



REVISED STATUTES AS APPROVED
BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STATUTES

Article I – Name

The official name of the organization shall be the International Association of La Salle Universities. It may also be referred to as IALU.

Article II- Mission and Purpose

The mission of the International Association of La Salle Universities is to support and promote the educational vision and charism of Saint John Baptist de La Salle by facilitating innovative opportunities for collaboration, research, exchange and development among its member institutions, as well as by representing the work of Lasallian higher education within the Institute of Brothers of the Christian Schools and, as appropriate, to other higher education associations as well as civic and religious organizations.

Article III – Registration and legal domicile

IALU is a nonprofit organization which aims to stimulate and support its member institutions in the development of an international dimension in education and research through the development of concerted actions and in engaging globally, and to represent the general interest of its members internationally. It shall be registered with legal domicile in France.

Article IV – Membership

Membership in this Association shall be voluntary and open to Lasallian post-secondary, tertiary and higher education institutions. There shall be two types of membership, regular and associate.

The regular members of this Association are the Lasallian higher education institutions as of 1 June 2009 and all those approved by the Board to join in subsequent years. Each IALU regular member will have one vote and shall designate one voting affiliate. Membership dues are renewed each January for one year.

Other Lasallian higher education institutions may be admitted as new regular members into the Association, through the endorsement of the Superior of the District or Sector and with due consultation, upon the approval of the Board. The applying member must be consistent with the Lasallian tradition and must be constituted as an accredited post-secondary, tertiary or higher educational institution. The Board shall revise and verify their governance system to decide upon new adherences.

Members have the right to make proposals to the General Assembly, however, these must be sent to the Board in written form at least two months before the General Assembly.

The Associate members of this Association are non-Lasallian higher education institutions

Association and at other special meetings to which they are invited but may not vote in such. Associate members are obliged to pay dues to the Association.

The fiscal year runs from January first to December thirty-first. Members shall pay a membership fee fixed annually by the General Assembly during the first sixty days (60) of the fiscal term.

The continuing membership of the institutions in this Association shall be assessed periodically by the Board according to approved guidelines.

All members of the association are free to withdraw with a six-month notice by sending their resignations by recorded delivery with acknowledge of receipt to the Executive Director. However, before actual withdrawing, resigning members shall have to fulfill all their obligations towards the Association.

Members may be excluded or suspended on decision by the General Assembly ruling by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast of represented members, after having been given the right to defend themselves. The concerned party should be informed in writing forty (40) days before the General Assembly with a registered letter.

Suspension of membership may be decided by the Board if a member fails to pay its fee for two consecutive years. Notice will be given to the Visitor and the IALU Regional Director prior to such suspension.

Article V – General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be composed of the Heads or the duly appointed representative of the regular and associate member institutions. The authority in the government of the Association shall rest with the General Assembly which shall have the power to determine policies for the Association.

The General Assembly shall elect from its membership a President and Vice President. Regions will each elect a Regional Director for representation in the Board.

The President shall nominate a maximum of three Members-at- Large. Once they are approved by the Board they become full members of the Board with voting rights.

Membership in the Board is held by the person and not by the member institution.

The General Assembly constitutes a quorum, if the attendance reaches at least one-third of the members at the announced time. In case of no quorum at the General Assembly, a second General Assembly will be called half an hour later with the same agenda, regardless of the number of attending ordinary members.

Decisions on changes in the statutes or on the dissolution of the association require a two-third majority of the ordinary members present; for elections or other matters a simple majority

The General Assembly meeting is to be presided by the President. In case of his absence, the Vice- President shall be President; in case of their absence, the oldest Board member present shall be President. Minutes of all General Assemblies must be recorded, containing the number of attending members, the quorum and the count of any votes taken, as well as all contents of decisions, which are necessary to screen the validity of all decisions on the basis of the statutes.

If one-tenth of the members ask for an extraordinary General Assembly, the Board invites the members to such a meeting.

Article VI –Regions

The Association shall be divided into five (5) Regions in order to help achieve its mission and purpose. Each Region will be represented in the Board by an elected Regional Director. The organization of the institutions into five Regions shall be decided by the Board depending on the members of the Association.

Article VII – Board

The Board shall be subordinate and responsible to the General Assembly. Its privileged function shall be to exercise the powers of the General Assembly, to execute its policy in routine matters, to oversee and manage the ordinary activities of the Association and to take action between General Assemblies as necessary.

The Board shall be composed of a President, Vice President, Regional Directors, Members-at-Large and the General Council for Higher Education of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The latter does not need confirmation by election in the General Assembly.

