



INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

STATUTES

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100.00 NAME

101.00 The association shall be known as the International Ranger Federation.
(The acronym for the International Ranger Federation shall be the IRF).

200.00 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

201.00 The IRF is a federation of national, state, and territorial Ranger associations whose express objectives are to:

- further the professional standards of Rangers throughout the world;
- advance the aims of IUCN's World Conservation Strategy in all our common efforts;
- share knowledge and resources;
- establish global communications among Ranger organizations;
- foster professional exchanges among Rangers and twinning agreements between member associations;
- arrange and conduct regular international meeting;
- undertake joint activities to directly support each other's operations where necessary and feasible;

202.00 The IRF shall not be involved with any labour or industrial relations issues or actions.

300.00 MEMBERSHIP

301.00 **Regular membership** in the IRF is open to national, state, and territorial Ranger associations, as approved by the International Executive Committee (IEC).

Provisional membership may be granted to individual Rangers or groupings of Rangers where no formally constituted Ranger association is in existence.

Associate (non-voting) membership is open to groups and individuals who further the cause of the association or the park or protected areas.

Honorary (non-voting) membership may be bestowed on individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to the IRF, a member association or the conservation field.

Requirements for membership shall be established by the IEC in the *Standing Rules*.

302.00 All memberships, to become effective, must be approved by the IEC.

303.00 Membership in the association shall be without distinction as to rank, sex, race, colour, language or religion.

400.00 DUES

401.00 The dues for regular membership shall be 1% of the annual dues of the member associations, to be used for IRF purposes. Associate members dues shall be an amount as established in the *Standing Rules* by the IEC.

Honorary members shall pay no dues.

500.00 INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

501.00 The International Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

600.00 STRUCTURE

601.00 The International Executive Committee (IEC) shall consist of the international officers, plus one Regional Representative from each Region. All former presidents of the IRF shall serve as non-voting members of the IEC for the purpose of providing advice, as requested by the President or other members of the IEC.

601.10 The IEC shall demarcate demographical and/or geographical regions across the world, (from which Regions the Regional Representatives will be elected to serve on the IEC)

602.00 The World Congress Membership Meeting (WCMM) shall consist of the IEC plus one delegate from each member association.

700.00 AUTHORITY

701.00 The IEC, subject to the authority of the WCMM and the Statutes, shall have the authority over the activities and affairs of the IRF. The IEC may hire employee(s) to carry out IRF business and /or seek funding for the association.

702.00 The WCMM shall have the authority to adopt and amend Statutes and other authority as provided by the Statutes.

800.00 DUTIES

801.00 The officers shall perform the duties as provided for in the Statutes and Standing Rules, the IEC or WCMM, and the following specific duties.

802.00 The President is the Chief Executive Officer with the obligation to handle the general operations of the IRF. The President shall normally chair all meetings of the IEC and WCMM and have the following duties:

- the power to appoint and remove his/her appointees, as provided in the Statutes.
- the authority to sign all contracts which are binding on the IRF with the approval of the IEC.
- to appear in court on behalf of the IRF when necessary for the continuing operations of the IRF.
- administer the IRF within the boundaries of the Statutes and Standing Rules including issuing emergency rules in areas not covered by the statutes or standing rules.
- the authority to make decisions of an emergency nature, which may not be covered by the Statutes or Standing Rules.

If the President is unable to fulfil his/her functions, the Vice President shall carry out those duties.

803.00 The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and certification of all minutes of the IEC and WCMM, maintain custody of enrolment forms and other official papers and provide for the official correspondence between the IRF.

804.00 The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer and shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the fiscal policies of the IEC, WCMM and the law.

900.00 MEETINGS

901.00 There shall be at least one World Congress held every three years.

902.00 The IEC shall attempt to meet at least once between the World Congress meetings. IEC business may be conducted by mail, phone, e-mail and/or internet conferencing.

903.00 Minutes of every IEC meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary, to each member of the IEC and to each member association, as soon as practicable after a meeting, and one (1) copy shall be filed at the office of the Secretary.

