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CHAPTER I
NAME, ADDRESS AND LEGAL NATURE

Article 1.- The ECUADORIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY is a nonprofit corporation with scientific and social purposes. It is established in accordance with the constitutional right of free association for peaceful purposes, and under the provisions of Title XXIX of Book I of the Civil Code, and Executive Decree 3054 of Official Register 660 of September 11, 2002.

Article 2.- The registered office of the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society is established in the Department of Mathematics of the Faculty of Sciences of the National Polytechnic School, Ladrón de Guevara E11-253, PO Box 17-01-2759, Quito, Ecuador.

CHAPTER II
GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Article 3.- General Objective of the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society (SEdeM).

1. To promote the development of mathematics in Ecuador.
2. To support and encourage mathematical research in Ecuador, and to disseminate the corresponding results of research activities.
3. To contribute to the improvement of education in mathematics by participating in school legislation and establishing standards that guide the preparation of teachers at all levels, in accordance with scientific advances and the country's needs.
4. To promote community participation in scientific activities through seminars, courses, conferences, and, in general, all activities related to mathematics.
5. To promote and conduct scientific meetings in the field of mathematics.

CHAPTER III
MEMBERS. CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 4.- Members of the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society can be of four different categories: full members, honorary members, institutional members, and associate members.

1. Full members are those who are dedicated to mathematics at a higher level: teaching, research, or with a professional or academic degree in mathematics.
2. Institutional members are those public or private institutions that are accepted as such.
3. Associate members are all those individuals who express interest in mathematics in Ecuador and who do not meet the requirements established for full membership.
4. Honorary members are those who, in recognition of their scientific merits or their career in Ecuadorian mathematics, are designated as such by the Board and accept such status.

Article 5. - The status of full or associate member is lost for the following reasons:



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1. Delay of more than one calendar year in the payment of the corresponding fee, unless duly documented justification is presented to the Board and accepted by it.
2. Written resignation from the Society.
3. Expulsion.
4. Death of the member.

Article 6.- The rights and benefits set forth in the Bylaws, to which the members of the Society are entitled, are non-transferable.

Article 7.- Members have the following obligations:

1. Comply with the provisions of the current Statutes.
2. Respect and enforce the rights conferred by law and the Statutes on the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society and its members.
3. Cooperate in the effective functioning of the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society in the tasks it undertakes.
4. Full and associate members must pay their annual dues on time, as well as any extraordinary contributions that the General Assembly may establish.

Article 8.- Full members of the Society have the following rights:

1. To have a voice and vote in the discussions of the General Assembly, and to request and receive reports on the various actions of the Board of Directors. Requests for reports must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Society.
2. To request the Board of Directors, in accordance with Article 32, to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting.
3. To resign from membership in the Society by written notice to the Secretary of the Society.

Article 9.- The rights of associate members of the Society are:

1. To have a voice in the discussions of the General Assembly and receive reports on the various actions of the Board of Directors.
2. To be part of the various committees of the Society.
3. To resign from membership in the Society by written notification to the Secretary of the Society.

CHAPTER IV
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 10.- The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Ordinary General Assembly, from closed lists, by a majority vote of the full members who are up to date with their obligations to the Society. The term of office of the Board of Directors is two years, and its members may be re-elected to the same or another position.



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Article 11.- The Board of Directors is responsible for the administration and direction of the Society, as well as the application of sanctions in accordance with the current Bylaws.

Article 12.- The Board of Directors shall be composed solely of full members who shall hold the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four principal members with their respective alternate members.

Article 13. - Board meetings shall be ordinary or extraordinary. The Board shall:

1. Hold a regular meeting once during the fifteen days prior to the Ordinary General Assembly, and at least once more during each year of its term.
2. Hold extraordinary meetings whenever the President, or any two of its members, deem it necessary. Extraordinary meetings shall be convened seven calendar days in advance.
3. The Board of Directors may, if it deems it appropriate, accept the attendance of members of the Society who are not members of the Board at its regular or extraordinary meetings.

