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the constitution of ifla

introduction

As the continued health, welfare and enjoyment of the population of all nations depend upon their living in harmony with their environment and their wise use of its resources.

And as those expanding populations, aided by rapidly developing technical capacities to effect change, make increasing social, economic and physical demands upon those resources.

And as the future success in meeting those demands without deterioration of the environment and waste of its resources will require special knowledge, skills and experience relating to natural systems, physical processes and human relationships, normally found in the practice of the profession of landscape architecture.

Therefore, further to discussions held in Brussels in 1935, Paris in 1937 and Berlin in 1938, the delegates of various national associations of landscape architects concerned with these matters established at Cambridge in the United Kingdom in September 1948, a federation, now known as the International Federation of Landscape Architects, hereinafter referred to as IFLA, and governed by the following Constitution.

Article I: Objects

1. The International Federation of Landscape Architects is a non-profit making, non-political and non-governmental, democratic organisation. It shall have the following objects:

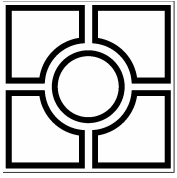
1.1. To develop and promote the profession and discipline of landscape architecture, together with its related arts and sciences throughout the world.

1.2. To establish the profession of landscape architecture in its continuing role as an instrument of aesthetic achievement and social change for the public welfare.

1.3. To contribute in identifying and preserving the intricate balance of those ecological systems upon which the future of civilization depends.

1.4. To establish high standards of professional practice in design and planning of the landscape, its management, conservation and development, and due responsibility for man-made change.

1.5. To promote international exchange of knowledge, skills and experience in landscape architecture, both educational and professional.



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2. In order to attain these objects, IFLA, through its governing body, the World Council, shall undertake all necessary and appropriate measures, and in particular, may:

2.1. Establish Regional Councils.

2.2. Hold congresses, conferences and other meetings, and publish the proceedings thereof.

2.3. Form committees, working groups, task forces and similar bodies.

2.4. Develop, upgrade and maintain worldwide educational standards for the profession of landscape architecture.

2.5. Encourage and support scientific research relating to all aspects of the practice of landscape architecture.

2.6. Support the formation of national or multinational associations of landscape architects and the development of existing associations.

2.7. Assist all levels of government to establish and to improve legislation relating to the profession of landscape architecture.

2.8. Co-operate with related bodies and professional groups.

2.9. Prepare, publish and distribute documents relating to research, professional studies, articles and other relevant information.

2.10. Prepare, formulate and disseminate statements of strategy, and make appropriate representations to governmental, non-governmental, national and international agencies.

2.11. Encourage and support international programmes and projects relating to all aspects of the practice and theory of landscape architecture and contributing to the attainment of the objects of IFLA.

2.12. Take any other action which will benefit the profession of landscape architecture and its practice throughout the world.

Article II: Membership

1. Members of IFLA shall comprise the following categories:

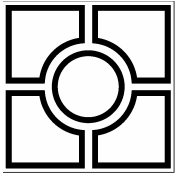
Category 'A': National and multi-national associations of landscape architects, Category 'B': Foundation members, Category 'C': Individual members, Category 'D': Honorary members, Category 'E': Corporate Members.

1.1. Category 'A'

National or multi-national association members are associations of landscape architects of their country or countries whose Constitution and By-laws have been approved by the World Council of IFLA. Only one association of landscape architects per country or countries can be a member in Category 'A'.

1.2. Category 'B'

The Foundation members are members for life, and are the delegates who signed the declaration at Cambridge in 1948, establishing an international federation. Such membership can neither be delegated nor transferred by any means.



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1.3. Category 'C'

Individual members are landscape architects whose qualifications and experience are acceptable to IFLA, who practice in countries where:

- a) No national nor multi-national association of landscape architects exists.
- b) The national or multi-national association has not yet received; or has lost the approval of IFLA.

