

# INTERNATIONAL LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY

(ILCS)

## BYLAWS

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The ILCS is a voluntary, non-profit international organization. Its objects are:

- (i) to encourage the scientific and educational advancement of liquid crystals
- (ii) to provide a forum for individuals and organizations to exchange information and ideas relating to liquid crystals; and
- (iii) to serve the needs of the liquid crystal community, including both individual scientists and the industry.

Membership of the Society consists of student members, associate members, members, sustaining members and affiliate members. (See the bylaws for more details.)

### **BYLAWS of the International Liquid Crystal Society**

#### **Article 1 — Name**

The society shall be called The International Liquid Crystal Society, hereafter called the ILCS.

#### **Article 2 — Objects and Scope**

1. The objects of this Society shall be:

- (a) To encourage the scientific and educational advancement of liquid crystals.
- (b) To provide a forum for individuals and organizations to exchange information and ideas relating to liquid crystals.
- (c) To serve the needs of the liquid crystal community, including both individual scientists and industry.

2. The scope of the ILCS is fully international.

#### **Article 3 — Membership**

1. Grades and Qualifications

- (a) **Student member** — An individual pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.
- (b) **Associate Member** — An individual interested in furthering the objects of the ILCS.
- (c) **Member** — An individual active in a profession related to the field of liquid crystals who has at least a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.

- (d) **Sustaining member** — A corporation or other business organization interested in furthering the objects of the ILCS by means of a financially supporting role.
- (e) **Affiliate Society member** — An organization, other than a corporation or business, interested in furthering the objects of the ILCS.

## 2. Privileges

All members in good standing (except that Student, Associate, Sustaining Members and Affiliate Society Members may not vote, hold office or serve on the Nominating Committee), shall have equal privileges including the right to:

- (a) Vote for Officers and Directors and vote on such other Society matters as require polling of the membership.
- (b) Hold offices and membership in standing committees.

## Article 4 — Dues

Each member of the ILCS shall contribute dues annually in accordance with their grades and on a schedule as determined by the Board of Directors.

## Article 5 — Officers

1. The officers of the ILCS shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who with the approval of the Board of Directors and assistance of duly appointed committees, shall conduct the business of the Society.
2. The term of office for each officer shall be two years.
3. The President is limited to two consecutive terms and has to wait two years before being re-elected to the same office.
4. After four consecutive years of having one (or two) President(s) from the same country, the next President shall be elected from another country.
5. Any member in good standing at the time of nomination is eligible for each office.
6. The duties and authority for each office are as follows:
  - (a) **President** — The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Society and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Society. He or she shall, when present, preside at all general business meetings of the Society.
  - (b) **Vice-President** — The Vice-President shall act in place of the President if the latter is unable to perform his or her duties. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

- (c) **Secretary** — The Secretary shall:
  - (i) maintain the membership list and other records of the Society;
  - (ii) prepare an agenda and the minutes of all meetings of the officers;
  - (iii) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provision of these bylaws.

- (d) **Treasurer** — The Treasurer shall:
  - (i) be responsible for the financial affairs of the Society;
  - (ii) prepare a budget of income and expenses each year and submit it to the President.  
The account books shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.

7. Vacancies occurring for any reason between elections in the office of President will be filled by the Vice-President. Vacancies in other offices will be filled by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

## **Article 6 — Board of Directors**

1. (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, the immediate past-President, one elected representative from each Chapter, the Regional Representatives and Representatives from each national liquid crystal society which is an Affiliate Society member. The President of the Society shall serve as Chairman of the Board.

(b) The regional Representatives shall be appointed biennially by the Board of Directors to represent areas of significant liquid crystal activity in which a Chapter does not exist. The Regional Representative shall be responsible for the promotion of ILCS interests and establishment of new chapters in these areas. The Regional Representatives will prepare the proposals for the formation of local chapters in their regions for approval by the Board of Directors. This should include selection of temporary officers and assistance in formulating bylaws for the local chapters that are consistent with the ILCS bylaws.

2. All Society powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Society shall be controlled by, the Board of Directors.

## **Article 7 — Committees**

### **1. Executive Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer with the President acting as Committee Chairman.
- (b) The committee shall conduct the business of the ILCS under the terms of the bylaws and the general guidance of the Board of Directors.

### **2. Nominating Committee**

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the last two Presidents and additional members appointed by the Board of Directors.
  - (b) The Committee shall have final responsibility for selection of candidates submitted to the membership for elected office, and shall not be subject to review of the Board of Directors.
3. All other committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. They consist of:
- (a) **Conference Committee** — To solicit sponsors, approve and supervise international liquid crystal conferences.
  - (b) **Honors and Awards Committee** — To review candidates for the Glenn H Brown Award, and recommend such honors and awards as may become appropriate to the ILCS.
  - (c) **Publications Committee** — To publish the official magazine, "*Liquid Crystals Today*". The Society will not publish conference proceedings, books or monographs of any kind.

Other committees may be created by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 8 — Nominations and Elections**

- 1. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by members of the Society by mail ballot. Election shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee.
- 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 3. Chapter Representatives will be elected by the members of their own local chapters.
- 4. Regional Representatives will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 9 — Chapters**

- 1. It is the intent of the Society that a major portion of ILCS activities shall be performed within Chapter organizations. The Board of Directors shall establish and maintain a set of regulations for the organization of such Chapters on petition of membership.

Every member shall be encouraged but not required to belong to a Chapter.

#### **Article 10 — Amendments**

Any group of ten or more members may, by signed petition submitted to the Board of Directors, propose an amendment of these bylaws.

The Board of Directors shall establish a committee to review the petition and make recommendations to the membership. The Secretary shall be directed to submit the proposed amendment, together with the committee recommendations for approval by majority vote of all members in good standing with the next ballot.