Upon the proposal of the President, the Board appoints the Executive Director whose mission is to carry out the work of the Association. The Executive Director is a non-voting member of the Board.

Only the President, Vice President, Members–at-large and Regional Directors are voting members of the Board.

The term of office for the members of the Board shall be three years or the period between 3 General Assemblies. They may be re-elected for one additional term in their current position, but, thereafter, they are ineligible to serve in that same office until three years have passed or the period between 3 General Assemblies.

The terms of office of the President and the Vice President ends automatically when they cease to be members of the General Assembly. In the event of the vacancy of the position of President, the Vice President will finish the unexpired term of the President. In the event of the vacancy of the position of Vice President, an election within the Board will be held to select who among the board will finish the unexpired term of the Vice President.

The term of office of a Regional Director ends automatically when the Regional Director ceases to be a member of the General Assembly. In the event of the vacancy of the position of Regional Director, an election within the Region will be facilitated and ratified by the Board to finish the unexpired term of the Regional Director.

The term of office of a Member-at-Large shall be three years or the period between 3 General Assemblies and it is indefinitely renewable.

Article VIII – Meetings

Meetings shall be held both virtually or physically. Special meetings or Assemblies may be called by a majority of the Board. Voting rights through internet will be accepted upon verification of the members.

The General Assembly will meet physically every three years and virtually once a year.

The Board shall meet at least twice a year, physically or virtually.

A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of activities. At any meeting in which a quorum is achieved, those present shall determine all matters brought before the meeting.

The approved minutes of Board meetings and General Assemblies shall be distributed to each member institution in English.

Article IX – Committees

Standing Committees shall be established by the General Assembly pursuant to the purposes of the Association.

Ad hoc committees may be established or dissolved at the discretion of the General Assembly or the Board. The establishment of a committee shall include a clear mandate as well as guidelines for size and qualifications of membership.

Appointment in committees shall be made by the General Assembly or the Board. The duration of these appointments shall be specified by the Board.

Article X – Conferences

The General Assembly of the Association is empowered to establish various educational conferences within its jurisdiction and scope to help achieve the purpose of the Association, to divide the Association's work, to make use of additional expertise, and to involve in the work of the Association more representatives from all components of the academic community.

Article XI – Finances

The fiscal year of the Association will be January 1 – December 31. The Association shall operate under a budget developed annually by the Board. The funds of the Association shall be deposited in the legal domicile as approved by the Board. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually.

Article XII – Liaison with Other Organizations

As a professional association of the postsecondary, tertiary and higher education institutions, IALU may liaise with other organizations having similar interests and goals.

Article XIII – Amendments

Amendments to or changes in Statutes and By-laws may be proposed by any member institution by contacting the Executive Director by email. The Board will consider all proposals and, if deemed appropriate, will forward all resolutions to the entire General Assembly. Such proposals made by members shall reach the Executive Director at least two months in advance of the General Assembly. The Executive Director shall dispatch these proposals, and those made by the Board at least one month before the meeting.

Amendments to the Statutes have to be approved by an extraordinary General Assembly. An amendment is adopted at such Assembly only if (i) at least two-thirds of the votes represented at the General Assembly are affirmative and (ii) if these affirmative votes amount to more than half the total number of IALU members. In the event that the vote on a proposed amendment satisfies condition (i) but not condition (ii), the Board may refer the proposed amendment to a postal ballot of the Members. If the proposed amendment then obtains affirmative votes amounting to more than half the total number of the votes of all Members, the amendment is adopted.

The General Assembly may amend the by-laws by simple majority voting and authorizes the Board of Directors to amend by-laws at their discretion, by simple majority voting of their members.

Article XIV – Dissolution

In case of dissolution of IALU, members will have the possibility to recover the amount of their respective contributions. Any eventual surplus should be devoted to the benefit of a foundation serving the Lasallian mission.

Any outstanding debt will be paid by the member institutions according to the same assessment formula.

Article XV – Liability

IALU is liable only to the extent of its assets, and the members are not individually liable for its corporate debts and liabilities.

The liabilities of the Members are limited to the payment of their annual subscriptions and to such contributions as they may have pledged.

No Regional Director of IALU shall be individually liable for the corporate debts and liabilities of the Association. IALU shall indemnify any Regional Director or former Regional Director in respect of any claims laid against him in respect to his authorized actions on behalf of the Association. At its discretion the Board may extend this indemnity to other persons in respect of their authorized actions on behalf of IALU.

IALU shall not accept any liability for any personal loss, damage or accident sustained by an individual, not being an employee of the Association, engaged in any activity, including travel, on behalf of the Association.