

By-laws of the Society of Algorithmic Intelligence

1. Authority

These by-laws are issued under Clause 8(d) of the Constitution of the Society and may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Executive Committee, provided the changes are consistent with the Constitution and applicable laws.

2. Quorum Requirements

2.1 General Meetings (AGM/EGM)

- The quorum shall be at least 25% of the total voting membership or 30 members, whichever is lower.

2.2 Executive Committee Meetings

- The quorum shall be at least half (1/2) of the total number of Executive Committee members, including at least President or President's delegation.
- For any Executive Committee meeting to proceed and make binding decisions, at least one of the following office bearers must be present: the President, Secretary, or Treasurer. If the President is absent, decisions must be reviewed and confirmed by the President within 7 days to take effect.

2.3 Failure to Meet Quorum

- If quorum is not met within 30 minutes, the meeting shall be adjourned and reconvened within 30 days. At the reconvened meeting, the quorum requirement shall be waived.

3. Voting Procedures

3.1 Voting Rights

- Each Ordinary Member present at a General Meeting shall have one vote.
- Each Permanent Member present at a General Meeting shall have one vote.
- Student Members and Honorary Members shall not have voting rights unless authorized by the Executive Committee.

3.2 Voting Method

- Voting may be conducted by show of hands, electronic means (including email or secure online platforms), or secret ballot, as determined by the Chairperson.

- A simple majority of votes cast shall be sufficient to pass resolutions unless otherwise specified.

3.3 Tie-breaking

- In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

4. Membership Terms & Benefits

4.1 Term

- Membership is renewable annually, subject to payment of fees.

4.2 Permanent Membership

- Founding members may be granted Permanent Membership status upon a one-time payment, as determined by the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee may also, at its discretion, grant Permanent Membership to individuals in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the Society.
- Permanent Members are exempt from annual renewal fees but enjoy the same rights and privileges as Ordinary Members.

4.3 Benefits

- Members may receive reduced rates for events, access to members-only content, voting rights (Ordinary and Permanent Members), and eligibility to serve on committees.

4.4 Suspension or Termination

- The Executive Committee may suspend or terminate membership for conduct prejudicial to the Society's interests, following a fair hearing.

4.5 Admission Principles and Review

- The Society is committed to fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory membership practices.
- Membership applications may be assessed based on alignment with the Society's mission, integrity, and potential contribution.
- Applications may be declined for valid reasons, including reputational or operational concerns.
- The Executive Committee's decision is final but may be accompanied by a written explanation upon request.

5. Subcommittees and Advisory Boards

- The Executive Committee may establish Subcommittees, Working Groups, or Advisory Boards with clearly defined terms of reference.
- These may include local and international members and shall report to the Executive Committee.

6. Council Committee

- The Society may establish a Council to serve as a strategic advisory or supervisory body.
- The Council shall consist of senior members, founding members, or experts nominated by the Executive Committee.
- The Council may provide guidance on the Society's long-term direction, governance, and public positioning but shall not override Executive Committee decisions unless explicitly granted such authority in the Constitution.
- The roles, composition, and authority of the Council shall be defined and reviewed by the Executive Committee.

7. Co-option of Committee Members

- The Executive Committee may co-opt members to fill vacancies or to bring in needed expertise.
- Co-opted members serve until the next election or as determined by the Committee.
- Co-opted members shall have full voting rights unless otherwise specified.

8. Financial Reimbursements

- Reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Society (e.g., travel, meals, subscriptions) may be reimbursed.
- Claims must be supported by receipts and approved by the President and the Treasurer.

9. Amendments to By-laws

- These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee without the need for a General Meeting or ROS approval.