

STATUTES and BY-LAWS of AIPEA

DATES

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STATUTES

I. NAME AND AIM

1. The ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ÉTUDE DES ARGILES (AIPEA), a non-profit ~~making~~ organization established in 1966 in Jerusalem (Israel) according to the statutes approved by its General Assembly and subsequent alterations, proceeds to reform said statutes and, in accordance with Article 22 of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, Constitutional Law 1/2002 (March 2022) regulating the right of Association, and other legal provisions, hereby establishes that the Association's scope of activities shall be determined in compliance with the present Statutes.

2. The name of the organization shall be ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ÉTUDE DES ARGILES (AIPEA). AIPEA shall remain affiliated to the International Union of Geological Sciences.

3. The aim of AIPEA shall be to promote international co-operation in clay research and technology. To this end its activities shall include:

- the organization of meetings - such as ~~International Clay-CLAY~~ Conferences -, ~~of~~ field excursions and ~~of~~ visits to centres of clay research and technology;
- the issue of publications on clay research and technology and of a periodical Newsletter to inform members of activities concerned with clay research;
- co-operation with other organizations having an interest in clay research and technology.

II. DOMICILE AND TERRITORIAL SCOPE

4. ~~The Society AIPEA~~ shall initially have its social domicile at the Instituto Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra, located at Avenida de las Palmeras, 4, 18100 Armilla. Granada (Spain). Phone +34 958 230000.

Commenté [BL1]: AIPEA is registered as an Association in Spain and should thus comply to Spanish laws.

5. The territorial scope of action foreseen for the activities of ~~this Society~~ AIPEA is international.

III. MEMBERSHIP

6.

a) AIPEA may accept as members individuals (individual members, who may also be life members), ~~institutions and companies (corporate members)~~, and national or regional societies (Affiliated Societies) with an interest in clay research or technology. Individual members of Affiliated Societies in good standing shall be AIPEA members.

b) Application for individual ~~or corporate~~ membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary General or Treasurer and be accompanied by the appropriate membership fee. Applications from national or regional Societies wishing to become Affiliated shall be made to the Secretary General in writing giving relevant information on field of interest, number of members, etc. If approved by Council (which shall not be required to give any reason for non-approval) the Society shall become Affiliated on payment of the appropriate membership fee.

c) Membership will be for the period for which the membership fee is paid. If it is one year's dues the member will be in good standing for one year. If the membership fee is not paid, the membership may be cancelled unless there are extenuating circumstances which will be determined by the Council.

d) Council may call upon a member to resign from AIPEA by communicating to the member in writing and stating concisely the grounds on which it proposes to act. Council shall give the ~~member~~ affected member proper facilities for stating the member's case either orally or in writing as Council shall determine. If the member does not resign within two months of being called upon to do so, Council may by resolution terminate the member's membership. Council may at any time, without stating any reason, refuse to accept an annual fee to renew a member's subscription.

e) A member shall be deemed to be bound by these Statutes and the By-Laws made hereunder.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

7. A Council appointed by and answerable to the General Assembly shall be responsible for the activities and general administration of AIPEA in accordance with the Statutes and By-Laws of AIPEA and the decisions of the General Assembly.

8. The General Assembly shall consist of (a) individual members, (b) ~~one representative of each corporate member and (c)~~ one representative of each Affiliated Society, and (c) individual members of Affiliated Societies in good standing present at a Business Meeting. An individual member or an individual member of an Affiliated Society may appoint another member as ~~his~~ their proxy. Each proxy ~~and representative~~ shall be appointed by the member in writing and this proxy appointment shall be valid only if the document appointing ~~him~~ the

Commenté [BL2]: In good standing means that the Affiliated Societies have paid fees for their members

Commenté [BL3]: This modification to make members of Affiliated NCGs voting members of AIPEA. The previous writing implied the same weight for a single individual member and one NCG (whatever its membership). Members of NCGs were not members of AIPEA and thus not allowed to vote.

