

eBusiness Section Bylaws

Bylaws of the

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences

eBusiness Section

BYLAW I – NAME

This organization shall be named the eBusiness Section, hereinafter the Section, of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, hereinafter the Institute.

BYLAW II – PURPOSES

The purposes of this Section shall be:

1. Promote the development and application of Operations Research methods, techniques, and tools to the solution of problems in the eBusiness area.
2. Encourage the exchange of information among practitioners and users in the eBusiness area.
3. Encourage more interest by practitioners and students in the eBusiness area.
4. Promote the maintenance of high professional standards in the application of Management Sciences to the eBusiness area.

BYLAW III – MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Institute may become a Section Member by paying the Section dues. Non-members of the Institute may become Section members by paying the increased fee for non-members of the Institute. Each individual member will have one vote and will be entitled to vote solely by mail ballot, defined as written or electronic transmission, with respect to amendments to the bylaws of the Section. An individual member also has the privilege of standing for election as a Board member and of nominating members for office on the Board. Non-members of the Institute shall have no right to vote or hold the positions of Board member or officer. All Board members must be members of the Institute and of the Section. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination on any protected basis.

BYLAW IV – OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Section shall be a President and a Treasurer. Officers must be members of the Institute.
2. The President shall be the chief administrative officer of the Section and shall be responsible for the development and execution of the Section's program. He/she shall (a) call and organize meetings of the Section, (b) propose ad hoc committees as required, (c) appoint chairs and members of standing committees, (d) manage the affairs of the Section between meetings, and (e) preside at Section Board meetings and Section membership meetings.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administration and disbursement of the Section funds as directed by the Section Board, prepare and distribute reports of the financial condition of the Section, help prepare the annual budget of the Section for submission to the Institute, make arrangements for the orderly transfer of all the Section's records to the Treasurer succeeding him/her, and perform other duties usual to the office of an organization's Treasurer.
4. Any Section member accepting nomination for elective office in the Section is understood to have agreed to perform the duties of that office if elected, and in particular to have agreed to attend the annual regular Section meetings during his/her tenure, except as his/her attendance is prevented by unusual circumstances. If a Section elected official must miss a meeting or be temporarily unable to carry out his/her responsibilities, he/she shall advise the Board and shall make other arrangements for the discharge of his/her responsibilities. If a Section elected official should fail during his/her tenure to attend regular Section meetings and to carry out the responsibilities of the office, he/she can be removed from office upon the initiative of two-thirds vote of the Section Board.

BYLAW V – RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE INSTITUTE

1. All subdivision activities must be consistent with the provisions of the Institute Constitution and Bylaws and with the dignity of a professional association and the nonprofit status of the Institute. A subdivision may be disbanded (a) on grounds of professional or financial irresponsibility, (b) if it becomes inactive, or (c) if its membership falls below the minimum number required, according to these Bylaws. A subdivision's assets ultimately belong to the Institute and shall revert to the Institute in the event that the subdivision is disbanded or otherwise ceases to be a subdivision of the Institute.
2. The section shall not maintain any bank account separate from accounts owned by INFORMS.

3. The section shall file an activity report annually with the Institute Business Office describing section activities during the past January 1 through December 31. It shall be filed no later than January 31. The section shall notify the Vice President of the Institute overseeing the section the results of the section's elections immediately following the elections. The section shall also provide information or file reports throughout the year as reasonably requested by the Board or officers of the Institute.
4. Neither the Institute nor the Institute Board of Directors, by granting a charter to the section, assumes any liability or responsibility for any obligations of any kind incurred by the section unless prior written approval is obtained. The Institute Board alone has the authority to commit the Institute or any of its subdivisions to a contract. Review and approval of contracts are delegated to the Executive Director.

BYLAW VI – AMENDMENTS

1. Proposed amendments to these bylaws that are consistent with those of the Institute, may be initiated either by action of the Section Board or by a petition to the President signed by 10% of the membership or 15 members of the Section, whichever is larger. The President shall distribute copies of the proposed change to all members of the Section by electronic mail or written form not less than three weeks before the annual membership meeting. An open discussion of the proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be carried out at the following membership meeting of the Section.
2. Not more than two months after the discussion of the proposed amendment, the President shall distribute to all members copies of the proposed amendment along with mail ballot, defined as written or electronic transmission. No ballot shall be counted unless marked by a Section member to indicate his/her choice, returned to the official tellers bearing the voter's name, and received by the tellers no later than a date to be specified upon the ballot form – a date not earlier than two weeks from the date of distributing the ballot forms to the Section membership.
3. The adoption of the proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds of the members voting, as tallied by tellers appointed by the President. The tellers shall report the tally to the President within one week of the date specified for receipt of the ballots. The result of the balloting shall be announced to the membership by the President.
4. If approved by the Section membership, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Institute.

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