

North American Association of Sports Economists By-Laws

Article I. Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to promote and facilitate research and teaching in the economics of sports. The Association will work to maintain and enhance communication and sharing of ideas among people interested in the economics of sports, within North America and throughout the world.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Any person interested in the economics of sports may be enrolled in the Association.

Section 2. There shall be three classes of members: regular members, student members, and emeritus members. Members pay dues of an amount set each year by the Executive Committee. Student members may receive discounted dues but must provide documentation of status as a student to the Association Secretary. Regular members who have retired may apply for emeritus status by contacting the Association Secretary. Emeritus members may receive discounted dues.

Section 3. All members are eligible to vote on any and all issues before the Association. All members with at least 2 years in the organization are eligible to be officers in the Association.

Article III. Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The Association shall have the following elected officers: a President, a President-elect, and four at large Executive Committee members. The terms of the President and the President-elect shall each be two years, and the terms of office of the four at-large Executive Committee members shall each be four years, with one of the four Executive Committee members' terms to expire each year.

Section 2. The Association shall have a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three Program Chairs appointed by the Executive Committee. The terms of office of each of these officers shall be three years. Other Program Chairs may be appointed by the Executive Committee for additional conferences as necessary.

Section 3. For elective and for appointed officers, each regular term of office shall begin on the last day of the next annual meeting of the Western Economic Association succeeding the election of officers by the membership. It shall end on the last day of the annual meeting determined by the length of that term as specified in Section 1 and 2.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the ex-President who last held office, and the four at-large Executive Committee members. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall not be entitled to vote in the Executive Committee's meetings.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. In case of his disability, his duties shall devolve upon the President-elect, and then upon the Secretary, and upon the Treasurer.

Section 2. Before October 1 of each year, the President-elect of the Association shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the following year. This Committee shall consist of three members of whom no more than one can be a current member of the Executive Committee. The names of the Committee shall be announced to the membership immediately following its appointment and the membership invited to suggest nominees for the various offices to the Committee. The Nominating Committee for each year shall be instructed to present to the Executive Committee on or before March 30th at least two names of members to be considered as nominees for each other elective office to be filled all these nominees being regular members of the Association. The Secretary shall verify that the nominees are regular members of the Association.

The election of officers by the membership shall take place by a ballot conducted by the Secretary each year. The ballot shall list all nominees alphabetically. Space shall be provided on the ballot for the individual voter's alternative choice for all offices. The Secretary shall distribute the ballots to all members as soon as practicable after April 15th and set a deadline for receipt of ballots in the Secretary's office no later than June 15th or two weeks before the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association. The candidates with the highest number of votes for the various offices will be elected. The results of the election shall be certified and announced by the Secretary at the annual business meeting at the Western Economic Association annual meetings.

Section 3. In addition to the program chairs, the executive committee will appoint two additional members for each conference to form conference program committees, each responsible for the program at one of the following annual meetings: the Western Economic Association, the Southern Economic Association, the Eastern Economic Association, and additional conferences as necessary.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Association and perform such other duties as this constitution or the Executive Committee may assign him or her.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive and have custody of the funds of the Association, subject to the rules of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall have the control and management of the funds of the corporation. It may fill vacancies in the list of officers, and may adopt any rules or regulations for the conduct of business not inconsistent with the constitution or with rules adopted at the annual meetings. It shall act as a committee on time and place of meetings and perform such other duties as the Association shall delegate to it. A quorum shall consist of four voting members of the Executive Committee.

Article VI. Annual Meeting

Section 1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association or at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall give notice to members of the time and place (of the annual meeting) at least three months prior to such meeting.

Section 2. A general meeting of the Association membership shall be held at each annual meeting. Any member wishing to offer a proposal or a resolution for consideration by the membership must present it to the Secretary at least one month prior to the annual meeting. The sponsor of a resolution or proposal must attend the general meeting of the Association membership to present a brief statement in support of the resolution. The Executive Committee may make a brief statement of the views of the Executive Committee and, if the Committee favors or takes no position on the resolution will call for a brief statement by a person or persons who have opposing views. The members in attendance will then vote on whether the proposal or resolution goes to the entire membership for a ballot. A simple majority of the regular members voting on the resolution or proposal is required for the resolution or proposal to go to the entire regular membership for a vote.

Article VII. Amendments

Amendments, after having been approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, may be adopted by a majority of votes cast in a ballot by the regular members of the Association.

Article VIII. Ratification of this Constitution

The constitution will be considered ratified when 10 people have agreed to its terms, publicly expressing intent to join as regular members via the Sports Economics list server at: SPORTS-ECONOMICS-L@LISTSERV.UIUC.EDU.

Article IX. Initial Officers

Upon ratification, those having expressed intent to become regular members will decide upon a method of nomination and balloting for the initial set of officers of the Association.

Article X. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Section 1. The Association will form a standing Sponsorship Committee whose members will seek and maintain outside funding sources for the organization. The committee will consist of a Chairman, and two of the Executive Board members, not including either the President or President-elect. The Association Treasurer will be an ex officio member of the committee. The Chairman is appointed by the Executive Board. There is no term limit for the Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee.

Section 2. The Association, acting through the Executive Board, can form Ad Hoc Committees as needed.