

PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON SPOKEN LANGUAGE PROCESSING

CONSTITUTION

Adopted by the International Advisory Board of the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing, Banff, 12-16 October 1992, at their meeting on 15 October 1992, and including amendments agreed by mail ballot which were announced on 15 April 1996 and on 25 February 2004.

1. Name.

The name of the organization is 'The permanent council for the organization of the International Conferences on Spoken Language Processing' (PCICSLP), hereafter, 'the Council'.

2. Purpose. (Amended Feb. 2004)

a. The Council is a non-governmental international organization founded to promote research and development in the area of spoken language processing. The principal task of the Council is to serve as a consultative body and resource for organizers of ICSLP INTERSPEECH conferences.

b. A secondary task of the Council is to promote interest in organizing future ICSLP INTERSPEECH conferences and, in that capacity, provide advice to potential organizers.

3. Membership.

a. Members of the Council at its inauguration in Banff, Alberta, Canada, on 14 October 1992 shall consist of the members of the International Advisory Board for the 1992 International Conference on Spoken Language Processing.

b. Upon termination of an ICSLP the chair of that conference shall become a member of the Council.

c. Members of the Council shall serve for a term beginning with their appointment or election to the Council and terminating at the end of the subsequent fourth consecutive on-site Council meeting at an ICSLP.

d. The election of new members to the Council or changes in status of membership shall be effected by simple majority vote of the full council.

e. The Council may elect any of its existing members to the status of non-voting emeritus member.

f. In recognition of his role as founder of the ICSLP and his efforts in promoting the series, Hiroya Fujisaki is declared honorary council member for life with full voting rights.

4. Officers.

a. The Council will elect a President, Vice President and Secretary to serve as its officers for terms beginning with their election to office and terminating at the end of the subsequent third consecutive on-site Council meeting at an ICSLP. If the date of termination of office comes after the date of termination of membership of the council, an officer will be regarded as a council member ex-officio (with full voting privileges) until the date of termination of office. (Amended Nov. 2000)

b. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Council and shall be responsible for arranging the program of and conducting the meetings of the Council.

c. The Vice President shall assist the President, preside at Council meetings in the absence of the President and serve as liaison between the Council and the organizers of the next conference.

d. The Secretary shall maintain the records of the Council, keep the minutes of the meetings, and conduct correspondence with Council members as well as the organizing committee of the next conference as directed by the President or Vice President.

e. Election of officers shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the full Council.

5. Meetings.

a. Meetings of the Council shall be held at each ICSLP conference.

b. Decisions of the Council shall be made by a simple majority vote of those attending a meeting. In between conferences decisions shall be made by mail ballot. In case of mail ballots, background information required by the members in order to make an informed decision on the subject of the vote shall be provided to them by the officers.

6. Voting.

In all cases of voting, simple majority or two-thirds majority shall be based on the total number of those voting.

7. Rules and Amendments.

a. The Council may, by a simple majority vote, interpret the meaning of provisions in the constitution and adopt rules, non inconsistent with the constitution, to govern the various activities of the Council and the structure of the ICSLP.

b. Amendments to the Constitution may be effected by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Council.

8. Dissolution of PCICSLP.

Dissolution of the Council shall be decided upon only by a two-thirds majority vote of the full Council.