



**International Colour Association
Internationale Vereinigung für die Farbe
Association Internationale de la Couleur**

S T A T U T E S

Based on the statutes approved by vote of the regular members in Winterthur, Switzerland, 10 August 1988.
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Article 1. Name

The

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was founded on 21st June, 1967 in Washington, D.C.
When referred to by initials, the abbreviation AIC will be used.

Article 2. Objects

The objects of the AIC are to encourage research in all aspects of colour, to disseminate the knowledge gained from this research, and to promote its application to the solution of problems in the fields of science, art, design and industry on an international basis.

The AIC shall also aim for a close cooperation with existing international organizations, such as, for example, the International Commission on Illumination, the International Organization for Standardization and the International Commission for Optics, regarding issues concerned with colour. The AIC will neither duplicate the work of these bodies nor will it attempt to assume any of their responsibilities.

Article 3. Congresses and Meetings

The AIC shall be responsible for arranging international colour congresses to take place at convenient and appropriate intervals, nominally every 4 years. The AIC will also be responsible for arranging midterm meetings, which will take place two years after the congress, and interim meetings, which will usually take place at intervals corresponding to one and three years after the congress.

All meetings, including the congresses, shall be organized by regular members on a self-sustaining basis without incurring expense to the AIC. The AIC may also organize or promote special international or regional congresses or symposia.

Article 4. Membership

Three categories of AIC membership exist:

regular member
associate member
individual member

Regular members

Only one national organization from each country can become a regular member of the AIC. To be admitted, the organization shall be one

- (a) whose aims are essentially in conformity with the objects of the AIC as defined in the first paragraph of article 2;
- (b) which is broadly representative of those people in its country interested in these aims;
- (c) which is properly constituted so as to enable an authorized representative to speak on its behalf.

Where no single organization adequately meeting these conditions exists in a country, a national colour committee may be set up representative of the various organizations and interests concerned with colour in that country. This committee may then apply to become a regular member of the AIC.

Associate members

An international association can be admitted as an associate member if

- (a) its aims are related to particular aspects of colour;
- (b) it is internationally representative of those people interested in these aims;
- (c) it is properly constituted so as to enable an authorized representative to speak on its behalf.

Associate members may take part in the activities of the AIC and receive the information and documents intended for regular members. They shall, however, have no right to vote.

Individual members

Persons may be affiliated with the AIC as individual members if they are interested in the aims of the AIC and show they have knowledge in the field of colour.

Individual members may take part in the activities of the AIC and receive the information and documents intended for regular members. They shall, however, have no right to vote. They cannot make part of the AIC Executive Committee unless they belong to and are nominated by a regular member.

Admission of regular members, associate members, and individual members shall be decided by vote of the Executive Committee on receipt of a written application addressed to the President, and effective upon payment of an annual subscription fee. It will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to determine whether the organization applying for membership satisfies the conditions mentioned above. The membership year corresponds to the calendar year.

Withdrawal of a regular member, an associate member or individual member is possible at the end of each calendar year; notice must be given in writing to the President and the Secretary at least three months in advance.

Expulsion of a regular or an associate member shall be upon majority vote of the Executive Committee on recognition that the conditions of membership are no longer met by the organization or upon non-payment of subscription fees. Expulsion of an individual member will be automatic on non-payment of subscription fees.

Article 5. Meeting of Delegates

A General Assembly meeting of delegates shall normally be held at least every 2 years on the occasion of each congress and midterm meeting. If required, additional meetings may be held by a decision of the Executive Committee or at the request of a majority of the regular members. At least 3 months notice must be given for any meeting of delegates.

Each regular member can delegate any number of representatives from among its members to attend the meeting. Representatives of associate members shall also be entitled to take part, as well as individual members.

The meeting of delegates shall discuss all matters submitted to it by the Executive Committee or by a regular member or associate member.

Article 6. Resolutions

The Executive Committee and each regular member can require that a resolution be taken upon any matter. Resolutions shall be notified by means of a registered circular from the Executive Committee.

Each regular member shall have one vote. The regular members may vote either in writing to the President within 60 days after receipt of the circular, or at a meeting of delegates designated in the circular. In this case, a delegate duly appointed by the regular member shall cast the vote.

