
Charter of the International Consortium of Chinese Mathematicians

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Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1 Name

The name of the organization shall be *International Consortium of Chinese Mathematicians* (ICCM), hereinafter referred to as “the Consortium.”

Article 2 Goals

The Consortium is legally established as an international academic organization for non-profit purposes. The Consortium shall aim to facilitate exchanges and collaboration among Chinese mathematicians around the world; to promote research in mathematics and benefit academia, as well as to serve the mathematical community through publications, conferences, promotional activities, and other relevant projects.

Article 3 Functions

The Consortium shall perform the following functions:

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1. Convening the *International Congress of Chinese Mathematicians*;
2. Organizing academic conferences;
3. Publishing *ICCM Notices*, mathematics journals and other publications;
4. Participating in and promoting international academic exchanges; and
5. Establishing awards to encourage outstanding mathematicians.

Chapter 2. Membership

Article 1 The Consortium shall consist of six types of membership: ordinary members, contributing members, honorary members, corporate members, institutional members, and student members.

Article 2 Ordinary members shall possess a doctorate in the mathematical sciences. New ordinary members shall be recommended by two incumbent ordinary members or one institutional member. Membership shall be granted upon approval of the Council and payment of the membership fee.

Article 3 Ordinary members shall become contributing members for a given year upon payment of the contributing membership fee (please refer to Article 2, Chapter 4).

Article 4 Honorary members shall be individuals with significant or outstanding contributions to the Consortium. New honorary members shall be recommended by two or more members of the Council.

Membership shall be granted upon approval of the Council and the Board of Trustees.

Article 5 Any university, college, company, corporation, or other association interested in supporting the purpose of the Consortium and promotion of mathematics may become a corporate member or institutional member by filing a membership application and obtaining approval from the Council. The Consortium, in keeping with its strictly academic nature, shall not grant membership to any religious, political, lobbying, or for profit only organization.

Article 6 Student members shall be enrolled students working towards a doctorate degree. New student members shall be nominated by institutional members with whom they are affiliated. Their membership shall require approval of the Council and student members shall apply on an annual basis. The duration of student membership shall be no longer than two years. An institutional member may nominate no more than 15 student members per year.

Chapter 3. Organization and Staff

Article 1 The Consortium shall be jointly managed by the Board of Trustees and the Council. The Board and Council shall serve as the body of supreme power, and shall have the authority and obligation to represent the Consortium. They shall also have the ultimate power and responsibility in the formulation, review, and approval of Consortium policies and initiatives.

Article 2 Officers and Staff Members

Paragraph 1 The Consortium shall consist of one president, three vice presidents, one secretary, one chief financial officer, one accountant, as well as several secretarial and accounting assistants.

Paragraph 2 The president and vice presidents shall be members of the Council, and shall be elected by and from among the Council members representing the different regions. The term of office for the president and vice presidents shall be three years.

Paragraph 3 The president and vice presidents shall include one representative from each of the following four regions: Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, Mainland China, and other areas (areas other than Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China).

Paragraph 4 The secretary and secretary assistants shall be recommended by the president and appointed with the approval of the Council. Their terms of office shall be determined by the Council. The secretary or secretary assistant(s) shall report to the president, shall assist the president in planning, executing, and managing various affairs of ICCM. They

shall regularly report to the president on the progress and development of the activities of ICCM, attend Board meetings and Council meetings to keep minutes.

Paragraph 5 The chief financial officer, accountant, and accounting assistants shall be recommended and appointed by the Board of Trustees after approval by the Council. Their terms of office shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Paragraph 6 The main duty of the chief financial officer is to carry out the financial decisions and policies established by the Board of Trustees with the consent of the President. The chief financial officer shall attend Board meetings and Council meetings.

Article 3 The Board of Trustees

Paragraph 1 The Board of Trustees shall consist of fifteen to twenty members. The president shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees. The remaining Board members shall be individuals with outstanding reputation or specialized skills. At least three-fifths of the Board members shall be internationally recognized mathematicians. The Board shall have no more than two members who are of non-Chinese ethnicity.

Paragraph 2 Members of the Board of Trustees shall be recommended by the Consortium president, Council, or Board of Trustees (the last of which may recommend no more than two members). Candidates for the Board of Trustees shall be reviewed and approved by the Council. The term of office for Board members shall be six to nine years, to be determined by the Council.

Paragraph 3 The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by and from among the Board members, and shall require approval by the Council. The Consortium president shall not be elected as chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Paragraph 4 The primary functions of the Board of Trustees shall be to receive and administer the funds and properties of the Consortium, to have full control of its investments and properties, to make contracts, and, in general, to conduct all business affairs of the Consortium.