1.4. Category 'D'

Honorary members are those individuals who IFLA may wish to honour as a mark of distinction for having rendered, or continuing to render, outstanding services to the profession of landscape architecture, including its related arts and sciences.

1.5. Category 'E'

Corporate members are scientific, educational and professional institutions, professional associations or corporations, connected with landscape architecture, and professional, commercial or industrial organisations wishing to promote the aims and aspirations of IFLA.

2. Admission and Loss of Membership

Admission and loss of membership is governed by the By-laws of IFLA.

3. Membership Dues

3.1. Details of membership dues are governed by the By-laws of IFLA.

Membership dues for any year shall become due and payable on the first day of January in that year.

4. Voting Rights of Members

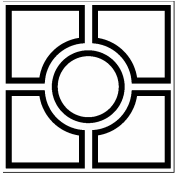
4.1. Members in Categories 'A', 'B' and members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to vote. Each member in Category 'A' shall have one vote.

In Category 'A' it is the right vested in the delegate appointed by each national or multinational association, and accredited annually to the World Council.

In Category 'B' it is the exclusive right of the foundation member.

4.2. Whenever a formal vote is taken pursuant to Article IV, Para. (4.1.) or by mail ballot pursuant to Article IV, Para. (4.2.), a simple majority (unless otherwise specified in this Constitution) of affirmative votes cast by the eligible membership shall be required for a motion to be carried. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes cast.

4.3. The voting rights of a member association shall be automatically suspended when the dues of that member association are one year in arrears. If the dues of a member association become two years in arrears, the World Council may suspend all remaining rights of that association. Such suspension shall be lifted as soon as all arrears of membership dues have been paid.



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4.4. In the event that dues of an individual or a corporate member are unpaid six months after the due date, that membership shall be subject to automatic cancellation.

4.5. Voting members of the World Council in Category 'A' shall be eligible to hold office in IFLA after attending two World Council meetings during the six-year period prior to nomination.

Article III: Organization

1. IFLA shall consist of:

- 1.1. National and multi-national associations of landscape architects
- 1.2. The World Council
- 1.3. The Executive Committee
- 1.4. The Regional Councils

2. The powers of IFLA shall be vested in the World Council, Regional Councils, its members and its elected officers.

Article IV: The World Council

1. Composition

The World Council shall consist of the following who shall have the right to vote:

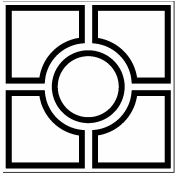
- 1.1. The duly accredited delegate of each national or multinational member association of landscape architects.
- 1.2. The members of the Executive Committee.
- 1.3. The Foundation members.

2. Functions

The functions of the World Council shall be:

2.1. To act as the governing body of IFLA and:

- (a) To recognize and accept national and multi-national associations of landscape architects as members of IFLA, as well as individual members, corporate members and honorary members.
- (b) To establish Regional Councils in various geographic areas of the world.
- (c) To elect a President, a Secretary-General and a Treasurer. See Article V: Para. 4.
- (d) To determine the dues of members of IFLA in accordance with the stipulations of the By-laws.
- (e) To establish the annual budget and to approve the development of sources of income and expenditure, to authorize and to receive an annual audit of the accounts of IFLA.
- (f) To approve the outline of, and to monitor services to members including all programmes, publications, plans, projects and schedules for congresses, conferences, exhibitions, study courses, or any other activity organized under the name of IFLA.
- (g) To authorise establishment of office and employment of staff as required for conduct of the business and affairs of IFLA.



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(h) To review and overrule a decision or action of any Regional Council found to be unconstitutional.

To establish the general policy of IFLA and:

(a) To represent the profession of landscape architecture worldwide.

(b) To make representations to governmental, non-governmental, national and international organizations on any matters relating to the objects of IFLA.

3. Procedure

3.1 The World Council shall meet annually in an ordinary session.

3.2. An extraordinary session of the World Council shall be convened:

(a) If so requested by at least one half of the members of the World Council.