Resolutions notified in the above manner are decided by a simple majority of the votes cast within the specified period.

The right is reserved for extraordinary resolutions —other than such mentioned in article 9— to be taken by a meeting of delegates without prior notice, provided this is agreed by all those delegates present who are entitled to vote. No such resolution will be valid unless it is approved by an absolute majority of votes of all regular members.

Article 7. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the AIC, the preparation and execution of resolutions, elections and meetings of delegates and shall represent the AIC in any discussions or negotiations with other bodies.

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and four ordinary members.

One member of the Executive Committee shall always belong to the regular member organization in whose country the next congress is to take place. The country hosting the congress should appoint that member. That member should also be unanimously endorsed by the current EC. If that member is not endorsed by the current EC, then the country hosting the

Congress should propose another member. The other members of the Executive Committee shall each belong to one of the other regular member organizations. The membership of the Executive Committee should be such that no regular member is represented by more than one person.

The Executive Committee shall be elected for a 4-year term commencing from the beginning of the calendar year after the election. The 4 ordinary members of the Executive Committee shall retire at the end of the 4-year period. The retiring Vice President shall automatically continue as President of the Executive Committee for an additional 4-year term, and will then retire. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be eligible for one re-appointment.

Nominations for the next term may be made, with agreement of the nominees, by the Executive Committee or by regular members. Nominations by the Executive Committee, taking into consideration as far as possible an even distribution of the officers among regular members, must be sent to the regular members at least six months before the next congress. Nominations by a regular member organization, endorsed by at least two other regular members, must reach the Secretary/Treasurer at least three months before the congress to enable the submission of the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee and the regular members.

On the basis of these nominations, an election shall be conducted at the General Assembly meeting of delegates at the congress. The Vice President shall be elected first, then the Secretary/Treasurer by separate ballot. Three ordinary members shall be elected in a third round of voting where the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall become members of the new Executive Committee, together with the candidate nominated by the regular member hosting the congress and unanimously endorsed by the current EC.

By a majority of votes of the delegates, the name of any unsuccessful candidate in one ballot may be added to the list of candidates for one or more subsequent ballots. But it has to be ensured that any regular member is only represented by one person on the Executive Committee.

In the case of the death or resignation of the President during the tenure of office, the Vice President shall succeed to the position of President for the rest of the term. If a vacancy occurs among the Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer or other regular members of the Executive Committee a by-election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the tenure at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Article 8. Financial

The members of the Executive Committee shall serve without financial compensation. Secretarial expenses will be met from the funds of the AIC derived from the subscriptions of regular members, associate members, and individual members. Travelling and other expenses of the Executive Committee will not be a charge on AIC funds.

The annual subscription of the regular members shall be the same for each regular member and shall be voted upon by a majority of votes of the delegates at the General Assembly during the congress. The annual subscription for an individual member shall be 25% of the regular member fee. The annual subscription for an associate member shall be determined by the Executive Committee but shall not exceed 25% of the regular member fee. Upon decision of the Executive Committee, associate members can be admitted free, i.e., without paying an annual subscription.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the income and expenditure of the AIC and shall present an annual financial statement to the Executive Committee and a statement of four-year progress to the General Assembly meeting of delegates during each congress.

The regular members shall not be under any financial obligation to the AIC beyond their member subscriptions.

The Executive Committee has the authority to raise funds only by means of voluntary contributions, membership subscriptions, or profit derived from sponsored congresses or symposia.

Article 9. Amendment of Statutes and Dissolution of the AIC

These statutes may be amended or the AIC dissolved only upon a vote by at least a two-thirds majority of all regular members and a discussion at the General Assembly during the congress having immediately preceded the vote. The vote will be conducted by postal ballot in order to include all members. In the event of dissolution, any balance remaining in the funds of the AIC shall be equally divided among regular members.

Article 10. Languages

The languages of the AIC shall be English, French and German. Each AIC member may choose which of these languages they wish to use for carrying on correspondence with the AIC. Since English is the most used international language, all correspondence to and from the members and any other important types of communication shall be in English. The Secretary usually writes in English. In the event of any dispute arising in the interpretation of the statutes, the English version shall be regarded as the official document.