Commenté [BL4]: This is to avoid a complex procedure to allow representative of NCGs to vote at a business meeting

proxy member is lodged with the Secretary General before the commencement of the meetings.

9. An ~~Ordinary~~ Business Meeting shall be held at each International Clay-CLAY Conference. Council may of its own volition or upon receipt of a requisition in writing organize special ballots between successive Business Meetings. This requisition must be signed by at least 5% of AIPEA members. It should state the purpose for which such a ballot is desired and declare any resolution proposed for the ballot. ~~A Special Business Meeting may also be called by Council or by the Secretary General within 90 days of receipt of a requisition in writing signed by or on behalf of not less than one quarter of the members stating the purpose for which such a meeting is desired and setting out any resolution which it is desired to propose thereat. Such a Special Business Meeting can only be held during a Congress or Session arranged under the auspices of the International Union of Geological Sciences.~~

10. Notice of ~~any~~ Business Meetings must be given to AIPEA members at least 1 month in advance by email listserv and posted on AIPEA website.

The function of ~~Ordinary~~ Business Meetings shall be:

- a) to receive reports from Officers and Council;
- b) to receive reports from Chairmen-Chairpersons of Committees and others entrusted with special tasks;
- c) to consider and vote on alterations and amendments, if any, to the Statutes and By-Laws;
- d) to elect Officers and Council when appropriate;

e) to approve the creation of a new Standing or Ad Hoc Committee proposed by Council;

ef) to receive and adopt an audited abstract of the accounts of AIPEA for the period 1st January prior to the previous ~~Ordinary~~ Business Meeting to the 31st December prior to the current meeting;

fg) to ~~agree on~~approve the location of the International Clay-CLAY Conference approximately four years in advance of the convening of the Conference;

gh) to deal with any special matter Council desires to bring before members and to receive and consider suggestions from members ~~for consideration by Council~~.

~~At a Special Business Meeting no business shall be transacted other than that specified in the notice, and no amendment to any resolution proposed at the meeting shall be allowed.~~

11. At a Business Meeting each member present in person, by proxy or by representative shall have one vote and decisions shall be by simple majority of votes cast, except for the items covered in Articles ~~38-36~~ and ~~40-38~~. Non-members of AIPEA may attend a Business

Meeting of the General Assembly and contribute to discussion but they shall have no voting rights. Each AIPEA member has one vote at special ballots organized between successive Business Meetings and decisions shall be by simple majority of votes cast, except for the items covered in Articles 36 and 38.

12. At Business Meetings of the General Assembly the President, ~~or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence the President's nominee,~~ and the Secretary General, or acting Secretary General, shall be the Chairman-Chairperson and Secretary, respectively. If the President is absent, the meeting shall be chaired by the Vice-President or, in the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the meeting shall be chaired by the President's nominee.

13. Council shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer (hereinafter termed the Officers), the immediate Past-President, six Ordinary Councillors, one representative of the CLAY conference Organizing Committees and, if not already on Council, the Chairmen-Chairpersons of the Standing Committees set up under Article 19. No two Ordinary Councillors may be from the same country and all Officers and ~~councillors-Councillors~~ must be ~~individual~~ members of AIPEA at their election and during their period of service.

14. Should the office of President fall vacant between Conferences, the Vice-President shall become acting President; should the offices of Secretary General or Treasurer fall vacant, an acting Secretary General or Treasurer shall be appointed by Council. Should a vacancy occur among Ordinary Councillors, Council may co-opt an ~~individual~~ member of AIPEA from the country or region of the Councillor whose appointment, resignation or death caused the vacancy for the remainder of ~~his~~their period of service. Any person filling a vacancy as aforesaid shall be eligible for election as if ~~he~~the said person had not filled it.

