

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATION

GENERAL BYLAWS FOR REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Preliminary Remark: These general bylaws shall apply to Regional Chapters of ISKO. Any Regional Chapter can adopt special regulations within this framework.

1. What is a Regional Chapter?

A Regional Chapter consists of the group of ISKO members living in a well-defined geographical region.

2. Purpose of a Regional Chapter

A Regional Chapter has the purpose of promoting the interests of ISKO as well as its program in a specific region and of enabling the members to cooperate more directly and intensively within that region.

3. Formation of Regional Chapters

In a region where there is no Chapter yet a Regional Chapter can be formed when at least 10 members domiciling in that region submit to the ISKO Executive Board a written pertinent request signed by these members concerned and accompanied by a draft statute for this Regional Chapter. If the request and the draft statute are accepted by the Executive Board, the Regional Chapter will be recognized. Its borders will be laid down by the Executive Board in agreement with the applicants.

A revision of the borders of an existing Regional Chapter (subdivision of the territory, or fusion) must likewise be requested from the Executive Board. Such request shall first be approved by the membership conference(s) of the region(s) concerned. The Executive Board shall be charged with a mediating task in the case of a conflict.

4. Name of a Regional Chapter

A recognized Regional Chapter derives its name from the geographic region, e.g. "Danish ISKO Chapter".

5. Membership

No one can become a member of a Regional Chapter without first having become an ISKO member. Membership in a Regional Chapter without a simultaneous ISKO membership is therefore not possible. Membership in a Regional Chapter ends when the member departs from the given region. Multiple membership in several Regional Chapters is not possible.

6. Organization

A Regional Chapter shall have a chairperson and a deputy chairperson. These officers shall preferably be elected for at least 2 years.

Within his region the chairperson shall be responsible

for the following:

- (a) for attending to ISKO's interest
- (b) for ISKO-promoted events
- (c) for the formation of work groups within a Regional Chapter (see also the rules on bodies and committees)
- (d) for correct accounting on and within his Regional Chapter, the collection of membership fees and for their transfer to the general secretariat (see also 7),
- (e) for the biennial reporting (at the occasion of the membership assembly) on events staged, work performed, and finances handled.

Should the laws of any country require a national chapter of an international scientific organization to be officially registered, the chairperson shall be required to take the necessary steps for such official registration.

7. Financial needs of Regional Chapters

A Regional Chapter composed of members paying the full membership fee is entitled to 20% of its collected revenues. The chairperson of the Chapter shall be free to either have the membership fees collected in the region and to remit punctually no later than by the 28th of February of any year 80% of this income to the General Secretariat, or to let the members continue to pay their fees directly to the Secretariat. In the latter case 20% of the revenue from this Chapter will be returned to it by the 15th of April of the same year.

Supplementary to this share in the general membership dues, a Regional Chapter may levy dues of its own, provided the members of the given Regional Chapter agree both with this measure as such and with the amount of the supplementary dues to be paid.

8. Chapter Libraries

Each Regional Chapter will receive after establishment a complete set of the publications in the English language issued by ISKO. In addition the INDEKS Verlag is ready to donate to each chapter from its stocks one copy of relevant books in order that a Regional Chapter may build up for its members a library of its own.

9. Dissolution of a Regional Chapter

A Regional Chapter will be dissolved when the initial conditions are no longer fulfilled (e.g. through a decreasing number of members) or because of other reasons, which must be discussed with the Executive Board.

After payment of all debts, any financial means and publications remaining should be made available to ISKO's General Secretariat.

10. Publications

Publications of a Regional Chapter shall be subject to the same rules as laid down in the General Bylaws for ISKO Bodies and Committees.

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