

Bylaws of the International Society of Motor Control

Article 1: Name

The name of this society shall be the International Society of Motor Control (ISMC).

Article 2: History

The International Society of Motor Control is a non-profit organization founded on the twenty-fifth day of March 2002 and incorporated in the State of Delaware on April 29, 2002. The Society's Employer Identification Number is EIN 01-06912288.

Article 3: Purpose

The purpose of the ISMC is to stimulate and foster basic and applied research in the area of control of movements of biological systems.

Article 4: Membership

Section 1. The categories of membership in the ISMC shall be defined as follows:

- a. Members shall be individuals with an established professional reputation in any of the sub-areas of motor control.
- b. Student Members shall be those College and University students with a demonstrated interest in motor control.
- c. Honorary Members shall be those individuals who have been so designated by the Executive Committee of the ISMC in recognition of their significant contributions to motor control. Candidates for Honorary Membership shall be nominated by members of the Executive Committee. Approval of their membership shall require two-third majority among the members of the Executive Committee.
- d. Emeritus Members shall be those members of ISMC who are designated Emeritus Members by the Executive Board of the Society. Candidates for Emeritus Membership shall be nominated by members of the Executive Committee. Approval of their membership shall require two-third majority among the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Application for membership in ISMC must be made over Internet or in writing, be supported by at least one member of ISMC, and be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Only members in good standing shall be allowed to vote.

Section 4. Membership dues shall be paid annually by all Members and Student Members of ISMC in the amount determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Any member desiring to resign from ISMC shall submit his/her resignation in writing to the Executive Committee for action.

Section 6. Membership in ISMC will be automatically terminated for nonpayment of dues at the end of ninety days after being billed twice for the current year. Any member of ISMC may be suspended if a majority of the Executive Board deem that suspension is in the best interests of ISMC. Expulsion from the ISMC shall be only a result of a majority affirmative vote of the voting members of the ISMC.

Article 5: Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the ISMC shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties described by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the ISMC.

Section 2. All Officers shall be elected for the period of 2 years with the exception of the first group of Officers who will serve until the biannual meeting in 2005.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the Vice-President as Chairperson and two members elected by majority vote at the biannual meeting of the ISMC for a term of two years. The committee shall nominate at least two candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary, for the coming term. The Committee shall ensure that each candidate is a member of the ISMC and is qualified, able, and willing to serve in the office concerned

Section 4. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot which shall be e-mailed to all members in good standing not less than thirty days before the next scheduled biannual meeting of the ISMC. This ballot shall be returned to the Secretary of the ISMC, or a designated officer, no later than a week prior to the biannual meeting. Election shall be a majority vote. Election results shall be announced at the meeting and in the next general e-mailing.

Section 5. Once the site of a biannual meeting has been approved by the Executive Board, the Meeting Chairperson for the corresponding year shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 6. The terms of office shall begin at the close of the business session at the biannual meeting.

Section 7. The specific duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall be the chief officer of the ISMC. He/she shall preside at Executive Board and biannual meetings of the ISMC, shall be an ex officio member of all committees, and shall perform any other duties usually pertaining to the office.
- b. The Vice-President shall perform President's duties in case the President is unable to perform them. The Vice-President will also chair the Nominating Committee.
- c. The Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings of the ISMC and of the Executive Board. In his/her absence, a Secretary pro-tempore shall be designated by the President. The Secretary shall supervise all administrative matters including collection of dues, maintenance of membership records, publicity, and the sending of official meeting notices to members. He/she shall give a report at the biannual meeting of the financial status of the ISMC. The annual financial report of the Secretary shall be audited by two members of the ISMC appointed for that purpose by the Executive Board.
- e. The Meeting Chairperson shall serve a two-year term. He/she shall chair the Organizing Committee.

Section 7. No Member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no Member shall be eligible to serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

Article 6: Meetings

Section 1. A biannual meeting "Progress in Motor Control" shall be held for the dissemination of information and ideas among the members of the ISMC; for the receipt of reports from Officers and Committees; and for any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Section 2. The official printed program of each biannual meeting shall contain an announcement of the time and place of the next biannual meeting. This information shall also be included in the next general e-mailing.

Article 7: Executive Committee

Section 1. The affairs of the ISMC shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting originally of the 26 Founding Members of the ISMC. In future, the Executive Committee will include the three Officers and ten other members of the ISMC. These ten members will be elected by a majority vote among all the members in good standing from at least fifteen candidates, self-nominated or nominated by other members of the ISMC.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held in conjunction with the biannual meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or upon the written request of three members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Any vacancy on the Executive Committee shall be filled, for the balance of the unexpired term, by appointment of the President of the Society

Section 4. Half of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Action on matters brought before the Executive Committee shall be taken upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee members present.

Article 8: Committees

Section 1. The Committees of the ISMC shall be the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Organizing Committee of Biannual Meetings, the Membership Committee, The Foreign Relations Committee, and the Awards Committee, and such other committees as shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The composition and duties of the Executive Committee are described in Article 7. The composition and duties of the Nominating Committee are described in Article 5, Sections 3 and 4.

Section 3. The Organizing Committee of Biannual Meetings shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee and any other members of the ISMC, as well as non-members, recommended by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will be nominated by members of the Executive Committee or self-nominated. Both the Chairperson and the members shall be approved by the Executive Committee for a term of two years. The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangements for the next biannual meeting. In particular, the Committee shall be responsible for the scientific program at the next meeting, including the solicitation, review, selection, and programming of papers to be presented. The Committee shall also be responsible for selecting and inviting any special speakers.

Section 4. The Membership Committee shall be composed of the Membership Committee Chairperson and two other members of the Society, nominated by the Executive Committee or self-nominated and approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for soliciting and approving new members, and for communicating with the Executive Committee on behalf of the members.

Section 6. The Foreign Relations Committee shall be composed of the Foreign Relations Chairperson and two other members of the ISMC, nominated by the Executive Committee or self-nominated and approved by the Executive Committee. The Foreign Relations Committee shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the Internet site and forming relations with other Societies, Companies, Organizations, etc.

Section 7. The Awards Committee shall be composed of the Awards Committee Chairperson and two other members of the ISMC, nominated by the Executive

Committee or self-nominated and approved by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for selecting the Recipients of official Awards.

Article 9: Official Journal

Section 1. The official Journal of the ISMC will be “Motor Control”. The President and the Executive Committee will negotiate the relations between the ISMC and the Publisher of “Motor Control”, Human Kinetics Publishers.

Article 10: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the ISMC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the ISMC may adopt.

Article 11: Amendment of the By-Laws

The Executive Committee of the ISMC, or any six members in good standing, may propose by written petition to the Secretary, an amendment to the By-Laws. A copy of such proposals shall then be mailed to all voting members in good standing within thirty days of receipt. Balloting on the proposal shall close not less than thirty days nor more than forty-five days after the proposal is mailed to members. An amendment shall be approved and adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all voting members. The results of such balloting shall be announced to the membership at the next general meeting