15. The period of service of Council shall be from the end of the ~~International Clay-CLAY~~ Conference at which it was elected to the end of the ~~subsequent International Clay-CLAY~~ Conference held approximately four years later. The President and Vice-President shall serve only one such term as President and Vice-President, ~~whereas and~~ Ordinary Councillors may be elected as Ordinary Councillors for only one additional term. The Secretary General and Treasurer may be elected for further terms if willing to serve.

16. At least 3 months ahead of ~~an International Clay-CLAY~~ Conferences at which a new Council should be elected, Council shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the President, two Ordinary Councillors and two individual members of AIPEA not then on Council. This committee shall present to Council prior to the ~~Ordinary~~ Business Meeting of the General Assembly a nomination for each of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Treasurer and for Ordinary Councillors corresponding to the number of vacancies occurring. These nominations, as approved or adjusted by Council, shall be presented to the ~~Ordinary~~ Business Meeting of the General Assembly. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the General Assembly, supported by a seconder and by statement from the nominees ~~that he is~~they are willing to serve if elected.

17. Council, apart from the ~~representative~~ Representatives of the Organizing Committees ~~for future the next International Clay-CLAY~~ Conferences and the Chairmen-Chairpersons of

Standing Committees set up under Article 19, shall be elected by the General Assembly from the total list of nominations. Should the nominations made by Council not be approved “en bloc” by the General Assembly~~added to~~, then ~~the succeeding Council may be elected en bloc, but should~~ additional nominations should be made ~~a by secret~~ ballot ~~must be~~ held for each position contested. This ballot shall be organized within two months after the conference by the outgoing Council led by its Secretary General. Election shall be by simple majority of the votes cast. The ~~representative~~ Representative of the Organizing Committee for the ~~next~~ International Clay-CLAY Conference to be held approximately four years later shall be nominated by the Organizing Committee appointed by Council.

18. Each member of Council has a single vote and the President, or acting President, a casting vote. Chairpersons of newly created committees are allowed to vote only if the creation of their Committee has been approved by a vote at the Business Meeting of the General Assembly. Decisions are taken by simple majority. Council has the power to suspend By-Laws temporarily, subject to ratification by the General Assembly. Council also has the power to conduct its business by correspondence.

19. Council may of its own volition or at the request of the General Assembly appoint committees to consider and report on any matter. Unless otherwise decided by Council, each committee shall elect its own ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson and have power to co-opt members. Council may alter the membership of any committee at any time. Such committees may be Standing Committees or Ad Hoc committees, depending on the remit.

20. Council shall decide ~~on if~~ the location of the legal domicile of AIPEA should be changed. Domicile modification of AIPEA should be approved by the General Assembly.

21. All service as Officers and as members of Council or ~~of~~ Committees shall be entirely honorary.

V. CONTRACTS AND REPRESENTATION

22. All contracts and agreements made by AIPEA shall be signed by the President or acting President and the Secretary General or acting Secretary General.

23. The President or acting President shall be the official representative of AIPEA but is empowered to appoint a proxy should ~~he/she/they~~ be unable so to act.

VI. FINANCE

24. The foundational assets of the Society consist of 300.00 (three hundred) euros.

25. ~~Membership fees shall be as set down in the By-Laws. These shall be reviewed periodically by Council who may make recommendations for their alteration to the General Assembly.~~ Membership categories shall be as set down in the By-Laws. Membership fees shall be reviewed periodically by Council.

26. The income of AIPEA, such as membership fees and contributions from other sources, shall be held in custody by the Treasurer, who shall operate bank accounts in the name of

AIPEA held in a country or countries not subject to restrictions on international transfer of funds and who shall ensure that reserve funds are invested in the most advantageous manner in accordance with written professional advice. Withdrawals from such accounts shall be signed by either the Treasurer or the President.

27. Should sums be set aside in special account(s) for a specific purpose by Council or the General Assembly the signatures required for withdrawals shall be decided by Council.

