

CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL THERMODYNAMICS

ARTICLE 1

Name and Objectives

Section 1. The name of this organisation shall be the International Association of Chemical Thermodynamics hereinafter referred to as IACT, wherein "Thermodynamics" includes both equilibrium and non-equilibrium thermodynamics.

Section 2. The objects of IACT shall be:—

- 2.1. to advance education in thermodynamics;
- 2.2. to advance the application of thermodynamics in science, technology and education;
- 2.3. to develop a better theoretical understanding of thermodynamic properties;
- 2.4. to encourage the measurement of thermodynamic properties of pure compounds and mixtures which have industrial importance and/or are of special academic interest;
- 2.5. to improve experimental techniques in thermodynamics;
- 2.6. to promote the development of theory (including statistical mechanics, quantum chemistry, molecular mechanics and molecular simulation) to improve the understanding of thermodynamic properties;
- 2.7. to establish standards of excellence in the conduct of thermodynamic research and in its reporting in the scientific literature;
- 2.8. to encourage the compilation, critical evaluation and dissemination of thermodynamic data and other information;
- 2.9. to promote the understanding, teaching and use of thermodynamic principles, procedures and data;
- 2.10. to publicise the important role played by thermodynamics in the solution of problems of present-day civilisation;

- 2.11. to select the site and appoint the Conference Chair for the ~~biennial~~ International Conference on Chemical Thermodynamics (hereafter called the Biennial Conference), to be held every two years under ordinary circumstances, and as close as reasonable under extraordinary circumstances;
- 2.12. to provide a forum for communication among thermodynamicists world-wide for the exchange of ideas and results of recent research;
- 2.13. to encourage collaboration among thermodynamicists through project-based activities.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Qualified applicants shall attain membership as provided in the Bylaws. Applications for membership may be denied at the discretion of the Directors.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1. The Officers and other Members of the Board of Directors shall be Members of IACT.

Section 2. The Officers of IACT shall be a Chair, Chair-elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer, or a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by the Board of Directors, after ~~their~~ the Directors' election by the Members at a business meeting of IACT at the Biennial Conference. The term of office of the Chair shall normally be four years, however, the term may be extended for a further four years for a total not exceeding 8 years. The Chair-elect is appointed two years before the end of term of the Chair, and automatically becomes Chair after serving for two years. After serving his term, the Chair becomes Past Chair for two years. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer (or the Secretary and Treasurer) shall be four years, with a possible re-election for further terms. The terms of office shall begin at the close of the business meeting of IACT at the Biennial Conference, at which the election of the officers occurred, and shall terminate at the close of the business meeting at which the next regular election for that office occurs. Offices vacated for any reason shall be filled by election at the next regular meeting of the IACT. Interim appointments to such offices may be made by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, the immediate Past Chair, and six Directors serving staggered four-year terms,~~and five Counsellors serving staggered four-year terms.~~ The Board will therefore consist of at most 10 members. At the business meeting of IACT at each Biennial Conference, there will be an election of three Directors to four-year terms, except in those years where the terms of office of any of the Officers, or of the immediate Past Chair is due to expire, when an equal number of additional Directors will be elected to the Board, also for a four-year term. ~~Two Counsellors (or three as required) shall be elected to four-year terms by the Board of Directors as soon as possible after the business meeting of IACT at each Biennial Conference.~~ Directors ~~and Counsellors~~ shall be eligible for re-election. Vacancies in unexpired terms of elected Directors shall be filled at the time of the next regular election of Directors. ~~Vacancies in unexpired terms of Counsellors shall be filled at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 4. The terms of office of elected Members of the Board of Directors shall begin at the close of the business meeting of IACT at the Biennial Conference during which their election occurs, and shall terminate at the close of the business meeting at which the next regular election for that office occurs.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the property, financial affairs, and all legal matters affecting the IACT, and shall be responsible for carrying out the programmes and pursuing the aims of the IACT, as set forth in Article I. It shall meet in a Board of Directors meeting, normally once each year, and ~~ordinarily either~~ in conjunction with, or immediately preceding, a scientific conference, or using video conferencing software.

Section 6. No part of the net income of the IACT can go to the benefit of any director or officer of the Association, except in the case of travelling, accommodation and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings, where prior approval for partial or full reimbursement has been given by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 1. Committees having assignments within the stated terms of reference of the IACT may be established by a vote of the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Ad hoc committees for study of and report on special problems may be appointed by the Chair, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Committee on Nominations shall normally consist of the Chair-elect and two other Members of the Board of Directors, who are not officers and who shall be selected by the Chair-elect with the concurrence of the Chair.

Section 4. The Committee on Audit shall consist of three Members who are not Members of the Board of Directors and of whom at least one shall be an ex-officer of the IACT.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

Section 1. Proposals to amend the Constitution of the IACT may be initiated by 25 or more Members of the IACT in good standing, or by a minimum of a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, and must be sent to the Secretary.

Section 2. Proposals to amend the Constitution of the IACT shall be sent by electronic mail by the Secretary to all Members 30 days before the Biennial Conference at which a secret ballot will be taken during the business meeting of IACT. Approval by two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for ratification.

ARTICLE VI

Bylaws

Section 1. The Board of Directors is empowered to adopt such Bylaws for the proper government of the affairs of the IACT as do not conflict with the Constitution.

Section 2. Proposals to amend the Bylaws shall be sent by the Secretary to the Board of Directors at least fourteen days before the meeting of the Board of Directors at which a ballot will be taken. Amendments to the Bylaws will be adopted when approved by more than half of the total number of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Mail Ballots

Section 1. Where any members are unable to attend a business meeting of IACT at the Biennial Conference, or where any of the Directors are unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors, their votes may be cast by electronic mail or by fax.