

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF OLYMPIC HISTORIANS (ISOH)

Proposed Constitution - May 1993

Article One (Name)

The name of the organization shall be the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH).

Article Two (Purpose)

The purpose of the organization will be to promote and study the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games. The purpose will be achieved primarily through research into the history of the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games, through the gathering of historical and statistical data concerning the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games, and through the publication of the research via journals and other publications. ISOH will be a non-profit organization whose dues will be used solely for production of such publications.

Article Three (Government and Affiliation)

ISOH will be an independent, non-political body with a close affiliation to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It will work closely with the IOC in disseminating information about and promoting the history of the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games.

Article Four (Language)

The official language of ISOH will be English. Study and knowledge of other languages by members will be encouraged, to promote better international understanding as exemplified by the goals of the Olympic Movement.

Article Five (Membership)

The following categories of membership will be available in ISOH:

- a. Full Member: A "Full Member" of ISOH will be a person who is co-opted into the organization by two-thirds approval of the executive committee. Membership will be granted to those who have demonstrated original research into the Olympic Movement or Olympic Games, or to those who have contributed significantly to the furthering of the Olympic Movement. This category of membership will be open only to individuals and not to organizations. Dues for members will be set annually by the executive committee and will allow all members to receive all publications of ISOH. Only "Full Members" shall have voting privileges.
- b. Patron Member: Any person or organization who wishes to support the aims of ISOH may be granted patron membership by two-thirds approval of the executive committee. Patron dues will also be set annually by the executive committee. Patrons will receive all ISOH publications but will not have voting privileges.
- c. Honorary Member: All current and past members of the IOC will be considered as an "Honorary Member" of ISOH. The conventions of ISOH may also elect as an "Honorary Member" any person or organization who has significantly contributed to the aims of ISOH or to the furthering of the Olympic Movement. Honorary members pay no dues and are eligible to receive all publications of ISOH, should they so desire.

Article Six (Conventions)

- a. Conventions of ISOH will be held every other year at the site and during the celebrations of the Olympic Winter Games and the Games of the Olympiad.
- b. The conventions shall be presided over by the President of ISOH, or, in his/her absence, by the Secretary, whom failing, by a chosen member of the Executive Committee.

Article Seven (Executive Committee)

- a. President-in-Perpetuity of ISOH shall be designated as the late Pierre de Frédi, the Baron de Coubertin.
- b. The management of the affairs of ISOH will be entrusted to an Executive Committee consisting of twelve (12) members. Eight (8) members will be elected as follows: Honorary President, President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, and four (4) other members. Four (4) other members will be appointed as follows: President of the IOC, Administrator of the IOC, President of the International Olympic Academy (IOA), and one (1) member appointed by the IOC, at their discretion.
- c. Elected members of the Executive Committee will be elected at the convention held during the Games of the Olympiad and will serve quadrennially, until the next such convention.
- d. The Executive Committee will meet bi-yearly at times and sites to be designated by the President.
- e. Should vacancies arise among elected members of the Executive Committee between conventions, the Executive Committee may appoint new members by postal vote. Should the Presidency become vacant, the Secretary will serve in his/her absence until the Executive Committee can appoint an interim President. Vacancies among the appointed members of the Executive Committee will be filled by the people filling the above-mentioned positions.

Article Eight (Committees)

The Executive Committee may appoint, as it deems advisable, sub-committees for work and study in particular fields.

Article Nine (Amendments)

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by any voting member by submission in writing to the Secretary at least six months prior to the convention. Adoption of the amendment will be by two-thirds majority of the members attending a convention.

Article Ten (Daily Affairs)

Between meetings of the Executive Committee the daily affairs of the organization will be handled by the President and the Secretary who may delegate specific tasks to other members.

Respectfully submitted,

The Membership of ISOH