28. All funds must be held in such a way that they are always readily available for the activities of AIPEA.

29. AIPEA is under no obligation to pay expenses that are incurred without the sanction of the Officers. Before incurring any expenditure other than normal running expenses - such as postages, meeting accommodation, etc. Committees appointed under Article 19 must obtain the sanction of the Officers, who may require a current financial statement from the Treasurer before reaching a decision. The amount spent by each Committee shall be itemized in the accounts.

30. The accounts shall be audited in the country of the Treasurer by auditors appointed by Council. Accounts shall be made up as at 31st December each year and a properly audited statement presented to Council by 1st May of the succeeding year.

VII. ~~INTERNATIONAL~~ CLAY CONFERENCES

31. AIPEA shall promote ~~International Clay~~ CLAY Conferences at approximately ~~4 two-yearly~~ intervals. ~~The organizing National Clay Groups shall be different from those which organized the preceding two ICC meetings.~~

32. Bids for the organization of a CLAY conference shall be submitted in accordance with the AIPEA By-Laws.

~~32. Firm offers to host an International Clay Conference must be made to the Secretary General in writing, with evidence of the resources available to the prospective hosts, at least four weeks before commencement of the preceding International Clay Conference. Council shall report on the offers received to the General Assembly at the preceding International Clay Conference and shall recommend the offer which it considers most suitable.~~

33. The selected hosts for the ~~next CLAY~~ International Clay Conference ~~to be held approximately four years later~~ shall appoint an Organizing Committee ~~to be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the Conference, including publication of the Proceedings.~~ The Officers of AIPEA shall be advisory members of the Organizing Committee but may not be full members of this Committee.

34. The Organizing Committee will ensure that their income will cover all conference expenses and will set the registration and field trip fees accordingly. AIPEA will not be responsible for any shortfall from the CLAY conference.

~~34~~35. The Organizing Committee shall be assisted in all matters of publicity by Council.

~~35. Arrangements for timely publication of the Proceedings shall be made by the Organizing Committee in collaboration with any additional editorial board that Council may appoint.~~

~~36. For activities in the host country or region the Organizing Committee shall have an account separate from those of AIPEA, into which shall be paid all money received for that International Clay Conference and from which shall be paid all debts incurred. The account shall be in the custody of the Organizing Committee, or of a Treasurer of the Conference appointed by the Organizing Committee, and after each Conference a properly audited statement shall be submitted to Council.~~

~~37. The Organizing Committee will ensure that their income will cover all conference expenses and will set the registration and field trip fees accordingly. The registration fee for each registrant will include \$10 which will be paid to AIPEA. AIPEA will not be responsible for any shortfall from the International Conference. Any surplus funds, after payment of all just and lawful expenses and repayment of any loans will be divided equally between the host society and AIPEA. If a host society is not responsible for organizing an international conference, then the surplus will be paid in full to the Treasurer of AIPEA. This \$10 fee per registrant will go directly to the Student Travel Fund of AIPEA and can only be used to support bonafide students attending the International Clay Conference.~~

VIII. AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES AND DISSOLUTION

~~3836.~~ Amendments to the Statutes shall be adopted if approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a Business Meeting of the General Assembly unless a ballot by email is demanded by 15 members present in person, by proxy or by representative from at least 5 different countries.

~~3937.~~ Such amendments may be proposed:

a) by Council;

b) by at least 6 members of AIPEA from at least 3 different National Clay Groups in writing to the Secretary General at least 3 calendar months before the date of the Business Meeting. Amendments proposed under (b), together with any comments of Council, shall be available in writing to all members of AIPEA before the commencement of the Business Meeting.

