

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Of the
Supporters of International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan
(IBSOM) Amended June 28, 2007

ARTICLE I: NAME AND AUTHORITY

Section 1: The name of this association shall be the Supporters of International Baccalaureate Schools of Michigan (IBSOM).

Section 2: The association shall be governed by the broad dictates set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit section of the Michigan statutes.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The purpose of IBSOM shall be to exclusively support the general improvement of education for students enrolled in International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs including the IB Diploma (DP), Middle Years (MYP), and Primary Years (PYP) Programs in the state of Michigan. This association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, literary and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2: The following objectives of IBSOM are designed to achieve the purpose given in Section 1 of this article:

- To facilitate continuing program development, curriculum improvement, and curriculum implementation
- To ensure a continuity and commitment to the standards of performance of the International Baccalaureate
- To facilitate and sponsor IB in-service training and symposia for teachers, counselors, coordinators, and administrators
- To foster recognition and university acceptance of the work of students enrolled in IB Programs
- To facilitate legislative support of IB schools and their students
- To provide a support structure for Michigan IB candidate and applicant schools and other Michigan schools considering application to the IB
- To pursue grants and corporate funding to support IB Programs
- To facilitate professional and public discussion of IB Programs in Michigan schools
- To accomplish other objectives considered by the Board to be consistent with the support and growth of IB programs within the State

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Membership in IBSOM shall be open to any Michigan public, private, or parochial school or District that holds applicant, candidate or authorized status in the IB or a district or regional education agency that contains schools with applicant, candidate, or authorized status.
- Section 2: Active, dues paying member institutions shall hold equal status and voting rights of one voting delegate per program.
- Section 3: Non-voting membership may be conferred upon individuals and institutions that are friendly to IB and IBSOM.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

- Section 1: Annual dues for member institutions shall be set by the membership based on the recommendation of the elected officers.
- Section 2: Dues shall be collected in a manner approved by the elected officers.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Diploma Program Vice-President, MYP Vice-President, PYP Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two members-at-large. In the event that no member school is a candidate or applicant for a particular program (e.g. PYP) that position will not be filled.
- Section 2: Officers will be elected for two-year renewable terms at the annual IBSOM meeting. For the first IBSOM Executive Board the initial term for the President, Secretary, and one at-large member shall be one year so as to provide a staggering of terms for elected leadership.
- Section 3: The Past President shall serve as a member of the Executive Board.
- Section 4: A vacancy among any of the elected officers shall be appointed by the remaining elected officers until the next regular election.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1: The President shall preside over IBSOM meetings. The President shall be responsible for: acting as the liaison with IBNA, official contact person for the association, inviting presenters for meetings, assigning additional duties to officers, calling a meeting as required outside of the regular meeting schedule, creating all meeting agendas in collaboration with the Executive Board and all other duties that may be usual and customary.

- Section 2: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall exercise all the duties and functions of the President.
- Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all records, except financial records, to conduct IBSOM correspondence, record and distribute minutes of all IBSOM meetings, and to perform other duties as may be usual and customary to this position.
- Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect annual dues, registration fees, and all other funds generated by IBSOM. The Treasurer shall keep all IBSOM financial records and render financial statements to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

- Section 1: Regular meetings of the IBSOM membership shall be held at least once a year with the place and time to be determined by the Executive Board.
- Section 2: The Executive Board shall meet at least once a year. Executive Board meetings may be held via a conference call.
- Section 3: Notice of meetings, their location, and the agenda shall be communicated to membership at least 30 days in advance. Suggested agenda items may be sent to the President.

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM

- Section 1: A quorum for meetings shall be those delegates present for any properly communicated meeting.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by filing a copy of the proposed amendment with the President prior to the meeting at which the proposal will be considered.
- Section 2: A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present shall be required to effectuate an amendment to this constitution.

ARTICLE X: RULES OF ORDER

- Section 1: "Roberts Rules of Order, revised" shall be the governing authority.

ARTICLE XI: ASSETS OR LIQUIDATION

Section 1: No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or private person, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for expenses, services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

IBSOM shall not carry on any other activities not permitted by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of the federal tax code.

In the event of dissolution or liquidation, the assets of IBSOM, after payment of debts and obligations, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.