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Article 1 (Membership)

Section 1. Rights and Duties of Members

1. Members have the right to participate in the activities mentioned in the Constitution's Article 4.
2. Members have the right to attend and vote in General Assembly.
3. Members have the right to be elected as Society's officers or delegates.
4. Members have the duty to pay membership fees and adhere to resolutions passed by the General Assembly.

Section 2. Withdrawal of Membership.

Members may voluntarily withdraw their membership by expressing their intention in writing.

Section 3. Expulsion of Members

Members who act contrary to the Society's objectives or damage its reputation can be expelled following a resolution by the Board of Directors.

Article 2 (Officers)

Section 1. Roles of Officers

1. The President represents the Society, oversees its affairs, and serves as the chairperson of the Board of Directors, the Board of Executives, and the General Assembly.
2. The Vice Presidents assist the President and are members of the Board of Directors.
3. The General Secretary independently manages the Society's secretariat, oversees administrative tasks, and is a member of the Board of Directors.
4. The Auditors audit the Society's accounts and report to the Board of Executives.

Section 2. Election of Officers

1. The President, Vice Presidents, and General Secretary shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and elected through the resolution of the Board of Executives and approval of the General Assembly.

2. The Auditors shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Board of Executives and elected with the approval of the General Assembly.

Section 3. Term of Officers

1. The term of office for officers is two years and may be renewed. The General Secretary is expected to serve at least two consecutive terms for continuity. In the event of the President or General Secretary's absence, the Board of Directors will decide on an acting officer who will fulfill the remaining term.
2. Officers who have not completed their terms shall be replaced following a resolution by the Board of Executives and approval by the General Assembly.

Article 3 (Board of Directors)

Section 1. Roles of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors selects and implements projects that align with the Society's objectives.

1. Explore, select, coordinate, and implement the activities listed in Article 4.
2. Recommend candidates for the next President, Vice Presidents, and the General Secretary.
3. Recommend additional delegates for the Board of Executives.
4. Coordinate other major matters of the Society.

Section 2. Convening the Board of Directors

1. The President will convene the Board of Directors at least once a year and shall serve as the chairperson.
2. The Board of Directors may meet on site or online.
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of current members and decision-making will follow the principle of majority rule.

Article 4 (Board of Executives)

Section 1. Roles of the Board of Executives

The Board of Executives shall decide on major matters of the Society.

1. Vote on the Society's next President, Vice Presidents, and the General Secretary.
2. Recommend and elect Auditors.
3. Recommend and elect additional delegates for the Board of Executives.
4. Decide on the venue for regular conferences.
5. Vote on other important matters of the Society.

Section 2. Election of Executives

Executives are recommended by the Board of Directors or existing Executives, elected by the Board of Executives, and approved by the General Assembly.

Section 3. Term of Executives

1. The term of Executives is two years and may be renewed. For continuity, Executives are expected to serve at least two consecutive terms.
2. Executives who do not complete their terms may be replaced following a resolution by the Board of Executives and approval by the General Assembly.

Section 4. Convening the Board of Executives

1. The President will convene the Board of Executives at least once a year and shall serve as the chairperson.
2. The Board of Executives may meet on site or online.
3. A quorum shall consist of a majority of current members and decision-making will follow the principle of majority rule.

Article 5 (Editorial Board)

Section 1. Composition of the Editorial Board

To facilitate the Society's activities, the Editorial Board may establish the following positions:

1. One or more Editors-in-Chief
2. Associate Editors
3. Other positions as deemed necessary by the Editorial Board

Section 2. Roles of the Editorial Board

1. Publication and editing of the Society's Journal
2. Promotion of the Society's academic activities and research
3. Other editorial matters of the Society

Article 6 (General Assembly)

Section 1. Roles of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the following matters:

1. Amendments to the constitutions and bylaws.
2. Dissolution of the Society
3. Approval of officers, delegates, and auditors.
4. Approval of the venue for regular conferences
5. Other important matters of the Society

Section 2. Convening the General Assembly

1. The President convenes and serves as the chairperson of the General Assembly.
2. The President must convene a Regular General Assembly at least once every two years.
3. The President may convene a Provisional General Assembly if requested by the President or by the Board of Executives.

4. Decisions at the General Assembly are made by a majority vote of the members present. In the event of a tie, the chairperson decides.
5. Amendments to the Society's bylaws require a two-thirds majority vote at the General Assembly.
6. Members who delegate their decision in writing are considered present or as having voted.

Article 7 (Secretariat and Committees)

Section 1. Location of the Secretariat

Korea University, Anam-ro 145, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea, performs the administrative tasks of the Society. Separate regulations govern its composition and operation.

Section 2. Roles of the Secretariat

1. Management of membership information and communication with members
2. Notification and promotion of academic events and other Society activities
3. Accounting tasks of the Society
4. Management of the Society's assets and documents
5. Other administrative matters of the Society

Section 3. Committees

To facilitate the Society's activities, the Secretariat may establish the following committees:

1. Science and Education Committee
2. Ethics and Award Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Advisory Committee
5. Other necessary committees as deemed appropriate
6. Separate regulations will govern the committees.

Article 8 (Honorary Presidents of ASH)

Honorary presidents of ASH are accomplished members who have served as presidents in the Society and have dedicated substantial time and resources to benefit the Society.

Article 9 (Ethics Policy)

The Society requires officers, executives, and secretariat to observe standards of personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. Officers, executives, and secretariat should uphold honesty and integrity in fulfilling their responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Transitional Provision

Article 1 (Effective Date)

This Bylaws shall be effective from the date of approval (July 4, 2024) by the General Assembly of the Asian Society for Hydrobiology.