## Constitution and Rules

## Constitution

The Society shall be called the International Society for Oncodevelopmental Biology and Medicine (ISOBM).
The objects of the Society shall be to advance understanding of fundamental and clinical aspects of oncology and to promote and facilitate communication between all persons interested in oncology.
The Society shall consist of ordinary, corporate and honorary members.
Any person who is or who has been engaged in research, teaching or practice in connection with oncology, developmental biology, or with any allied science shall be eligible for election as an ordinary member.
Any person of distinction in science who has contributed to the advancement of oncology shall be eligible for election as an honorary member.

## Rules

Office Bearers and Board

1. The Society shall hold an annual scientific meeting open to members and nonmembgrs.

During the meeting there will be a business meeting when members will elect a Board to consist of the following Officers:
a President, for a period of 4 years,
two Vice-Presidents, for a period of 2 years,
a Secretary, for a period of 4 years,
a Treasurer, for a period of 4 years,
and
9 ordinary members, each serving for 3 years.
The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Society's meeting and of the meetings of the Board, and at the business meeting shall report on the work done by the Society during the previous year.
The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Publisher of the Society's Journal, shall collect the dues of members. The Treasurer shall pay accounts due by the Society, and shall cause to be circulated to the members before the business meeting the accounts and balance sheet. In the case of any expenditure the advisability of which he/she doubts, the treasurer shall take the opinion of the Board.
The President, on retiring, will serve on the Board for a further 2-year period occupying the post of immediate Past President thereby giving continuity to the Board, the Society and their affairs. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a Board consisting of the Officers: President, Past President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and 9 ordinary members. The Editors in chief and Managing Editor of the Journal shall be ex officio members of the Board. The Board shall also have power to co-opt members of the Society.
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Eight members shall form a quorum at a meeting of the Board.
The Board shall meet during every meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall be responsible for calling meetings and shall send to members a note of the agenda. The Secretary shall, on receiving at any time a request to that effect from 5 members of the Board, summon an extraordinary meeting of the Board.
Each year, 3 ordinary members of the Board, senior in order of election, shall retire from office and are eligible for reelection. Names of members to serve on the Board may be proposed by any member of the Society who has obtained the written consent of the nominee; such nominations should be sent to the Secretary 2 months before the business meeting.
The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of 5 members ofthe Society to facilitate the selection of future Board members and Officers of the Society. The President shall act as the chairman.

Rule 8, along with the names ofthe existing Board and of the retiring members, shall be printed in the notice of the business meeting to be issued by the Secretary. At the business meeting, the Secretary shall give to each attending member a balloting paper containing (1) the names ofthe Board, (2) the names of the retiring members, (3) the names of those nominated to fill the vacancies.
The members of the Society attending the annual meeting shall, from the names submitted to it, select by ballot members to fill the vacant places. In the case of any incidental vacancy occurring in the Board, this shall be filled at the next statutory meeting by the election of another member. Such members shall only hold office for the remainder of the period of office of the member whose place they take, but shall be eligible for immediate reelection.
Membership
a) Ordinary and Corporate Members
12. Any member may submit to the Board (through the Secretary) the name of any person wishing to become a member of the Society, along with a list of any contributions which the candidate may have made to oncology, developmental biology and related fields.
13. If at any time a member of the Board shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Society re quire the expulsion of a Society member, he/she shall submit the question to the business meeting or to a special meeting of the Board at which, if two thirds of the Board members present vote by ballot for the expulsion of the Society member in question, his or her dues for the current year shall (if it has already been paid) be returned to him or her, and he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.
b) Honorary Members
14. Honorary members may be elected at the business meeting on the nomination of the Board, notice
being given on the agenda paper. The number of such honorary members shall not exceed 20. Hon orary members shall have the right of attending the meetings of the Society and of taking part in the discussions, but shall have no vote.
Members' Subscription
All ordinary and corporate members shall pay annual dues to be determined by the Board and approved each year at the business meeting of the Society. Such dues will also entitle them to receive the Journal of the Society.
The dues are payable in advance and become due on the receipt of the annual billing advice. The Treasurer shall have power to stop the delivery of the Journal to any member whose dues are in arrears.
Meetings
The annual scientific meeting will be held in the Fall (Autumn) of each year in different locations in the world.
Such meetings will be organized by a Conference President from the host country together with a local Committee. The Conference Chair Person(s) is/are appointed by the Board and is/are responsible to the Board for the Scientific Program of the relevant meeting.
A register ofthe members and nonmembers present at each meeting of the Society shall be provided to the Board by the organizing Committee.
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The Board and/or the Conference Chair Person(s) may invite any scientific society to join in the work of a meeting.
The Board may bring up before any meeting any matter of business which they consider requires the attention of the Society.
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24. The Editors-in-Chief and Managing Editor for the Journal shall be appointed from the members by the Board for a period of 5 years and shall be eligible for reelection. Such Editors of the Journal shall be ex officio members of the Board. Such Editors shall have the power to recruit Associate Editors and an Editorial Board without further
reference to the Society but they shall inform the Board of the fact. Associate Editors and the Editorial Board members shall serve for 3 years, renewable in principle. 25.|The editors-in-Chief and Managing Editor shall be responsible to the Board for the conduct of the Journal and, in association with the Publisher, for keeping the accounts of the Journal.
Alteration of Rules
25. Members of the Society may propose changes of the constitution and the rules to the Board. If the proposed changes are approved by a two-third majority of the Board they will be submitted to the annual business meeting of the Society for approval.

