

## **Mexican Group of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering**

### **By-laws**

#### **Name, Seat**

##### **Article 1**

1. The name of the body is the Mexican Group of “International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering”, in abbreviation called “IABSE Mexican Group”, an Association set up on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico. “IABSE Mexican Group”, will hereinafter be called Association.
2. The seat of the Association can be decided by the Executive Committee of the Association.

#### **Objectives**

##### **Article 2**

The objectives of the Association are to:

1. Support the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (in short IABSE) with its present registered office in Zurich, Switzerland, in the national level, and act as a link with its members in Mexico.
2. Promote and maintain the relationship among the members of IABSE Mexican Group., as well as the interaction with member of other National Groups of IABSE.
3. Not to pursue for any commercial objectives.

#### **Membership**

##### **Article 3**

1. All members of the Association having their residence, or for collective members their seat, in Mexico.
2. Any member of IABSE will be eligible to be a member of the Mexican Group of IABSE.
3. The Executive Committee may terminate the membership of any person or organization.

## **Organization**

### **Article 4**

1. The organizational units of the Association are:
  - the Executive Committee
  - the Regional Chapters are set up by the Executive Committee, as need arises
  - the Sub-Committees e.g. the Technical Sub-Committee, the Seminar/Symposium Sub-Committee, the Publications Sub-Committee, the Administrative Sub-Committee, the Auditing Sub-Committee, the Young Engineers Board, etc. are set up by the Executive Committee, as need arises.
2. A Secretariat at the seat of the Association carries out the administrative work under the direction of the General Secretary of the Association.

## **Executive Committee**

### **Article 5**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
  - 1 Chairman
  - 1 Vice-chairman
  - 1 General Secretary
  - 1 Permanent Committee Delegate
  - 1 Treasurer
  - 3-5 elected Members
  - 1 the immediate past Chairman will be an ex-officio Member.
2. The Association in its General Assembly shall have the final and sole legislative authority and the Executive Committee shall have the executive authority in respect of the Association. The Executive Committee shall enjoy such executive authority as may be delegated to it by the Association members in the General Assembly, from time to time. The General Assembly in its annual or extraordinary meeting shall elect the Executive Committee members.
3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly Meetings called by the Chairman or upon recommendation of at least two of the Executive Committee Members.
4. The Executive Committee governs the Association, according to the By-laws and the decisions of the General Assembly, and represents the interests of the Association in all matters.
5. The Executive Committee submits to the General assembly for approval:
  - proposals for amendment of the By-laws
  - the annual statement of accounts, the budget and the proposed amount of membership fees
  - proposals of new membership categories
  - proposals of candidates for the Executive Committee.

6. The Executive Committee:

- formulates and reviews the standing orders governing the activities of the various organizational units of the Association
- establishes links with other organizations and designates the Association's contact persons
- defines the tasks and decides on the creation and disbandment of Chapters and Sub-Committees
- appoints the Chairman and Members of the Sub-Committees
- assesses the activities of the Chapters, Sub-Committees and defines their terms of reference (TOR)
- elects Honorary Members
- creates prizes and distinctions, establishes their rules, and elects their laureates
- decides on location, date and theme of conferences.

7. The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be at least half of its membership.

8. The Executive Committee reports to the General Assembly.

**General Assembly**

**Article 6**

1. All the duly enrolled members of the Association shall be invited by the General Secretary with the consent of the elected Chairman of the Executive Committee to the General Assembly to be held at convenient time at least once in every calendar year in accordance with the By-laws of the Association. Extraordinary General Assembly, requisitioned in writing by two members of the Executive Committee, or by 15 enrolled members of the Association, shall also be convened by the General Secretary with the consent of the elected Chairman or, directly by the Chairman, if need arises, within four weeks of the requisition. The quorum of the General Assembly shall be at least half of its membership excluding student members.

**Accounts and Auditing of the Association**

**Article 7**

1. The Accounts of the Association will be maintained by its Treasurer through the appointed Accountant.
2. All expenditures will be authorized by the Chairman, based on the rules framed and approved by the Executive Committee of the Association.
3. The accounts will be checked by the external registered Audit firms, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association with approval of the General Assembly; and the audited accounts will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.
4. The Executive Committee may arrange separate internal auditing of the Accounts, if desired.

## **Terms**

### **Article 8**

1. The Chairman of the Association is elected for a period of two years with one re-election possible.
2. In case of absence of the Chairman, the Vice-chairman will be invited to act as the acting Chairman.
3. Members of the Executive Committee for the Association are elected for a period of two years with one re-election possible.
4. Members of the Chapters/Sub-Committees for the Association are elected by the Executive Committee of the Association, as applicable, for a period in accordance with the mission of the respective Sub-Committees. However, no Member can be elected for more than two terms of two years in the same position.

## **Languages**

### **Article 9**

1. The official language of the Association is English.
2. Spanish language may be used in Mexico with the approval of the Executive Committee, if need arises.

## **Resources**

### **Article 10**

1. The financial resources of the Association are:
  - the annual membership fees
  - the revenues of publications and conference activities of the Association and its Chapters
  - interests on deposit, contributions of sponsors, legacies and donations.

## **Dissolution**

### **Article 11**

1. The Association can be dissolved only by the decision of its duly enrolled members taken in the Annual/Extraordinary General Assembly, provided it has the three fourth majorities of all delegates of the Association.
2. The General Assembly 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.

**Amendment**

**Article 12**

The By-laws of the Association may be amended by a two-third majority of the General Assembly provided that the notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given writing to the Executive Committee of the Association at least two months in advance of the Assembly at which the amendment is to be considered.

**Final arrangement**

**Article 13**

1. These By-laws shall take effect on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Accepted at the Annual General Assembly of the Mexican Group of IABSE on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Naucalpan, Mexico.

The Chairman

Dr. Darío Rivera Vargas

General Secretary

Ing. Carlos Arce León