

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF OLYMPIC HISTORIANS (ISOH)

## CONSTITUTION ADOPTED - JULY 1994

### Constitution Amended and Revised - August 1996

#### ARTICLE ONE (NAME)

The Name of the Organisation shall be the International Society of Olympic Historians. The official abbreviation of the group's name will be ISOH.

#### ARTICLE TWO (PURPOSE)

The purpose of the organisation will be to promote the study of 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 material 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 organisation whose dues will be used solely for promotion of this purpose.

#### ARTICLE THREE (GOVERNMENT AND AFFILIATION)

ISOH will be an independent body with no political affiliations. ISOH will attempt to work closely with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in disseminating information about, and promoting the history of the Olympic Movement and 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 with an interest in studying the Olympic Movement and who has been nominated by two (2) or more members of ISOH. Membership nominations should be restricted to those who have demonstrated

original research into the Olympic Movement or Olympic Games, or to those who have contributed significantly to furthering the Olympic Movement. This category of membership will be open only to individuals and not organisations. Dues for members will be set annually by the executive committee and will allow all members to receive all publications of ISOH. Dues may be waived in exceptional circumstances Only "Full Members" shall have voting privileges. Failure to pay dues for two consecutive years will result in revocation of membership.

- b. Patron Member A "Patron Member" is any person or organisation who wishes to support the aims of ISOH. Patron membership is available to any person or organisation who pays ISOH dues. Patron members will be eligible to receive all ISOH publications but will not have voting privileges.
- c. Honorary Member - "Honorary Members" pay no dues and are eligible to vote in ISOH elections and to receive all publications of ISOH. Any person may be nominated for honorary Membership by any member of the Executive Committee. Honorary Membership will be granted upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The conventions of ISOH may also elect and "Honorary Member" by majority vote after appropriate nomination by a member of the Executive Committee.

#### 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 Games of the Olympiad.
- b. The conventions shall be presided over by the President of ISOH, or, in his/her absence, by the Secretary-General, whom failing, by a chosen member of the Executive Committee.
- c. In exceptional circumstances, should it not be possible for an ISOH Convention to be held, the membership should be notified at least two (2) months prior to a scheduled convention.

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#### ARTICLE SEVEN (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

- a. The management of the affairs of ISOH will be entrusted to an Executive Committee (EC) consisting of nine (9) members. eight (8) members will be elected as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary-general, Treasurer, and four (4) other members. One (1) other member will be appointed by the President of the International Olympic Committee, at their discretion.
- b. Election of members of the Executive Committee will occur just prior to the Games of the Olympiad and will be held via postal vote. In the event of an equal number of votes (*ex-aequo*) being cast for two or more candidates for the fourth position on the Executive Committee, a deciding ballot will be held at the ISOH Convention immediately following the postal ballot. If this still results in a tie, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall have the deciding vote.
- c. There will be no limits to the number of terms served by members of the Executive Committee. The three (3) officers of the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary-General) may serve no more than two (2) terms in the same office, although they may be elected to a different office.
- d. The two (2) most recent past presidents of ISOH will serve as *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee. *Ex-officio* members may attend meetings of the Executive Committee, but will not have voting privileges. Past Presidents, if elected to a different position on the Executive Committee, sacrifice their position as an *ex-officio* member and will receive voting privileges.
- e. Members of the Executive Committee will attempt to meet yearly at times and sites to be designated by the President
- f. 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 Vice-President will serve in his/her absence until the Executive Committee can appoint an interim President. Should the office of the Vice-President or Secretary-General become vacant, the President will appoint a replacement for those offices, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE EIGHT (COMMITTEES)

The Executive Committee may appoint, as it deems advisable, 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 three (3) months prior to the convention. Adoption of the amendment will be by two-thirds majority of the members responding to a postal vote.

#### ARTICLE TEN (DAILY AFFAIRS)

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

Respectfully submitted,

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President, ISOH (1996 - 2000)

#### **Bill Mallon**

Vice-President, ISOH (1996 - 2000)

#### **Tony Bijkerk**

Secretary General, ISOH (1996 - 2000)

#### **David Wallechinsky**

Treasurer, ISOH (1996 - 2000)