(b) If so requested by the Executive Committee.

3.3. The World Council shall determine the time and location of each ordinary session of the World Council, which shall be communicated to the members of IFLA, together with the agenda, by the Secretary-General, at least three months in advance of each session.

3.4. The President, Secretary-General and Treasurer of IFLA shall be elected by the World Council in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article V Para. 4 of the Constitution and By-laws.

3.5. The President, or, at the President's request, one of the Vice-Presidents of IFLA, shall preside at any session of the World Council.

3.6. The World Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure in accordance with this Constitution.

4. Voting

4.1. The President, at a session of the World Council, may rule that a decision has been made by informal vote. The President may proceed to a formal vote if the President should consider it necessary, or if so requested by a voting member. The procedure for a formal vote shall be as laid down in the Rules of Procedure for a World Council. (Refer to By-laws "Rules of Procedure for the World Council of IFLA.")

4.2. All matters within the competence of the World Council may be decided by mail ballot.

5. Proxy Votes

5.1. Those voting members of the World Council in Category 'A', and the members of the Executive Committee who are unable to attend a meeting may be represented by:

(a) Another member in Category 'A' or a member of the Executive Committee respectively.

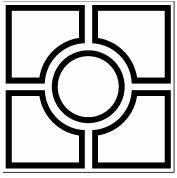
(b) In the case of the Executive Committee members, each member of the Executive Committee may only carry the proxy vote of their own country or of another member of the Executive Committee.

5.2. No voting member in Category 'A' may cast more than five votes, including that of the delegate.

6. Reviews of Decisions

6.1. A decision may be reviewed if it is taken by the World Council under the following conditions:

(a) When less than one quarter of the total votes of members in Category 'A' and members of the Executive Committee are represented at the World Council.



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(b) When it involves a question not on the agenda distributed to all members in advance of the meeting. Then the decision shall be subject to suspension. Suspension may also occur if a group of members representing at least one quarter of the total votes in Category 'A' and members of the Executive Committee so request within one month of the mailing of the minutes reporting that decision or decisions. The matter shall then be subject to mail ballot in accordance with Article IV, Para. 4 of the by-laws.

Article V: The Executive Committee (World Level)

1. Composition

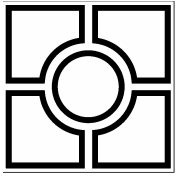
The Executive Committee is in charge of the general management of IFLA, and shall consist of the following members: The President, The Regional Vice-Presidents, The Secretary-General, The Treasurer.

2. Functions

- 2.1. The Executive Committee shall exercise those powers vested in it by the World Council and shall be responsible to the World Council of IFLA for making all decisions necessary to achieve the objects of IFLA decided upon by the World Council.
- 2.2. It shall recommend policies and programmes for the approval of the World Council.
- 2.3. It shall be responsible for the procedures governing the holding of mail ballots and the election of officers.
- 2.4. It shall be responsible for convocations to and the preparation of agendas for all ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the World Council in accordance with Article IV of the Constitution.
- 2.5. It shall have general responsibility for the collection and disbursement of the funds of IFLA in accordance with Article II, Para. 3 and Article VI, Para. 4 & 5 of the Constitution.
- 2.6. It shall be responsible to the World Council for the proper functioning of bodies and individuals appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.
- 2.7. The decisions of the Executive Committee, including those not specifically provided for by this Constitution and its By-Laws, must be in accordance with policies decided by the World Council.
- 2.8. The Executive Committee shall receive all disputes relating to the affairs of IFLA which may arise and endeavour to resolve them amicably. Should this prove impossible, a dispute would then be referred to the World Council.

3. Procedure

- 3.1. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened at least once a year:
 - (a) By the President
 - (b) By request of at least one half of its members.
- 3.2. The Executive Committee shall establish its own rules of Procedure in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws.



