

Bylaws of the International Society of Biocatalysis and Biotechnology (ISBB)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "International Society of Biocatalysis and Biotechnology" (ISBB), hereinafter referred to as "The Society."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The Society is organized as a professional association of international scientists whose purposes are to:

1) enhance and advance education and professional development in the field of biocatalysis and biotechnology, and 2) encourage and facilitate communication among international scientists in this discipline.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

The Society shall meet for presentation of scientific information each year. The meetings shall be held at various institutions as determined in advance by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The governing board of the Society shall be the Board of Directors. It is comprised of the elected officers, consisting of the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 8 Members-at-large. These individuals will be nominated at the business meeting of the membership at the annual meeting and elected according to the Bylaws of the Society.

The Board of Directors shall provide supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Society, shall determine its policies or changes therein, shall actively pursue its objectives. Decisions of the Board of Directors require a simple majority vote. The members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The officers of The Society shall be the President, Past President, President Elect, Treasurer and Secretary.

The President shall preside over all of the Society meetings, serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, determine the annual meeting theme and serve as the annual meeting coordinator as required to conduct The Society's business.

The President Elect shall serve together with the President as Vice President and later become President to work together with the new President Elect and the Past President. The President Elect shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume the office and responsibilities of the President at the end of the term of the incumbent President.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain a written record of the proceedings of all Society business meetings including the Board of Directors and membership meetings.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND RECALL

The article will be effective after the Society becomes a full-pledged society. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall solicit from the membership nominees for officers. The list of nominees shall be presented to the membership in the form of a ballot. The ballot shall be anonymous. Ballots will be counted by the President in the presence of at least one teller or other voting members, upon request. Nominees for each respective office receiving the most votes shall be deemed elected. New officers and members of the Board of Directors will be announced at the annual meeting and shall assume the responsibilities of the Society immediately after the annual meeting. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds majority of the entire membership using a secret mail ballot. Such a recall election can be called by a petition signed by 20 percent of the voting membership.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Past President, President Elect, Treasurer, and Chairpersons of any standing committees. The Executive Committee shall meet as called by the President, at least once each year.

The Annual Meeting Committee shall be chaired by the President. He or she shall appoint members of the committee. Members of the committee shall serve a term of 1 years. The committee shall plan and organize the annual meeting.

Special committees, necessary for the development of The Society, may be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

In the event that dissolution of the Society becomes desirable, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions to pay all for the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets to a not-for-profit organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for the scientific or educational purposes.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Changes to these Bylaws may be proposed at any time by the Board of Directors, by a majority vote at a Business Meeting, or by petition signed by ten percent of the voting membership. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the entire voting membership at least four weeks prior to the meeting, and must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those members returning marked ballots.

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Dr. Chin T. Hou

12/6/06
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