~~4038.~~ Dissolution of AIPEA for any reason shall be initiated by at least two AIPEA Council members or by a petition to the Council signed by 5% of AIPEA members. Such motion or petition must be approved by a two-third majority of the Council and then must be ratified in a ballot by two thirds of AIPEA members voting on the measure. Any proposal for dissolution of AIPEA must bear the signatures of at least 6 members, be received by the Secretary General at least 9 calendar months before an International Clay Conference and be notified to all members of AIPEA, along with comments of Council and a ballot paper, at least 6 weeks prior to the commencement of an International Clay Conference.

| ~~4139~~. Proposals subject to ~~postal~~ ballot under Articles ~~38-36~~ or ~~40-38~~ shall come into force if accepted by two-thirds of all members voting by ballot.

| ~~4240~~. In the event of dissolution of ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ÉTUDE DES ARGILES, its property shall pass to the International Union of Geological Sciences.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLES 1-9

I. MEMBERSHIP

1.

a) Membership fees will be set by action of the Council in ~~US dollars~~ Euros or equivalent in US dollars ~~Euro~~ for the following categories:

a) ~~individual~~ Individual member

b) ~~institutional or company member~~

c) Affiliated Societies

~~student member~~

~~Retirees do not pay any dues.~~

~~The AIPEA Treasurer will send invoices to individual members to be paid on a 4-year basis.~~

Individuals 65 years of age and older who have been individual members for 12 years or more shall automatically become Life Members on notification to the Treasurer. ~~Life members do not pay any dues. A Life Member must verify his membership every 4 years coinciding with the year of the International Clay Conference.~~ Affiliated societies are members of AIPEA but the society does not pay any dues. ~~Registered societies send lists of physical members and~~ pay fees for their members directly to the AIPEA treasurer annually 'en bloc'. ~~Individual members of Affiliated Societies in good standing shall be AIPEA members. Non-registered societies send members lists to the AIPEA Treasurer. The AIPEA Treasurer will send invoices to these members to be paid on a 4 years basis.~~

2. The Council has made provision for a periodic membership of four years ~~covering two CLAY conferences coinciding with the International Clay Conferences which are scheduled every four years.~~ The Council urges all members to pay their membership fees for a four-year period ~~to so that membership will be continuous from one International Clay Conference to the next. This will~~ make the administrative functions of the Treasurer and the Organizing Committee ~~s much~~ easier.

3. Each ~~individual and corporate~~ member of AIPEA as defined in Article 6 of the Statutes shall receive periodical information concerning announcements and editorial initiatives of AIPEA. This information will be provided by email ~~th~~rough the AIPEA listserves.

4. ~~Communication~~ AIPEA communication with individual countries or regions shall be through Liaison Officers, through other appropriate societies or, where neither exists, through ~~honorary~~ Honorary Correspondents willing to accept responsibility for dissemination of information on the activities of AIPEA throughout their country or region. A list of such appropriate Societies and Correspondents shall be kept by the Secretary General.

Commenté [BL5]: Not mentioning possible sponsorship by a company as a specific category for membership. Sponsorship of conferences is preferred.

5. Registers of members of each grade-category shall be kept by the Secretary General and the Treasurer who shall jointly be responsible for ensuring that each member receives appropriate publications, announcements and circulars. The Secretary General shall arrange for distribution to Liaison Officers of regular reports on activities of Standing Committees and other relevant information.

II. AWARDS

76. AIPEA confers the following Awards:

a. AIPEA Medals

b. AIPEA Fellows

c. W.F. Bradley Award

d. Student Best Speaker & Poster Awards

e. Students Travel Grants

f. Early Career Clay Scientist Travel Grant

g. Early Career Clay Scientist Research Grant

The periodicity of these awards, and details on how they are awarded are detailed on the AIPEA website (www.aipea.org).

III. STANDING COMMITTEES

7. An AIPEA Nomenclature Committee was established by Council under Article 19 of the Statutes to make general and specific recommendations concerning:

- (1) definitions of mineralogical and crystallographic clay-related terms;
- (2) classification and terminology of clays, clay minerals and related terms;
- (3) standardization of structural and descriptive terms;
- (4) the emphasis (or re-emphasis) of the proper use of terms; and
- (5) any additional aspects relating to nomenclature.