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3.3. The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be by simple majority. The President shall have a casting vote.

3.4. The liability of the Executive Committee shall be limited in accordance with Article VI Para. 3 of the Constitution.

4. The Officers

4.1. The President

(a) The President shall be the chief executive officer of IFLA and shall preside over the meetings of the World Council and chair meetings of the Executive Committee.

(b) The President shall present an annual report to the World Council on the current achievements and proposed policies recommended in order that IFLA may attain its stated objects.

(c) The President shall be responsible for ensuring that the decisions of the World Council are implemented.

(d) The President shall be the legal representative of IFLA in court proceedings but shall not be allowed to prosecute without specific authorization from the World Council.

(e) The President shall be elected by the World Council for a period of two years and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.

(f) In the interest of continuity of administration the terms of the President and Secretary-General shall not coincide.

(g) The President, who is absent from duty may be replaced by a Vice-President.

4.2. The Vice-Presidents

(a) The number of Vice-Presidents is identical to the number of Regions established by the World Council.

(b) Vice-Presidents shall be resident of, and represent, a geographic region the boundaries of which shall be defined by the World Council as deemed necessary to achieve the objects of IFLA and their respective region.

(c) Vice-Presidents shall direct activities within their respective regions in order to achieve the objects of IFLA.

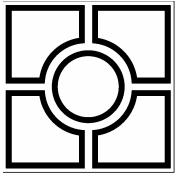
(d) The Vice-President shall be the chief executive officer of the Region and shall preside over the meetings of the Regional Council and chair meetings of the Executive Committee of the Region.

(e) The Vice-President shall present an annual report to the Regional Council and the World Council on the current achievements and proposed policies recommended in order that the Region may attain its stated objects.

(f) The Vice-President shall be responsible for ensuring that the decisions of the Regional Council are implemented.

(g) The Vice-President shall be the legal representative of the Region in court proceedings but shall not be allowed to prosecute without specific authorization from the World Council.

(h) The Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Regional Council for a period of two years and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.



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4.3. The Secretary-General

(a) The Secretary-General shall be the general administrative officer of IFLA and shall be responsible for all correspondence with its members, for the archives and for:

(i) Carrying out the duties of Secretary for all meetings of the World Council and the Executive Committee, and being responsible for the minutes of all meetings.

(ii) Recording the Minutes of all such meetings in English and registering them in sequence in a book with numbered pages.

(iii) Seeing that all minutes are signed by the President and counter-signed by the Secretary-General.

(iv) presenting an annual report to the World Council on the activities of IFLA and the Executive Committee.

(v) Observing the Constitution and its By-laws.

(vi) Taking over the duties of the Treasurer should this position fall vacant and pending any election to fill that office.

(b) The Secretary-General shall be elected by the World Council for a period of two years, and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.

(c) The term of office of the Secretary-General shall not coincide with that of the Treasurer.

4.4. The Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget, keep the accounts of IFLA, and administer its finances and properties, and, shall be directly responsible to the World Council.

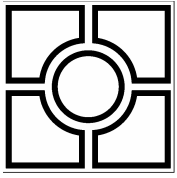
(b) The Treasurer shall present an annual report to the World Council, giving a clear and concise account of the financial activities of the past year, compared to the budget previously approved for that year.

(c) The Treasurer shall present to the World Council a proposed budget for the next financial year.

(d) The Treasurer shall circulate all such financial documents to all members of the World Council at least two months in advance of the annual World Council meeting.

(e) The Treasurer shall take over the duties of the Secretary-General, should this position fall vacant pending any election to fill that office.

(f) The Treasurer shall be elected by the World Council for a period of two years and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.



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Article VI: Finance

1. The Financial year of IFLA shall be the calendar year.

2. The properties of IFLA are composed of its capital, fixed and moveable assets.

3. The assets of IFLA are the only warranty for the management of the Executive Committee as approved by the World Council. Therefore, no claims shall be entertained against the members of the Executive Committee, either jointly or severally.