Paragraph 5 The Board of Trustees shall manage the assets of the Consortium in accordance with the Consortium's purpose and following principles of nonprofit organizations. Members of the Board of Trustees shall strictly observe the principles of recusal.

Paragraph 6 The financial staff of the Consortium may be delegated with the Board's powers and duties to manage the Consortium's financial affairs under

the supervision of the Board of Trustees. The Board may also appoint committee(s) to provide assistance in handling the Consortium's financial affairs. However, provisions of this paragraph shall not be interpreted as a relinquishment of duties by the Board of Trustees in managing Consortium funds and properties.

Paragraph 7 Members of the Board of Trustees shall be unpaid. Board members shall not seek any salary or remuneration from the Consortium. However, they may apply for subsidies from the Consortium to cover travel and accommodation expenses incurred when attending meetings.

Paragraph 8 All Board meetings are confidential. Disclosing or distributing any information concerning the discussions at Board meetings is prohibited.

Article 4 The Council

Paragraph 1 The Council shall consist of 17 members: three from Taiwan, three from Hong Kong and Macau, six from Mainland China, three from other areas (areas other than Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China) and two appointed by the president. Members of the Council may serve two consecutive terms of three years each, but no more than nine current members may serve the same two consecutive terms.

Paragraph 2 It shall be the duty of the Council to formulate scientific policies, and the policies of the publishing affairs of the Consortium. The Council shall also act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees.

Paragraph 3 The president shall serve as chairperson of the Council. In case the president is absent, a vice president shall be designated by the president to preside over the Council meeting. In the absence of the president and two or more vice presidents, Council meetings shall not be conducted.

Paragraph 4 The quorum for Council meetings shall be one-half of all Council members. Members unable to attend Council meetings may submit written opinions to the Council for the secretary to read out during meetings.

Paragraph 5 All members of the Council shall be voting members. Each member shall have one vote. The Council shall vote by open balloting. The approval of any proposal must meet all the following conditions: (1) obtaining an affirmative vote from at least half of the members in attendance; (2) obtaining at least one vote of support from council members representing Mainland China; (3) obtaining at least one vote of support from council members representing Taiwan; (4) obtaining at least one vote of support

from council members representing Hong Kong or Macau.

Paragraph 6 The Council may establish and authorize committee(s) to perform various duties and exercise certain authorities. Committee(s) may act on behalf of the Council in handling matters assigned by the Council. However, provisions of this paragraph shall not be interpreted as permission for the Council to relinquish its duties of formulating and organizing the Consortium's scientific policies.

Paragraph 7 The Council may speak in the name of the Consortium with respect to the matters affecting the status of mathematics or mathematicians. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all Council members shall be necessary to authorize any statement in the name of the Consortium and such statements can only be made public by the president in person. Other members shall not speak publicly in the name of the Consortium or as Council members. The vote may be cast by mail.

Paragraph 8 Members of the Council shall be unpaid. Council members shall not seek any salary or remuneration from the Consortium. However, they may apply for subsidies from the Consortium to cover travel and accommodation expenses incurred when attending meetings.

Paragraph 9 All council meetings are confidential. Disclosing or distributing any information concerning the discussions at council meetings is prohibited.

Article 5 Members at large

Paragraph 1 Members at large shall be elected by each region.

Paragraph 2 Members at large shall have the rights of vote and election. Each member shall have one vote.

Article 6 The Executive Director

Paragraph 1 The Consortium shall appoint one executive director to take charge of all Consortium offices. The executive director shall conduct general administration affairs, raise funds, and manage publishing affairs in accordance with the policies that are set by the Board of Trustees and by the Council. The executive director shall be a paid position.

Paragraph 2 The executive director shall be nominated by the president and approved by the Council and the Board of Trustees. His/her terms and conditions of employment shall be determined by the Board of Trustees. The job duties of the executive director shall be assigned by the president.

Paragraph 3 The executive director shall attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Council,

but shall not be a member of either body and shall have no right to vote.

Article 7 Committees

All committees report to the president. The committee chairs are appointed by the president. The committee chairs shall make regular progress report to the president.

