

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS**

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**Constitution**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PURPOSE**

1. This organization shall be known as the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.
2. Its object shall be to promote the interests of mathematical statistics.

**ARTICLE II**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. The membership of the Institute shall consist of Members, Fellows, Honorary Members, and Sustaining Members.
2. Voting members of the Institute shall be (a) the Fellows, and (b) all others, Junior members excepted, who have been members for twenty-three months prior to the date of voting.
3. No person shall be a Junior Member of the Institute for more than a limited term as determined by the Committee on Membership and approved by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Officers of the Institute shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents shall be one year and that of the Secretary-Treasurer three years. Elections shall be by majority ballots at Annual Meetings of the Institute. Voting may be in person or by mail.
  - (a) Exception. The first group of Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the individuals present at the organization meeting, and shall serve until December 31, 1936.
2. The Board of Directors of the Institute shall consist of the Officers, the two previous Presidents, and the Editor of the Official Journal of the Institute.
3. The Institute shall have a Committee on Membership composed of a Chairman and three Fellows. At their first meeting subsequent to the adoption of this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall elect three members as Fellows to serve as the Committee on Membership, one member of the Committee for a term of one year, another for a term of two years, and another for a term of three years. Thereafter the Board of Directors shall elect from among the Fellows one member annually at their first meeting after their election for a term of three years. The president shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents as Chairman of this Committee.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEETINGS**

1. A meeting for the presentation and discussion of papers, for the election of Officers, and for the transaction of other business of the Institute shall be held annually at such

time as the Board of Directors may designate. Additional meetings may be called from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be called at any time by the President upon written request from ten Fellows. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days prior to the date set for the meeting. All meetings except executive sessions shall be open to the public. Only papers accepted by a Program Committee appointed by the President may be presented to the Institute.

2. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting immediately after their election and again immediately before the expiration of their term. Other meetings of the Board may be held from time to time at the call of the President or any two members of the Board. Notice of each meeting of the Board, other than the two regular meetings, together with a statement of the business to be brought before the meeting, must be given to the members of the board by the Secretary-Treasurer at least five days prior to the date set therefor. Should other business be passed upon, any member of the Board shall have the right to reopen the question at the next meeting.

3. Meetings of the Committee on Membership may be held from time to time at the call of the Chairman or any member of the Committee provided notice of such call and the purpose of the meeting is given to the members of the Committee by the Secretary-Treasurer at least five days before the date set therefor. Should other business be passed upon, any member of the Committee shall have the right to reopen the question at the next meeting. Committee business may also be transacted by correspondence if that seems preferable.

4. At a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Directors, four members shall constitute a quorum. At a regularly convened meeting of the Committee on Membership, two members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE V

### PUBLICATIONS

1. The *Annals of Mathematical Statistics* shall be the Official Journal for the Institute. The Editor of the *Annals of Mathematical Statistics* shall be a Fellow appointed by the Board of Directors of the Institute. The term of office of the Editor may be terminated at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

2. Other publications may be originated by the Board of Directors as occasion arises.

## ARTICLE VI

### EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION

1. Except for non-payment of dues, no one shall be expelled or suspended except by action of the Board of Directors with not more than one negative vote.

## ARTICLE VII

### AMENDMENTS

1. This constitution may be amended by an affirmative two-thirds vote at any regularly convened meeting of the Institute provided notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each voting member by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days before the date of the meeting at which the proposal is to be acted upon. Voting may be in person or by mail.