4. The income of IFLA may be derived from:

4.1. Dues from national and multi-national member associations of landscape architects. (members in Category 'A')

4.2. Dues from individual and corporate members. (Members in categories 'C' and 'E').

4.3. Grants, donations, legacies and payments in support of IFLA.

4.4. Services rendered in accordance with the objects of IFLA.

4.5. The sale of publications.

4.6. Fees received from the organization of exhibitions, conferences, congresses, symposia and any other event or activity held under the name of IFLA.

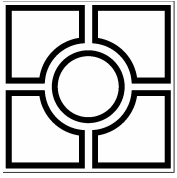
4.7. Grants in respect to research studies and fees for international programmes and projects.

4.8. Any other source, subject to the approval of the World Council.

5. Fees/Reimbursement of Expenses

5.1. The delegates and officers of IFLA shall receive no fees for the duties they perform.

5.2. The delegates and officers of IFLA may be reimbursed, but only by pre-arrangement, for the amount of the expenses they incur in connection with those duties approved by the World Council and/or the Executive Committee.



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Article VII: Finance Commission

1. The Finance Commission shall consist of:

1.1. The Treasurer of IFLA.

1.2. The delegate of a member association in Category 'A' of each IFLA Region whose membership is amongst the small in the region, elected by the World Council.

1.3. The delegate of a member association in Category 'A' of each IFLA Region whose membership is amongst the large in the region, elected by the World Council.

2. The Functions of the Finance Commission are:

2.1. To review the annual budget prepared by the Treasurer of IFLA with the view of recommending it to the World Council.

2.2. To review the membership fees and make recommendations to the World Council as and when the need arises.

2.3. To review the annual budgets prepared by the Regional Treasurers with the view of recommending them to the Regional Councils.

3. The decisions of the Finance Commission shall be by two-thirds majority votes.

Article VIII: The Regional Councils

Regional Councils are established and approved by the World Council to further the objects of IFLA, in accordance with Article IV, Para. 2.1(b) of the Constitution.

1. Composition

Regional Councils shall consist of the following who shall have the right to vote:

1.1. The duly accredited IFLA delegates of the national or multi-national member associations of landscape architects within the respective Regions.

1.2. The members of the Regional Executive Committee.

1.3. Foundation members and members of the Executive Committee domiciled within the respective Regions.

2. Functions

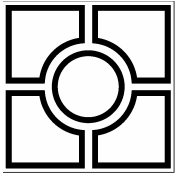
The functions of the Regional Councils are:

2.1. To act as the governing body of IFLA in their respective Region and:

(a) To share and exchange information on all matters relating to the practice of the profession of landscape architecture, and its related arts and sciences, within geographic areas.

(b) To act as co-ordinator for IFLA members within its region, for development of programmes, policies and projects initiated and funded by members in the region.

(c) To establish their own common Rules of Procedure in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of IFLA.



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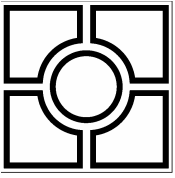
- (d) To elect a Vice-President, Regional Secretary, Regional Treasurer and any other Regional Executive Committee member/s that may prove necessary for carrying out the duties vested in them by the Regional Council.
- (e) To determine any additional dues of members of the region so as to ensure the proper function of the organisation in the Region and raise funds for programmes and projects.
- (f) To establish the annual regional budget and refer it to the World Council for approval, to approve the development of sources of income and expenditure, and, to authorize and to receive an annual audit of the accounts of the Region.
- (g) To establish the outline of all regional programmes, publications, plans and schedules for congresses, conferences, exhibitions, study courses, or any other activities organized under the name of IFLA in their respective region and refer to the World Council for approval.
- (h) To decide on the establishment of a regional office and the employment of staff as required for conducting the business and affairs of the Region and refer to the World Council for approval.
- (i) To make representation to governmental, non-governmental, national and Regional Organizations on any matters relating to the objects of IFLA in the region.

