

Rules for Election of Candidates for Officers and Appointment of Officers

Pursuant to Articles 33 and 34 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Society, the election of candidates for officers and the appointment of officers shall be stipulated as follows.

(Fixed Number and Types of Directors)

1. The fixed number of directors shall be 30 or less and shall be divided into election-elected directors stipulated in Article 3 of these Rules, standing directors stipulated in Article 4 of these Rules, position designated directors stipulated in Article 5 of these Rules, and president-appointed directors stipulated in Article 6 of these Rules. The term "six consecutive years" stipulated in Article 37, Paragraph 1 of the Articles of Incorporation shall not include the terms of office of standing directors, position designated directors, and president-appointed directors.

(Definition of Term)

2. The period from the conclusion of the general meeting in the year of the election of the President to the conclusion of the general meeting two years later shall be stipulated in these Rules as one term.

(Election-Elected Directors)

3. The fixed number of election-elected directors shall be 12, and candidates for election-elected directors shall be elected, by the vote of the full members (the next delegates) elected as the next delegates, from among the full members stated on the list of members of the Society confirmed at the meeting of the Board of Directors held closest to the date of the election, in accordance with the following procedures; provided, however, that standing directors who will continue to serve for the next term and candidates for standing directors for the next term shall be excluded from the persons eligible for elective office.

- 2) Elections shall be held for a period of not less than one week but not more than two weeks between the date on which the election of the next delegates is completed and the last day of February.
- 3) Voting shall be conducted in a series of votes for up to 12 persons, either by web entry based on a prescribed format or by mail using a prescribed ballot form.
- 4) The fixed number of winners in a series of votes shall be limited to the prescribed number in the order of the number of votes received; provided, however, that in the case where all the persons who received the same number of votes are deemed as winners, if the number of such winners exceeds the fixed number, then the committee chair of the Election Management Committee shall decide the order of the persons who received votes by a lottery conducted with an observer, and such persons up to the fixed number shall be deemed as winners.

(Standing Directors)

4. Five standing directors shall be in charge of general affairs, information and business affairs, external affairs, accounting, and editing of journals, respectively, and candidates for the next standing directors shall be selected, in principle, at the meeting of the Board of Directors in January. Unless there are special circumstances, the standing directors in charge of general affairs and information and business affairs shall be replaced in the year of the election of the President, and the standing directors in charge of external affairs, accounting, and editing of journals shall be

replaced in the non-election year of the President.

(Position Designated Directors)

5. The fixed number of position designated directors shall not exceed 10, and candidates corresponding to the representatives of the branch (four persons), the representative of the steering committee of the annual meeting (one person), the person recommended by other academic societies with which the Society is affiliated (one person), the person in charge of gender equality (one person), and the persons in charge of industry-academia-government collaboration (three persons or less) shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Candidates for the director in charge of gender equality and candidates for the directors in charge of industry-academia-government collaboration shall be recommended by the President with the consent of the board of standing directors.

(President-Appointed Directors)

6. The fixed number of president-appointed directors shall not exceed three, and the candidates therefor shall be appointed by the President and elected by the Board of Directors. Appointments in the President's election year shall be subject to the prior written consent of the candidate for the next President. In addition, the term of office of president-appointed directors shall be one year, in principle, but their reappointment shall not be precluded.

(Appointment of Directors)

7. After being elected pursuant to Articles 3 through 6 of these Rules, candidates shall be approved by the first general meeting and appointed as directors at the conclusion of said general meeting.

(Election of Candidates for Next President and Next Vice-President)

8. The candidates for the next President shall be elected from among the candidates for election-elected directors, with the candidates for election-elected directors, standing directors, position designated directors, and president-appointed directors as voters in the election, in accordance with the following procedure. After electing the candidates for the next President, the candidates for Vice-President (two persons) shall be elected from among the candidates for election-elected directors, excluding the candidates for the next President, with the candidates for election-elected directors, standing directors, position designated directors, and president-appointed directors as voters, in accordance with the following procedure.