Article 14.- The quorum for convening a Board meeting is two-thirds of its members.

Article 15.- The decisions of the Board of Directors shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present, with the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

Article 16.- The duties and powers of the Board of Directors are:

1. To agree on the amount of annual fees that members must contribute to the Society.
2. To form committees to carry out actions aimed at achieving the objectives of the Society.
3. Coordinate and support the work of the various committees and approve their action plans.
4. Agree and oversee the investment of the Society's funds.
5. To review and accept or reject the membership application of any applicant to the Society.
6. To appoint and announce the appointments of honorary members of the Society.
7. Exercise the functions delegated by the General Assembly.
8. At the Ordinary General Assembly held each year, the Board of Directors must present a report on its work to the members of the Society.
9. Establish sanctions in accordance with the corresponding regulations.
10. Call elections for the Board of Directors in accordance with the corresponding regulations.

CHAPTER V
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

V.1 The President.

Article 17.- To be President of the Society, one must be a full member and meet at least one of the following requirements:

1. Hold a doctoral degree in mathematics,
2. Be the author of at least two articles published in international peer-reviewed journals, listed in AMS- Reviews or Zentralblatt, and hold a fourth-level university degree in mathematics or



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a related field.

Article 18.- Candidates for the Presidency shall be evaluated by an Qualifying Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The committee shall be composed of three full members:

- a) Two full members who are not members of the Board of Directors
- b) The President of the Board of Directors.

Article 19.- The President shall be the legal representative of the Society.

Article 20. - The duties and powers of the President are:

1. To convene and preside over Board meetings and General Assemblies.
2. To represent the Society ind and out of court in its external relations, or to delegate a member of the Board of Directors for that purpose.
3. To authorize the minutes, correspondence and inventories of the Society.
4. To coordinate the actions of the Board of Directors.
5. To authorize expenses up to an amount of 10% of the cash balance.

V.2 The Vice President.

Article 21.- The same requirements as for the President apply to the Vice President of the Society.

Article 22.- Candidates for the Vice Presidency shall be evaluated by the Qualifying Committee mentioned in Article 18.

Article 23.- In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the functions of the President.

V.3 The Secretary.

Article 24. -The Secretary shall be appointed from among the full members of the Society.

Article 25.- The duties of the Secretary are:

1. To draft the minutes of each of the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly, as well as of the Board of Directors of the Society, and to provide copies of said minutes as required by the Board of Directors.
2. To report on communications received by the Society.
3. To deliver the appointments of the various officers or committees designated by the General Assembly or the Board of Directors.

V.4 The Treasurer.

Article 26.- The Treasurer shall be appointed from among the full members of the Society.

Article 27.- The duties and powers of the Treasurer are:

1. To collect annual or occasional membership dues, as well as any other income the Society may have. If deemed necessary, she or he may appoint collaborators in each of the institutions



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- in which the Society has members.
2. To keep the Society's accounts in a detailed and documented manner, in accordance with the requirements of the relevant control bodies.
 3. To deposit the collected funds in the corresponding bank.
 4. To submit, whenever requested by the Board of Directors, a detailed and documented report of all movements of the Society's assets.
 5. To submit, as part of the annual activity report, a detailed report of the movements of the Society's assets.

V.5 Board members.

Article 28.- Board members shall be appointed from among the full members of the Society.

Article 29.- The duties and powers of the members are:

1. To chair the committees that the Board of Directors shall form in accordance with the needs of the Society.

**CHAPTER VI
GENERAL ASSEMBLIES**

Article 30.- There shall be two types of General Assemblies: ordinary and extraordinary. Ordinary General Assemblies shall be held in the month of October of each year. The Board of Directors shall issue the corresponding call no less than 15 calendar days in advance. The agenda shall be included in said call for the meeting. Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held at the request of the Board of Directors or at the written request of 30% of the full, honorary, and associate members who are up to date with their obligations to the Society. The conditions for such a call are specified in Article 32.

