between the University and Industry by identifying qualified partners willing to support such exchanges.

b) He/she is in charge of consolidating this partnership in the context of academic research work.

Article 13: The Director of Communication:

He/she is in charge of creating a communication system capable of giving greater visibility to the activities of AMSIC.

Article 14: The Director of Scientific and Technological Affairs:

a) He/she coordinates the research, teaching, expertise and broad dissemination of programs on membrane processes.

b) He/she shall encourage the members of AMSIC to publish scientific and technological articles;

c) He/she participates in the validation of the scientific content of AMSIC publications.

Article 15: The Director of External Relations:

a) He/she shall ensure the external promotion of AMSIC;

b) He shall coordinate and/or promote cooperation with other partners.

Article 16: The Director of Fundraising:

a) He shall coordinate the raising of lawful funds for the proper functioning of AMSIC.

b) He must ensure the effective collection of AMSIC membership fees.

Article 17: The Director of Editions and Publication:

a) He shall ensure the review of AMSIC publications and of any item submitted for publishing

b) He shall initiate and coordinate the dissemination of scientific publications on membrane technologies adapted for Africa's interests and needs;

- c) He shall Initiate and ensure the publication and broad dissemination of manuals on membrane technologies;
- d) He shall encourage researchers in Africa to publish the results of their work.

Article 18: The Director of the Visual Content and the Network:

He shall be responsible for updating the AMSIC website. He/she ensures that the website, the showcase of AMSIC, maintains an attractive character in terms of content and form.

Article 19: Interim within the Board of Directors

In accordance with Article 9, temporary status may not exceed twelve (12) months.

In this case, a new incumbent shall be elected to the post.

CHAPTER IV: RESOURCES

Article 20: The membership fee is annual and is set at the minimum amount of 30 euros per active member in accordance with the AMSIC Statutes.

Article 21: The resources of the Association may come from subsidies, donations and legacies.

CHAPTER V: FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 22: Other complementary provisions not contrary to the Statutes and Bylaws may be taken by the Board of Directors for a better execution of the tasks set forth by the Association.

These Bylaws may only be modified after consultation with the General Assembly. The latter shall rule on all matters submitted to it. It must be composed of at least one-third of the members of the Association entitled to attend the remote meetings; and must include a quorum of ten persons (members of the Association) for physical meetings. Decisions shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present. If the quorum is not reached, a new

Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened within thirty days. No quorum is then required. Its decisions shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Bamako, 06 August 2014

Read and Approved by:

The Constituent General Assembly

The President, Dr Abdoulaye Doucouré