- 2) The election for the candidates for the next President and candidates for the next Vice-President shall be conducted as soon as possible after the election of the candidates for election-elected directors.
- 3) In the election for the candidates for the next President and candidates for the next Vice-President, if the majority vote of all voters is not obtained, an election shall be held again promptly.
- 4) In the election for the candidates for the next President and candidates for the next Vice-President, votes shall be cast and counted under the committee chair of the Election Management Committee and two observers appointed by the committee chair of the Election Management Committee from among persons other than the above-mentioned voters.
- 5) The voting for candidates for the next President shall be singular and secret, and no voting by mail shall be permitted. The winner among the candidates for the next President shall be elected by a majority of the total number of votes (excluding blank votes), and if no candidate obtains a majority, a runoff election shall be

held between the top two candidates; provided, however, that if the number of votes received by the top candidates is the same, the youngest person shall be deemed as the winner.

- 6) The voting for candidates for the next Vice-President shall be for a series of two names and secret, and no voting by mail shall be permitted. For candidates for the next Vice-President, the top two vote-getters among the candidates shall be deemed as winners; provided, however, that if there are three or more first-place persons or two or more second-place persons with the same number of votes, the younger person(s) shall be the winner(s).
- 7) Written notice to the winners may be omitted.

(Appointment of President and Vice-President)

9. The candidate for the next President and candidates for the next Vice-President elected pursuant to Article 8 of these Rules shall be approved by a meeting of the Board of Directors, which shall be held immediately after the conclusion of the first general meeting after the election, and shall be appointed as the President and the Vice Presidents, respectively, at the conclusion of said meeting of the Board of Directors.

(Election of Candidates for Auditor)

10. Candidates for auditors shall be elected by the vote of the next delegates from among the full members stated on the list of members of the Society issued closest to the date of the election, in accordance with the following procedure; provided, however, that directors who will continue to serve for the next term, as well as candidates for standing directors, candidates for election-elected directors, candidates for position designated directors, and candidates for president-appointed directors who have already been appointed for the next term shall be excluded from the persons eligible for elective office.

- 2) Elections shall be held for a period not less than one week but not more than two weeks after the election of candidates for directors for the next term pursuant to Article 3 of these Rules and until one month prior to the date of the general meeting to approve such candidates as auditor.
- 3) Voting shall be conducted in a series of votes for up to two persons, either by web entry based on a prescribed format or by mail using a prescribed ballot form.
- 4) Among the persons who received votes in a series of votes, with respect to those who were directors in the previous term or those who are auditors and will not assume the position of director in the next term, first, the top vote-getter shall be deemed as the winner on a preferential basis; provided, however, that in the case where two or more persons are the top vote-getters with the same number of votes, the committee chair of the Election Management Committee shall decide the order of said top vote-getters by a lottery conducted with an observer.
- 5) Furthermore, the winner shall be the top vote-getter excluding the winner in the preceding paragraph. If two or more persons are the top vote-getters with the same number of votes, the committee chair of the Election Management Committee shall decide the order of said top vote-getters by a lottery conducted with an observer; provided, however, that if there is no person receiving votes who falls under the preceding paragraph, the top two vote-getters in this paragraph shall be deemed as winners, and if there are three or more first-ranked persons who received the same number of votes or two or more second-ranked persons who received the same number of votes, the committee chair of the Election Management Committee shall

decide the order of said persons who received votes by a lottery conducted with an observer.

(Appointment of Auditors)

11. The elected candidates for auditors shall be approved by the first general meeting after the election and appointed as auditors at the conclusion of said general meeting.

(Revision of Rules)

12. Revisions to these Rules shall be made by the Board of Directors and reported to the general meeting.

Supplementary Provisions

Approved by the 341st Meeting of the Board of Directors on March 20, 2017. These Rules shall come into effect as of March 20, 2017.

Approved by the 346th Meeting of the Board of Directors on February 3, 2018. These Rules shall come into effect as of February 3, 2018.