3. Procedure

- 3.1. The Regional Council shall meet at least once a year in ordinary session.
- 3.2. An extraordinary session of the Regional Council shall be convened:
 - (a) If so requested by at least one half of the members of the Regional Council.
 - (b) If so requested by the Vice-President on the advice of the Regional Executive Committee.
- 3.3. The Regional Council shall determine the time and location of each ordinary session of the Regional Council, which shall be communicated to the members of the Region, together with a proposed agenda, by the Regional Secretary, at least one month in advance of each session.
- 3.4. The Vice-President, Regional Secretary and Regional Treasurer shall be elected by the Regional Council in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article V Para. 4 of the Constitution and By-laws.
- 3.5. At the request of the Vice-President, or in the absence of the Vice-President, the Regional Secretary shall preside at any session of the Regional Council.

4. Voting

- 4.1. The Vice-President at a session of the Regional Council may rule that a decision has been made by informal vote. The Vice-President may proceed to a formal vote if he should consider it necessary, or if so requested by a voting member. The procedure for a formal vote shall be as laid down in the Rules of Procedure for the World Council.
- 4.2. All matters within the competence of the Regional Council may be decided by mail ballot.



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5. Proxy Votes

5.1. Those voting members of the Regional Council in Category 'A', and the members of the Regional Executive Committee who are unable to attend a meeting may be represented by:

- (a) Another member in Category 'A' or a member of the Executive Committee respectively.
- (b) In the case of the Regional Executive Committee members, each member of the Executive Committee may only carry the proxy vote of their own country or of another member of the Executive Committee.

5.2. No voting member in Category 'A' may cast more than five votes, including that of the delegate.

6. Reviews of Decisions

6.1. If a decision of the Regional Council should be taken under the following conditions:

(a) When less than one quarter of the total votes of members in Categories 'A', 'B' and members of the Regional Executive Committee are represented at the Regional Council.

(b) When it involves a question not on the agenda distributed to all members in advance of the meeting.

In this instance the decision shall be subject to suspension. Suspension may also occur if a group of members representing at least one quarter of the total votes in Categories 'A' and 'B' and the Regional Executive Committee so requests within one month of the mailing of the minutes reporting that decision or decisions. The matter shall then be subject to mail ballot in accordance with Article IV, Para. 4 of the By-laws.

6.2. If a decision of the Regional Council is questioned as to its constitutionality, it will have to be referred to the World Council.

Article IX: Regional Executive Committee

1. The Vice-President

1.1. The Vice-President shall be the chief executive officer of the Region and shall preside over the meetings of the Regional Council, chair meetings of the Regional Executive Committee and direct regional activities in accordance with Article V, Para. (4.2.) of the Constitution.

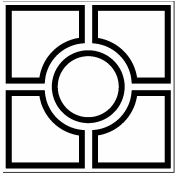
1.2. In the interest of continuity of administration the terms of the Vice-President and Regional Secretary shall not coincide unless either one shall be elected to the office of the other.

1.3. The Vice-President, who is absent from duty may be replaced by the Regional Secretary.

2. The Regional Secretary

2.1. The Regional Secretary shall be the general administrative officer of the Region and shall be responsible for:

- (a) Carrying out the duties of Secretary for all meetings of the Regional Council and the Regional Executive Committee, and being responsible for the minutes of all meetings;
- (b) Recording the minutes of all such meetings in English and registering them in a book with numbered pages;



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(c) Seeing that all minutes are signed by the Vice-President and counter-signed by the Regional Secretary;

(d) Presenting an annual report to the Regional Council on the activities of the Region and the Executive Committee.

(e) Seeing to the observance of the Constitution and its By-laws;

(f) Taking over the duties of the Regional Treasurer should this position fall vacant pending any election to fill that office.