8. An AIPEA Teaching Committee was established by Council under Article 19 of the Statutes to organize a session on teaching clay science at each CLAY Conference. The chair of the Teaching Committee coordinates with the chair of the upcoming CLAY Conference to assure that teaching clay science is included in the list of planned sessions, and serves as chair of the Teaching Clay Science session during the CLAY Conference. The committee members provide input on the structure of the session, suggestions for possible topics to highlight, and may identify individuals who have innovative teaching approaches to share. The Chairperson of the Teaching Committee shall assist the CLAY Conference Organizing Committee to define the topic and content of AIPEA School for Young Scientists (ASYS).

9. An AIPEA Hazardous Minerals Committee was established by Council under Article 19 of the Statutes to act as a source of information on clay minerals and clay-size minerals that are, or could be, hazardous for human and animal health. Its activity focuses on available data on biological interactions and on aspects relating to the mineralogical risk.

10. An AIPEA Early Career Clay Scientist Committee was established by Council under Article 19 of the Statutes to support scientists that are within 5 years after completion of their PhD:

Commenté [BL6]: This section was added to AIPEA By-laws and the text taken from AIPEA website

Early Career Clay Scientists (ECCS). AIPEA provides a platform for ECCS to connect them to regional, national or international clay groups, encouraging them to contribute to – and benefit from – the AIPEA network of clay societies. ECCS also share cutting edge research on clays or other news using, for example, webinars or any other electronic communication means or in person during CLAY Conferences social media.

11. An AIPEA Conference Advisory Committee (ACAC) was established by Council under Article 19 of the Statutes to provide guidelines for organizing CLAY conferences and to recommend a selection of the proposals to host this conference to AIPEA Council.

IV. CLAY CONFERENCES

~~7.12.~~ AIPEA shall promote CLAY conferences at approximately 2-yearly intervals. The National Clay Group hosting the CLAY conference shall be different from that which organized the preceding two CLAY conferences. The CLAY conference series has its origins in the unification of the International Clay Conference (ICC) and Euroclay conference series, and alternation of CLAY conference hosts and locations between ECGA-affiliated societies (European Clay Groups Association) and clay societies worldwide shall be favored. The organizing National Clay Groups shall be different from those which organized the preceding two ICC meetings.

~~8.13.~~ Firm offers to host an International Clay Conference must be made to the Secretary General in writing, with evidence of the resources available to the prospective hosts, at least four weeks before commencement of the preceding International Clay Conference. Letters of intent to host a CLAY conference must be sent by Affiliated Societies to the Secretary General in writing at least six months before commencement of the CLAY conference held four years before the planned conference (that is six months before commencement of, e.g., the CLAY 2027 conference for the organization of the CLAY 2031 conference). This letter of intent should include the following information to allow an informed assessment by the ACAC: conference location, expected conference fee, whether or not a professional conference organizer will be involved, expected attendance (based on location), whether or not there is the possibility for university housing or university-based conference rooms, and any other information the proposing Affiliated Society will consider relevant for this assessment. Supporting letters from other National Clay Groups shall not be considered at this stage. ACAC will assess all received proposals and within eight weeks after submission deadline will recommend the selected proposal to Council for approval. A final and complete version of the proposal must be sent to the Secretary General in writing at least four weeks before commencement of the CLAY conference held four years before the planned conference. This final proposal shall be prepared according to the ACAC “guidelines for the organization of a CLAY conference” that are available from AIPEA Secretary. Council shall report on the offers received to the General Assembly at that CLAY conference (e.g., CLAY 2027 for the selection of CLAY 2031 conference) and shall recommend the offer which it considers most suitable.

35. Arrangements for timely publication of the Proceedings shall be made by the Organizing Committee in collaboration with any additional editorial board that Council may appoint.

