

CONSTITUTION
OF THE CANADA CHAPTER OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CHINESE STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization is the Canada Chapter of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), hereafter called the Chapter, or ICSA-CANADA.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this organization is to promote statistics and its application. The Chapter aims to engage in various professional activities, including but not limited to holding meetings, encouraging interaction among researchers and fast dissemination of information, participating in educational efforts, promoting application of statistics, and raising awareness of statistics to the society.

The objective is pursued without regard to race, creed, color, sex or nationality.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

An individual interested in the objectives of the Chapter may apply to become a member. The right to vote, to hold office, and to sign nominating petitions shall be limited to individual members. Only a member of the ICSA can hold membership in the Chapter.

Membership shall be effective after the application and membership dues have been processed and confirmed, and shall last for twelve months.

ARTICLE IV. CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The activities and business of the Chapter shall be managed by a Chapter Executive Committee. The Chapter Executive Committee consists of the President, the President-Elect, the Past-President, and the Secretary/Treasurer (which are respectively referred as the Chair, Chair-Elect, Past-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer in the ICSA Constitution-Bylaws).

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

- The Chapter President shall be responsible for the affairs of the Chapter, and shall serve as, or designate, the presiding officer at business meetings of the Chapter or of its Executive Committee.
- The Chapter President-Elect shall act as President in the event the President is absent or unable to serve, serve as Program Representative for the Chapter to the Program Committee of the ICSA for its Annual Meeting to be held in the year of his/her presidency, and coordinate other statistical and professional meetings sponsored by the Chapter.
- The Chapter Past-President shall provide continuity in the affairs of the Chapter, chair the Elections Committee of the Chapter, and act as liaison with the Elections Committee of the Society.
- According to the ICSA constitution (Article VI), the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer shall be served by the same person. The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as secretary of annual and other business meetings of the Chapter or of its Executive Committee, prepare the minutes of such meetings, keep these minutes and other records of the Chapter, maintain a list of current members, respond to requests from members, and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these regulations. The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer shall manage the fiscal affairs of the Chapter, and shall present an annual budget for the Chapter to the Board of Directors of the ICSA and to the annual meeting of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI. METHOD OF ELECTION

Only individual members of the Chapter may become candidates for offices. All individual members shall be eligible to vote for the positions of President-Elect, President and Secretary/Treasurer for the initial term or if such nominations are made under provisions of the By-Laws. Only the individual members in the Chapter shall be eligible to stand for election and to vote for the officers of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- The Chapter President-Elect shall be elected biannually, serving as such for two years, and shall then become Chapter President for the third year, and Past- President in the fifth year.
- The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected for six-year terms.
- Terms of office shall start normally on Jan. 1 of the next year of the election.
- Unless otherwise changed by the Executive Committee, it is expected that on or before August 1 of each year, the Chapter President shall appoint an Election Committee consisting of the Past-President and at least two other members of the Chapter who have agreed not to run in the next election.
- The Election Committee shall submit at least one nomination for each position on the Chapter Executive Committee which will be vacant. Additional nominations must be supported in writing by at least five members of the Chapter, and must be received by the Past-President on or before October 1 of the year preceding the election.
- Unless otherwise changed by the Executive Committee, it is expected that on or before October 15 of each year, the Chapter Past President shall provide the Election Committee with a list of candidates for the positions to be filled the following year.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

The Chapter shall hold one general meeting each year at a time and place to be determined by the Chapter Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

These regulations may be amended by at least 20 or 25% of chapter members, whichever is larger. Each proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda.

**BY-LAWS
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ARTICLE 1. FINANCE

1.1 Dues and Subscriptions.

The Chapter Executive Committee shall have the responsibility of determining the schedule of membership dues. This schedule may provide for a special rate to students for a limited number of years, to members fully retired from employment, or married couples, and to such other groups as designated by the Chapter Executive Committee.

1.2 Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

1.3 Financial Authority.

All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited with the Treasurer, who shall make disbursements therefrom under regulations of the Chapter Executive Committee. With the approval of the Chapter Executive Committee, the Treasurer may delegate to an assistant the powers aforementioned as well as the power to sign checks, and access to checks, and access to safe-deposit boxes.

1.4 Publication of Financial Reports and Audit.

The Treasurer shall submit to the Chapter Executive Committee, within one month of the end of each half fiscal year, a statement of the Chapter's current financial condition, including assets, liabilities, income and expenditures. This may be done at a meeting or by email. The Treasurer shall also make a financial report to the Chapter Executive Committee within two months after the end of each fiscal year. The report shall be published in the next available newsletter.

1.5 Financial Relationship with the ICOSA.

The Chapter Executive Committee may delegate to the Treasurer the authority to negotiate financial arrangements with cooperating societies in connection with publications or other joint activities, subject to approval by the Chapter Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 2. ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

2.1 Definition.

A cooperating or associated society is a nonprofit organization interested in the objectives of the Chapter and concerned with the advancement of the statistical methodology or of its application.

2.2 Procedure.

The Chapter Executive Committee may enter upon cooperative working arrangements with such organizations for promoting the objectives of the Chapter. Such cooperative working arrangements may include:

- 2.2.1 The assignment of Chapter representatives to an allied body composed of two or more societies including the Chapter;
- 2.2.2 Cooperative, administrative, secretarial, financial, conference, and other cooperative working arrangements.

2.3 Limitations on the Procedures.

No cooperative working arrangement may be entered into by the Chapter Executive Committee which:

- 2.3.1 Results in the Chapter losing its identity as a separate organization;
- 2.3.2 Violates any article of the Chapter's Constitution or By-Laws;
- 2.3.3 Requires the Chapter to allocate more than 5 percent of its annual revenue during any calendar year without receiving the equivalent in goods and/or services.

ARTICLE 3. RESOLUTIONS

In no case shall the name of the Chapter be used in connection with any partisan or political issue, except insofar as the resolution of the Chapter refers solely to a matter involving the interest and objectives of the Chapter. Such a resolution shall require a favorable vote by the Chapter Executive Committee before it may be released for publication or transmission outside the Chapter. When there is doubt as to whether an issue is to be considered partisan or political, a majority vote of the entire Executive Committee shall be required to declare it neither partisan nor political.