904.00 Minutes of every WCMM meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary, to each member of the WCMM as soon as practicable, after the meeting. One copy shall be filed at the office of the Secretary.

1000.00 APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

1001.00 Only individuals from regular member associations are eligible to hold any office or other positions, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Statutes.

1002.00 The President, with approval of the IEC or WCMM, may appoint individuals in the following positions:

- Editor
- Exchange Bureau Coordinator
- Training Coordinator
- International Fund-raiser
- Internet Coordinator
- Marketing/Public Relations Officer
- Hobby Collector Coordinator

1003.00 The IEC may establish other positions as needed.

1004.00 Election of International Officers shall take place at the WCMM, with each member association having one vote for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and one vote for their continental representative. Procedures for elections shall be established in the *Standing Rules*.

1005.00 International Officers shall be elected for a term between consecutive WCMM's, and take office and be sworn in, as the last order of business at World Congress Membership Meeting.

1100.00 VACANCIES

1101.00 For vacancies in the office of President the Vice President shall automatically rise to the vacant position.

1102.00 For vacancies in the office of Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary, the President shall nominate a replacement within 120 days, who shall take office after majority approval of the remaining IEC.

1103.00 If the President and Vice President offices are both vacant the IEC shall select a President from among their own ranks.

1200.00 VOTING

1201.00 Only regular member associations and IRF Officers may vote at World Congress Membership Meeting (WCMM).

1202.00 At the WCMM, each member association shall be allowed one vote, to be cast by their delegate or proxy. The President or presiding officer shall have one vote to break a tie.

1203.00 Within the IEC, each member shall have one vote.

1204.00 In order for a member association to have voting privileges at either a WCMM or in the International election, the member association must be in good standing.

1205.10 The Secretary will provide the President a register of all eligible member associations at least 30 but no more than 45 days prior to any World Congress meeting. These registers, with any updates, will be read into the minutes, before any votes are cast.

1300.00 COMMITTEES

1301.00 The IEC may appoint permanent standing committees, to assist the IEC conduct IRF business.

1302.00 An Election Committee shall be established in each election year. The President shall appoint a chairman, who shall appoint at least four (4) members. Election Committee appointments must be approved by the IEC. The election committee shall receive nominations for International Officers and Regional Representatives, and ensure that the nomination list is sent to all member associations at least 30 days before WCMM meeting.

1400.00 RESTRICTIONS

1401.00 No member shall promote, or attempt to promote, any discussion, concerning politics, religious, or racial matters, at any meeting of the association, through the media, or correspondence with other members, in the course of IRF business.

1403.00 No member may appoint, use, or assume any IRF title except pursuant to the authority of applicable IRF Statute or *Standing Rules*.

1404.00 No member shall permit another person to use their official IRF passport, or identification, nor furnish anyone not an IRF member, any article that might result in courtesies and /or privileges being extended to which only IRF members are entitled.

1405.00 The IRF emblems are protected by international copyright and may only be used within the framework of the association. The emblems may only be utilized for commercial purposes by the IRF.

1500.00 REMOVAL AND SUSPENSIONS

1501.00 The IEC, by a 2/3 vote, may suspend or expel any member association or IRF officer, provided however that the charges preferred against the member or officer, shall be thoroughly investigated by a special committee of three (3) members appointed by the President and approved by the IEC.

1501.10 The special committee shall report its findings, in writing, signed by the members of the committee, at a special IEC meeting called for the purpose. The member charged shall be entitled to be respond to any charges prior to deliberations by the IEC.

1502.00 If the charges referred to above are against the President, then the three member committee will be appointed by the Vice President with approval of the remainder of the IEC.

1600.00 RULES OF ORDER

1601.00 Meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure. The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the *Statutes or Standing Rules*.

1602.00 All grievances must be brought first before the IEC and then to the WCMM.

1700.00 AMENDMENTS

1701.00 The Statues may only be amended or modified at a World Congress Membership Meeting.

1702.00 *Standing Rules*, to carry out the *Statutes* and to establish policies, procedures and administration rules of the Federation, may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the IEC.