Commenté [BL7]: Initially intended modifications were devoted to the present §12 and 13:

- i) 2 year periodicity of CLAY conferences
- ii) 6 year embargo on the organization of CLAY conferences by the same NCG (in the same country)
- iii) Simplification of the proposal submission from a complete bid one month in advance of the CLAY conference to a letter of intent 6-8 months in advance. Letters of intent should include necessary information to allow an informed assessment of the different proposals.

Commenté [BL8]: The next 4 § were moved from the Statutes to the By-laws to make subsequent modifications easier when needed.

If parts of the current statutes were modified/removed compared to the initial versions in the Statutes they are shown as modifications.

14. For activities in the host country or region, the Organizing Committee shall have an account separate from those of AIPEA into which shall be paid all money received for that CLAY conference and from which shall be paid all debts incurred. The account shall be arranged by in the custody of the Organizing Committee or of a Treasurer of the Conference appointed by the Organizing Committee, and after each Conference a properly audited statement shall be submitted to Council.

15. The Organizing Committee will ensure that their income will cover all conference expenses and will set the registration and field trip fees accordingly. The registration fee for each registrant will include \$€10 which will be paid to AIPEA. This \$€10 fee will shall be paid to AIPEA and shall go directly to the Student Travel Fund of AIPEA and can only be used to support bona fide students attending the CLAY conferences. AIPEA shall not be responsible for any shortfall from the CLAY conference. Any surplus funds - after payment of all just and lawful expenses and repayment of any loans - will be divided equally between the host society and AIPEA. The AIPEA share will be used primarily to support initiatives of the Early Career Clay Scientists (ECCS) committee on top of the regular ECCS support. If a host society is not responsible for organizing an international conference, then the surplus will be paid in full to the Treasurer of AIPEA.

V. TRAVEL FUND

16. An AIPEA Travel Fund, established by Council under Article 27 of the Statutes, shall be funded by such sums from the general reserves of AIPEA as Council shall from time to time decide. The following rules shall apply:

- a) The Custodians of the Fund shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer and immediate Past-President of AIPEA.
- b) The sum disbursed, which shall never exceed the accumulated interest on the original capital or the capital as subsequently modified by Council, may be used only for the payment of reasonable travel and hotel accommodation expenses incurred by (i) the President or ~~his~~ designate who is in officially representing AIPEA or (ii) the President or acting President, the Secretary General and/or the Treasurer in attending Council meetings or Business Meetings of the General Assembly when Council deem it necessary they appear in person.
- c) Payment shall be made in respect of travel expenses only to the extent that they are the most economical possible having regard to time and in respect of hotel accommodation expenses only to the extent that they are for the minimum period necessary.
- d) No payment shall be made in respect of any expenses unless all the custodians have approved the relevant travel and hotel accommodation arrangements in advance and have satisfied themselves that the expenses to be paid for out of the Fund cannot be funded from any other official source.
- e) The person for whom expenses paid for out of the fund are incurred shall render an account thereof to the custodians within 30 days of the completion of ~~his~~ the task.
- f) The fund shall be deposited in a banking account in the name of AIPEA Travel Fund and no sum shall be drawn from this account ~~within~~ without the signatures of both the Treasurer and the President.
- g) Council may at any time require all or part of the capital in the fund to be repaid to the general funds of AIPEA.

~~7. AIPEA confers the following Awards:~~

~~a. AIPEA Medals~~

~~b. AIPEA Fellows~~

~~c. W.F. Bradley Award~~

~~d. Student Best Speaker & Poster Awards~~

~~e. Students Travel Grants~~

~~f. Early Career Clay Science Travel Grant~~

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VI. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

17. Amendments to By-Laws that are proposed by AIPEA Council shall be adopted if approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a Business Meeting of the General Assembly or by an electronic ballot. Amendments to By-Laws shall come into force immediately after ballot if adopted.