

## **International Biometric Society - British and Irish Region Rules**

Rule 1. The Region shall endeavour to promote quantitative biology in all its aspects.

Rule 2. Membership of the Region is open to scientists resident in the British Isles, and to British and Irish scientists resident in other countries.

Rule 3. The business of the Region shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Regional President, Vice-President (who shall be his immediate predecessor during his first year in office or his immediate successor during his second year in office), the Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and six Ordinary members together with any members of the General Council of the Society who belong to the Region. Four shall form a quorum. (Amended October, 1997).

Rule 4. The Regional President shall be elected biennially, and on retirement at the end of a two year term shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. The Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. Two ordinary members shall retire each year by seniority in order of election and shall not be eligible for re-election to ordinary membership of the Committee until a year has elapsed. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in their number, subject to the approval of the next Annual Meeting. Any member so appointed to a casual vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of his predecessor; but shall be eligible for immediate re-election. (Amended October, 1997).

Rule 5. For each year there shall be an Annual Meeting of the Region, held in the months of September, October or November of that year. There shall be such other meetings as the Committee may decide. At least ten days' notice shall be given of all meetings. Longer notice shall be given if another By-Law so requires. (Amended December, 1978).

Rule 6. At least six weeks' notice shall be given of the Annual Meeting. (Amended May, 1970).

Rule 7. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Regional Committee and such other persons as the Regional President may appoint. Each year the Secretary shall in writing invite the members of the Region to suggest names of persons to serve as Regional Officers and Committee Members. He shall allow at least three weeks for reply. The Nominating Committee shall consider the names suggested and shall propose a list of nominees for appointment at the next Annual Meeting taking care that the various activities and interests of the membership are fairly represented. The list shall be circulated at least six weeks before the Annual Meeting. Any two members of the Region may make additional nominations. To be valid, such nominations shall (a) be in writing, (b) reach the Secretary at least four weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting and (c) have the consent of the person or persons nominated (Amended December 1978).

Rule 8. If no valid additional nomination for an appointment is received, the person or persons named in the Nominating Committee's list shall be declared elected at the Annual Meeting. If any valid additional nominations are received, the appointments concerned shall be decided by a postal ballot held in the following manner. At least two weeks before the Annual Meeting each member shall be sent a ballot paper containing a list of those vacancies for which a ballot is to be held, together with the names of the persons validly nominated to fill them. The ballot paper shall be returned not later than the commencement of the Annual Meeting at which a count shall be made and the result declared (Amended May, 1970).

Rule 9. A special Meeting shall be convened within eight weeks of the receipt by the Secretary of a request signed by not less than twelve members. A notice stating the purpose of the meeting shall be sent to each member not less than two weeks before it is to be held.

Rule 10. The Committee shall receive nominations of candidates for membership of the Region, and shall forward those deemed appropriate to the General Council.

Rule 11. A member may be expelled from the Region only on the proposal of the Committee and by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at an Annual Meeting, after at least two weeks' notice has been given.

Rule 12. The subscription of each member, which becomes due on election to the Region and subsequently on 1st January each year, shall be decided each year by the Annual Meeting after consideration of a recommendation by the Committee. From the funds so constituted the contribution to the general funds of the Society shall be paid and secretarial expenses and other such costs as the proper conduct of the Society demands may be defrayed.

Rule 13. The membership of any member who is more than one year in arrears with his subscription may be terminated on a vote of the Committee. No application to rejoin the Society shall be entertained until the unpaid subscriptions have been discharged (Amended October, 1986).

Rule 14. A statement of the Region's finances shall be presented to the Annual Meeting by the Treasurer, after the accounts have been audited by an Hon. Auditor appointed at the previous Annual Meeting for the purpose. The Hon. Auditor shall not be an officer or Member of the Committee.

Rule 15. These rules may be amended at an Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting convened for the purpose, after six weeks' notice has been given, by a majority of two-thirds of those voting, a postal ballot being taken of the same kind as for the election of Officers.

Rule 16. Associate Membership of the Region is open to persons who satisfy all requirements for full membership (Rule 2). An associate member shall have all rights of membership except those of voting and of receiving Biometrics; he shall pay a subscription, the amount of which shall be fixed at each Annual Meeting (Amended March 1981).

Rule 17. Members of the Region temporarily unable to take part in activities of the Region may, with the consent of the Regional Committee, and for a period of not exceeding two years, allow their membership to go into abeyance. While their membership is in abeyance such members shall not be entitled to receive Biometrics, to vote, or to hold office in the Region (Passed January, 1957).

Rule 18. All past Regional Presidents become permanent Vice-Presidents. On retiring, the Regional President shall be invited to serve on the Regional Committee for a further year. (Passed December 1957; Amended October, 1997).

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