2.2. The Regional Secretary shall be elected by the Regional Council for a period of two years, and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.

2.3. The term of office of the Regional Secretary shall not coincide with that of the Regional Treasurer.

3. The Regional Treasurer

3.1. The Regional Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget, keep the accounts of the Region, administer its finances and properties, and shall be directly responsible to the Regional Council.

3.2. The Regional Treasurer shall present an annual report to the Regional Council, giving a clear and concise account of the financial activities of the past year, compared to the Budget previously approved for that year.

3.3. The Regional Treasurer, shall present to the Regional Council a proposed budget for the next financial year.

3.4. The Regional Treasurer shall circulate all such financial documents to all members of the Regional Council at least two months in advance of the annual Regional Council meeting.

3.5. The Regional Treasurer shall take over the duties of Regional Secretary, should this position fall vacant pending any election to fill that office.

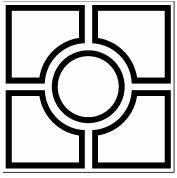
3.6. The Regional Treasurer shall be elected by the Regional Council for a period of two years and may be re-elected for no more than one further term of two years.

Article X: Programmes Projects and Publications

1. IFLA shall encourage, support and/or develop international programmes and projects on areas such as research and professional studies, educational exchanges and professional practice.

2. IFLA shall organize world congresses, regional conferences and other meetings, as well as design competitions and exhibitions.

3. IFLA shall publish and circulate to all members, information on the activities of IFLA and all aspects of the practice of landscape architecture, its related arts and sciences. Whenever feasible, information shall be disseminated to the membership at large.



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Article XI: Seat

1. The Headquarters of IFLA are in Versailles, France.

Article XII: Official Language

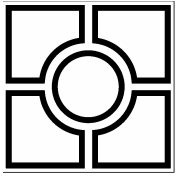
1. The official language of IFLA is English.
2. In order to facilitate the organization of international meetings, such other languages as deemed necessary may be used in addition to the official language.

Article XIII: Legal Status

1. IFLA, a non-profit making, non-governmental and non-political organization, is an international federation established pursuant to the laws of the country in which it's Headquarters are located.
2. IFLA, as an international professional federation concerned with education, social and cultural matters, is eligible for support by international organizations and their agencies.
3. The President, subject to the approval of the World Council, may take the appropriate steps to obtain, in accordance with the laws of the respective countries, both of each IFLA national/multi-national member association and others, such legal status as may help to achieve the objects of IFLA in those countries.

Article XIV: By-Laws, Adoption and Amendment

1. The World Council shall adopt and may amend the By-laws which shall conform to the Articles of this Constitution.
2. The By-laws shall not limit the powers of IFLA vested in its World Council, to exercise control over any matter covered by this Constitution.
3. Any amendment to the By-laws shall be communicated to the members at least six months before the meeting of the World Council which must vote on it.



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Article XV: Amendments to the Constitution

1. Any amendment to this Constitution, proposed by at least 20% of voting members shall be considered by the World Council, provided that such a proposal is received by the Secretary-General in time to be circulated to all members not less than six months prior to an ordinary or extraordinary session of the World Council. Such a communication shall include explanations of the purposes of the amendment(s) and comments of the Executive Committee, if any.

2. Amendments proposed in accordance with the foregoing paragraph shall be considered by the World Council and shall become effective immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members.

Article XVI: Dissolution

1. The World Council may only resolve on the matter of the dissolution of IFLA on the basis of a written, signed motion submitted either by the Executive Committee, or by at least half of the voting members of the World Council to be sent to all members at least three months before submission of such a resolution to the World Council. Adoption of such a resolution would require a two-thirds majority of all members in Categories 'A' and 'B' and the Executive Committee.

2. On dissolution, the assets of IFLA shall be distributed in accordance with a previous decision of the World Council and in accordance with any legal requirements of the law of the country in which its Headquarters are located.