Article 31. - The duties and powers of the Ordinary General Assembly are:

1. To disclose the balance sheet of the Board of Directors in office at the time of the Assembly.
2. To elect the Board of Directors for the following term, in the event that the term of the current Board of Directors comes to an end.
3. To deal with any other matter included in the agenda prepared by the Board of Directors.
4. To address any matter proposed by at least 15% of the attendees who are in good standing.

Article 32.- Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held whenever the Board of Directors deems it necessary, or upon written request from 30% of the full, honorary, and associate members who are up to date with their obligations to the Society. Such request must be addressed to the Secretary and President of the Society, who shall inform the Board of Directors within five calendar days of its receipt. After verifying that the requirements have been met, the Board of Directors shall issue a call for an Extraordinary General Assembly fifteen calendar days in advance. The call must include the agenda for the meeting.



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Article 33.- Only the items on the agenda may be discussed at Extraordinary General Assemblies. For a meeting requested by members who are not on the Board of Directors to be effective, said members must:

1. Notify the Society's Secretary in writing of their intention to hold a General Assembly. This notification must include the names and signatures of the members calling the General Assembly, as well as the agenda for the meeting.
2. After completing the relevant verifications, the Secretary shall convene the Assembly at least fifteen calendar days in advance. The agenda for the Assembly shall be included in the notice of meeting.

Article 34.- The General Assembly may request a report from the Board of Directors on its activities at any time.

**CHAPTER VII
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

Article 35. - A dispute resolution committee shall be established. It shall be composed of three members:

- a) Two full members who are not members of the Board of Directors,
- b) The Vice President of the Board of Directors, who will chair the committee.

Article 36.- In the event of a dispute between members of the Society, the interested party or parties shall notify the Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee in writing. The latter shall have fifteen calendar days to convene a meeting of said committee and initiate the relevant proceedings. The Chairman shall then issue a report to the Board of Directors so that, if applicable, the Board may establish the appropriate sanctions, in accordance with Article 16.

**CHAPTER VIII
ECONOMIC REGIME**

Article 37. - The Association's assets shall consist of admission fees, ordinary and extraordinary dues contributed by its members, the movable or immovable property acquired or received in any capacity, and the income derived from its services.

Article 38.- The Board of Directors shall set the membership and regular dues annually. These must be paid by members by January 31 of each year. Failure to pay dues will result in the suspension of the rights of the member in arrears as of the thirtieth day of arrears, as provided for in Article 11 of these Bylaws.

Article 39.- The General Assembly may establish extraordinary fees. These must be paid within 60



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days of their approval by the General Assembly.

Article 40.- The Association's fiscal year shall end on December 31 of each year.

Article 41.- The Association may receive inheritances, bequests and donations which will be accepted with benefit of inventory.

CHAPTER IX
MODIFICATION OF THE BYLAWS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 42.- The Society may amend its Bylaws at an Extraordinary General Assembly. The corresponding resolutions shall be adopted by at least two-thirds of the full members present at said Assembly.

Article 43. - The dissolution of the Society shall be carried out at an Extraordinary General Assembly by agreement of two-thirds of the full members present. Following the resolution of the dissolution, the Society's assets shall be transferred to a legally constituted, non-profit scientific society, which shall be elected by the Extraordinary General Assembly. This designation shall be adopted by agreement of half plus one of the members present; such majority must include at least half of the full members.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Transitional Provision 1. For the purposes of the 2006 elections, the current board will perform the functions of the Qualifying Committee.

As of June 7, 2007, the Secretariat of the Ecuadorian Mathematical Society certifies that these statutes were discussed in the sessions of March 6, 2006 and November 17, 2006, and approved at the General Assembly of June 7, 2007.

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