

# CONSTITUTION

1. The corporate body hereby constituted shall be known as the Irish Statistical Association and shall heretofore be referred to as the "Association".
2. The Association is incorporated in order to promote the development of Statistical Science, the good use of Statistics and the role of the Statistician in Ireland and elsewhere. Activities appropriate for the Association shall include :
  - a. Holding an annual Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland (CASI).
  - b. Encouraging the interchange of statistical knowledge through the promotion of seminars, short courses, training programmes, and discussions.
  - c. Educating interested parties and the public in general about the use of Statistics and the role of the Statistician.
  - d. Establishing International and European dimensions to Irish Statistics by forging appropriate links with kindred associations and societies.
  - e. Publishing and updating a Register of Irish Statisticians.
3. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. Officers of the Association must be ordinary members of the Association.
4. The Association shall be administered by an executive committee, henceforth called the "Committee", which shall consist of the Officers and six other ordinary members of the Association including: an immediate past, present and future organiser of the annual Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland (CASI), a representative of the Northern Ireland Local Group of the RSS (Royal Statistical Society) and at least two other members (who may be co-opted ). A quorum for the Committee shall consist of four members, including at least two officers. The Committee shall meet at least twice each year, the convenor being the President.
5. Membership shall be open to all who are interested in Statistics and who subscribe to the Aims of the Association. Members of the Association shall be classified as follows:
  - a. Ordinary Members
  - b. Institutional Members
  - c. Honorary Members
  - d. Student Members

Any person (Institution) may apply to the Treasurer of the Committee for ordinary (Institutional) membership. The election of an ordinary or institutional member shall be decided by the Committee at the next

Committee meeting following receipt of an application form for membership. Any four ordinary members of the Association may propose a candidate for honorary membership to the Committee. If the proposal is accepted by the Committee, then it shall be decided by electronic ballot of ordinary members of the Association and carried subject to approval by 2/3 of those voting in this electronic ballot. A student member must be a registered student at a third level institution.

6. Every Ordinary and Institutional member shall pay a subscription fee to the association according to the regulations set out in the Rules of the Association.
7. There shall be an Annual General Meeting (henceforth referred to as the AGM) of the Irish Statistical Association which shall be held at the yearly Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland (CASI). A quorum for the AGM shall be seven ordinary members. At the AGM an election shall be held to fill each Office which would otherwise fall vacant in the following year. (In these Articles and Rules *year* shall refer to the 12 month period from 1 June to 31 May). An election shall also be held to fill any vacant positions on the Committee which would naturally arise in the following year. Any elections held shall be by secret ballot. Ordinary members may submit motions to an AGM. Any such motion shall be passed if and only if it is approved by a simple majority of the members present at that meeting as long it is not inconsistent with the constitution of the Association. Motions to change the constitution are dealt with at 9 below.
8. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional members on the Committee in any one year. The duration of service for such a member shall be for the remaining part of the year in which co-option was made.
9. Changes to this Constitution by way of altering any existing Article or introducing any new Article must be done according to the following procedure:
  - a. a proposal (supported by at least 4 ordinary members of the Association) to change the Constitution is approved by a majority of the Committee members at a meeting of the Committee.
  - b. the proposal is then brought to the next AGM where it is approved by 10 ordinary members of the Association or at least 2/3 of the ordinary members present at that AGM, whichever is the greater.
10. The Association shall have Rules for the administration of the business of the Association. Proposals to add, modify or delete Rules can be made at any AGM of the Association. Any such proposal shall be passed if it is approved by 10 ordinary members of the Association or at least 2/3 of the ordinary members present at that AGM, whichever is the greater.

# RULES

## Membership

Membership of the Irish Statistical Association shall be open to all who are interested in Statistics and who subscribe to the aims and objectives of the Association.

1. An individual can apply for election as an Ordinary member of the association by completing an application form and sending it together with the appropriate subscription fee to the Treasurer. Application forms may be obtained from any member of the Committee, or downloaded from the Association's website . In a similar way an Institution may apply for Institutional membership. Students may be elected to student membership at the AGM of the Association, and any student so elected shall be a member of the Association for the following year.
2. The Treasurer shall co-ordinate all Ordinary and Institutional applications for membership of the Association. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of subscriptions. The Treasurer shall have the discretion to add the name of any candidate for Ordinary or Institutional membership to the list of members of the Association on a provisional basis until the next meeting of the Committee.

## Subscriptions

3. The annual subscriptions for Ordinary and Institutional and Student members of the Association shall be due in June of each year. The correct subscription fees for members are as follows:

Ordinary member	€20.00 (or Sterling equivalent).
Institutional member	€100.00 (or Sterling equivalent)
Student Member	€10.00 (or Sterling equivalent)

4. The Committee shall have the discretion to end the membership of any Ordinary or Institutional member whose subscription fees are more than eighteen months in arrears.

## Officers and Committee of the Association

5. The normal term of service for the Officers and members of the Committee shall be **two** years starting on the first day of June following election at an AGM. However those who become members by virtue of being a future organiser of a CASI meeting would be expected to serve for up to three years. The terms of office for President and Vice President shall begin in even numbered years. No President shall hold office for two consecutive terms. The Committee shall have the power to appoint one of its members to take over the duties of any Officer of the Association who is unable to perform those duties

- such an appointment shall end at the next AGM when an election will be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of its current term. One of the duties of the committee shall be to determine organisers of the annual CASI conferences.

6. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The President shall chair all meetings of the Association and its Committee, and the Vice President shall act in place of the President as necessary.
7. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meeting of the Association and its Committee. Notice of the AGM will be distributed with information about the yearly CASI meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Register of Irish Statisticians.
8. The Treasurer shall issue a financial statement each year at the AGM.

\*In the first instance the President and Vice President shall be elected for 1 year beginning in 1997. (accepted 23 May, 1997 in Bunratty, County Clare).