

Constitution for International Biometals Society, Inc

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Article 1. Objectives

The *International Biometals Society* will disseminate knowledge, promote research and encourage academics in the interdisciplinary field of biometals.

Specific aims:

- a. Organization of the biennial International Biometals Symposium.
- b. Encourage publication of research examining the roles of metals (and metalloids) in biology.
- c. Use “BioMetals” as the official Journal of *International Biometals Society*.
- d. Promote international cooperation in biometal research and education.

Article 2. Membership

Membership is open to individuals interested in biometal research as:

- a. Regular members.
- b. Student members will include those enrolled in college degrees or in post doctoral positions.

- c. Complementary (nonvoting) members as will be determined by the Board of Directors and may include but not limited to scientist from low GDP countries.

Article 3. Organization to address the affairs of the International Biometals Society

- a. *Board of Directors*. There will be four members on the Board of Directors and Officers may also be members of the Board of Directors.
- b. *Advisory Board*. There will be four members elected to the advisory board. At each election cycle, half of the four members will be elected. If deemed useful for the advancement of the *International Biometals Society*, an Assistant Treasurer and/or and Assistant Secretary will be appointed from the Advisory Board.
- c. *Executive Committee*. The *Executive Committee* includes the President, Past-President, President-Elect (Vice President), Treasurer, Secretary, and an Advisory Board consisting of 4 members. All terms of the individuals elected will coincide with the cycle of the International Biometals Symposium. The *Executive Committee* is chaired by the President and shall have the authority to: (i) propose By-Laws, (ii) propose membership fees, (iii) appoint members to standing and ad hoc committees, (iv) prepare a budget for the

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International Biometals Society, (v) fill vacancies as they may occur for positions of Officers and the Executive Committee and (vi) enact other regulations necessary for conducting the business of the *International Biometals Society*. The recommendations of the Executive Committee for the above categories shall be subject to approval during the General Business Meeting of the *International Biometals Society* held during each International Biometals Symposium.

Articles 4. Officers

- a. The *President* shall be elected to a term of two years. Upon completion of his/her term, the President assumes the position of Past-President. The President conducts the business of *International Biometals Society* and consults with the Executive Committee on matters of importance to the society. The President will have frequent discussions with the President-Elect to ensure that proper transition of the *International Biometals Society* flows smoothly with each new election. The President shall discuss, with the chair of the committee hosting the International Biometals Symposium, the integration of the General Business Meeting and relevant announcements at the International Biometals Symposium. The President will chair the Executive Committee.
- b. The *Past-President* is the Chair of the Nominating Committee and will organize presentations from this committee to the Executive Committee and to the General Business Meeting of *International Biometals Society*. If the Past-President position is vacant, the President will appoint a member to be Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- c. The *President-Elect* (or Vice-President) shall, at the invitation of the President, work to promote the *International Biometals Society*. The President-Elect shall be chair of the Committee for Selection of Meeting Sites.
- d. The *Treasurer* is responsible for the financial matters of the *International Biometals Society*. The treasurer shall present an annual report to the Executive Committee and a biennial report to the General Business Meeting. The Treasurer is elected for a two year term and may be re-elected.
- e. The *Secretary* is responsible for the correspondence of the *International Biometals Society*, distribution of information to the members, and assists the Meeting Program Committee as is necessary for information presented at the General Business Meeting. The term of the Secretary is two years and may be re-elected.

Article 5. Elections

The Nominating Committee shall construct the ballot for the Officers and members of the Executive Committee of the *International Biometals Society*. Individuals will be named for each elected position prior to the General Business Meeting at the biennial International Biometals Symposium.

Article 6. Standing committees

- a. A *Nominating Committee* shall consist of the Past-President (or the President if the office of Past-President is vacant) as chair of the committee with three additional members selected by the President from the Executive Committee. In establishing the list of candidates, the Nominating Committee will consider various parameters including research field and geographic location of candidates with an attempt to have broad representation for the officers.
- b. The *Committee for Selection of Meeting Sites* shall consider geographical location and local support for hosting an international symposium. Announcement of future sites for the International Biometals Symposium will be announced at the International Biometals Symposium. The Committee for Selection of Meeting Sites for the International Biometals Symposium shall consist of the President-Elect, Chair of the next International Biometals Symposium, and senior members of the Advisory Board.
- c. The *Publication Committee* will consist of the outgoing President of *International Biometals Society*, the host of the International Biometals Symposium, and other members deemed necessary for publication of manuscripts from the symposium in the “Biometals” journal. The

management of the “BioMetals” journal shall be independent of the officers or members of the Executive Committee.

- d. An *Awards Committee* will consist of the Vice President, Chair of the committee hosting the next International Biomaterials Symposium, and members as selected by the Board of Directors. The Vice President will serve as chair of the Awards Committee. Awards may include student travel grant to attend the International Biomaterials Symposium, poster or presentation awards at the International Biomaterials Symposium and professional awards (e.g. Igor Stojilkovic Award, Heritage Award, etc.).

Article 7. Amendments

The constitution can be amended at a General Business Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members in attendance. Potential changes to the constitution should be presented to the President and approved by the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the

General Business Meeting of the International Biomaterials Society before a vote can be taken at the General Business Meeting.

Article 8. Remuneration

No Officer or any member of the Executive Committee shall receive salaries or fees for services provided. The *International Biomaterials Society* shall reimburse expenses associated with Executive Committee members (including Officers) after expenses have been approved at the General Business Meeting.

Article 9. Liability

The members and officers of *International Biomaterials Society* shall not personally be liable for contractual debts of *International Biomaterials Society*. Liability is limited to the assets of *International Biomaterials Society*.