

**Bylaws of the Behavioral Operations Management Section
of
The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences**

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be called the Behavioral Operations Management Section of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS). Herein it will be referred to as 'The Section'.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purposes of The Section shall be:

- a. To provide a continuing, specialized focus within INFORMS on the topic of behavioral operations considerations in management modeling, policy prescription and practice.
- b. To lead in the development, dissemination and implementation of knowledge, basic and applied research and technologies relevant to the above focus.
- c. To support efforts to extend, unify and integrate related branches of knowledge and practice.
- d. To support the free interchange of information, encourage discussion and interaction among individuals having interest in behavioral operations management by providing the opportunity for these individuals to meet and to exchange information, ideas, experiences and techniques.
- e. To stimulate the type of cross-fertilization which can best be accomplished within the framework of a professional organization.
- f. To identify, codify, synthesize and interpret knowledge, tools and techniques useful to the study of behavioral operations management, and to promote high professional standards and integrity in all work done in the field.
- g. To encourage the education of students and the continuing education of practitioners in this field of knowledge.

The Section is organized and will be operated exclusively for scientific or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person interested in behavioral operations issues in management may become a member of this Section by completing a membership application and submitting it with the proper dues.
2. All members shall have equal rights, duties, and privileges. Dues shall be payable in the Fall each year.
3. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, handicap, sex, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. All officers must be members of INFORMS in good standing. Their duties shall be the following:
2. Chair: Shall be the chief administrative officer of The Section, and shall be responsible for the general supervision, direction and control of the business and affairs of The Section. The Chair shall preside at meetings and represent The Section in external affairs. In addition, the Chair

shall be responsible for maintaining communication with The Section's representative on the INFORMS Board, and for participating in the Nominating Assembly for the representative to the INFORMS Board.

3. Vice-Chair: Shall, in the absence or disability of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair, and shall perform such other duties as The Section requires. In addition, the Vice-Chair shall be responsible for recommending speakers for special meetings of The Section, and for sessions sponsored by The Section at national and international meetings and shall coordinate the completion of the arrangements for those sessions. The Vice-Chair shall represent an incumbent for succession to the Chair at the completion of the term of the Chair, though additional nominees may be nominated for Chair position as well (see point 7 below).

4. Secretary: Shall take the minutes of the meetings and shall be responsible for such matters as correspondence and notification of meetings. The Secretary shall maintain contact with the INFORMS liaison (as designated by the INFORMS Board) and shall file an annual report describing the Section's activities and financial state. In addition, the Secretary is responsible for playing a key role in the maintenance of any newsletter and/or electronic discussion groups for The Section.

5. Treasurer: Shall be responsible for all financial matters, including all financial records and an annual financial statement to be included with the annual report. The Treasurer shall keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures in a fiscally sound manner.

6. Terms of Office: The terms of each office shall be two years. At the end of two years, the Vice-Chair shall rotate into the role of Chair (in order to ensure continuity in leadership knowledge), while the remaining positions need to be filled by the nomination and election of three members of the officer committee from The Section membership.

7. Nominations: At a pre-designated time prior to the election, the officers shall make a formal request to the membership for the nomination of candidates for the officer positions to be filled, namely, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-Chair. All nominees must be members of The Section at the time of their nomination. It is desirable for the nominees also to be members of INFORMS.

8. Voting: Elections shall be held electronically; the mechanism used should ensure that all votes remain anonymous. A majority of ballots cast by members for each office shall be necessary for election. Ties shall be resolved by means of fair random processes.

9. Section Board: The immediate past Chair of the Section will serve in an advisory role for any decisions for which the officer views are split, and which do not require formal votes by the membership body. The past chair and the four officers shall comprise the Section Board for all other purposes required by the INFORMS Charter.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

The Section will hold at least one meeting per year. The time, place and agenda of each meeting shall be set by the Officers and announced in advance by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI- RESPONSIBILITIES TO INFORMS

The Section and its officers, under Charter from INFORMS, are accountable to the Institute for all operations and procedures. The INFORMS Board may suspend or revoke the Charter of the Section for inappropriate operations and/or procedures. Each year, at a time specified by the Vice President for Subdivisions, The Section will submit a report to said Vice President summarizing the significant accomplishments and activities during the previous year. This report must include a careful accounting of Section funds during the year.

ARTICLE VII- DUES

Dues to defer annual operation expenses may be assessed on all members by the Board of The Section.

ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the bylaws may be made either (1) in any meeting following announcement in a previous meeting or by the Secretary, (2) through electronic voting accompanying the announcement of any proposed modification. Amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the voting membership. Following approval by the Chapter, the Amendment must be sent to the INFORMS Vice President for Subdivisions who will present the Amendment to the INFORMS Board. The Amendment becomes effective when approved by the INFORMS Board.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern Business Meetings, in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws.

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