Paragraph 1 ICCM Meetings Committee

1. The International Consortium of Chinese Mathematicians shall hold an annual meeting every year. Every third annual meeting shall be expanded to be *The International Congress of Chinese Mathematicians*. The location of the ICCM Meetings will rotate among different cities in the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau. The activities of ICCM Meetings include academic talks, prize presentations, reports and discussions of ICCM matters. The Council shall determine the organizer, venue, and time of the ICCM Meetings. Decisions shall be based mainly on the academic status of applying institutes, while considering such factors as financial plan, organizational capacity, transportation, and accommodation.
2. The Council shall, after determining the organizer and location of the ICCM Meetings, establish an ad hoc committee to undertake preparatory work. Two subcommittees shall be set up under the said ad hoc committee: (i) the local committee and (ii) the Meeting Scientific Committee. The ad hoc committee and the Meeting Scientific Committee shall be automatically dissolved after the meeting.
3. The Meeting Scientific Committee shall consist of at least 20 members. The president shall serve as the *ex officio* chairperson. The organizer may recommend two members as *ex officio* representatives. The Council shall determine the remaining members, but Council members, with the exception of the president, shall not serve in the Meeting Scientific Committee.
4. The Meeting Scientific Committee shall take charge of scientific affairs, including recommendation of invited speakers (less than 15 percent shall be of non-Chinese ethnicity), decision on the theme and subtopics, as well as selection of scholars in each subtopic panel.
5. Members of the local committee shall be recommended by the organizer and approved by the Council. The local committee shall be in charge of matters related to the venue, equipment, accommodation, transportation, and reception, and shall assist participants in visa application. The local committee may also recom-

mend a portion of possible ICCM Meeting speakers to the Council.

Paragraph 2 The Scientific Committee

1. The scientific committee shall assist the Council in managing academic-related affairs of the Consortium, including management of journals and book series, as well as recommendation of editorial committee members and editors-in-chief. It shall also advise the Council on the formulation and implementation of scientific policies.
2. Members of the scientific committee shall be mathematicians with outstanding contributions in mathematics research. Members shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve a term of three years.

Paragraph 3 Editorial Committees

1. An editorial committee shall be established for each journal or other publications issued by the Consortium. Members of editorial committees shall be recommended by the scientific committee and approved by the Council. Terms of office shall be determined by the Council.
2. Journal editors-in-chief shall be recommended by the scientific committee, and approved by the Council and executive director. Their terms of office shall be determined by the Council.
3. In cases of significant controversies, editorial committees shall submit the issues in dispute to the Council for resolution.
4. Financial plans for all publications shall obtain the approval of the executive director, chief financial officer, and the Board of Trustees.

Paragraph 4 Publicity Committee

1. The charge of the publicity committee is for formulating policy for the publicity of the Consortium and managing its implementation.

Paragraph 5 Membership Committee

1. The charge of the membership committee is for formulating membership recruitment policy and managing its implementation.

Article 8 Offices

The Consortium shall establish one office in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Beijing. The Taiwan office shall be set up at the National Taiwan University, the Hong Kong office at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Beijing office at the Tsinghua University, Beijing. Two secretaries shall be appointed at each office. The Taiwan office shall be in charge of the management and collection of member information, meeting minutes, as well as records and archives of journals and publications.

Chapter 4. Membership Fees and Privileges

Article 1 The annual membership fee of ordinary members shall be determined by the Council and approved by the Board of Trustees. Members may pay higher membership fees on their own initiative. Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, the Council may, under special circumstances, establish special rates for members of an organization with which the Consortium has a reciprocity agreement.

Article 2 The contributing membership fee per person per year shall be no less than ten times the fee of ordinary members. Contributing members may pay higher membership fees on their own initiative.

Article 3 The minimum membership fee of institutional members shall be determined by the Council and implemented upon approval of the Board of Trustees. Institutional members may pay membership fees higher than the minimum fee required.

Article 4 The privileges of institutional members shall be determined by the Council, depending on their membership fees, and approved by the Board of Trustees. The aforementioned privileges shall include reception of *ICCM Notices* by an institution, and a number of ordinary members that may be nominated from the institution.

Article 5 The membership fee and privileges of corporate members shall be recommended by the Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Article 6 The membership fee of student members shall be one-half the fee required for ordinary members. The student membership fee shall be paid by the institutional member the student member is affiliated with.

Article 7 After completing his/her membership fee payment, each ordinary member and contributing member shall receive the year's *ICCM Notices* as a privilege.

Article 8 Ordinary members may become lifetime members by completing a single lump sum payment. The eligibility and fees required shall be determined by the Council and approved by the Board of Trustees. Lifetime members shall be exempted from membership fees thereafter, while enjoying the same status and privileges as ordinary members.

Chapter 5. Appointment of Council Members, Consortium President, Vice Presidents, and Officers

Article 1 Appointment of the president and vice presidents.

Paragraph 1 The Consortium president and three vice presidents shall be elected by and from among the 15 Council members representing different regions.

Paragraph 2 Eligibility of the president, vice presidents, and managing vice president.

The Consortium president, vice presidents, and managing vice president shall be members of the Council. They shall also be internationally reputed mathematicians of Chinese ethnicity, who have made significant and outstanding contributions in mathematics within the past ten years. The president, vice presidents, and managing vice president may serve two consecutive terms of three years each. The first president may be re-elected twice, with the maximum term of office not exceeding nine years. Presidents within any 15-year period shall include representatives from each of the following regions: Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China.

Article 2 Election of Council members

Paragraph 1 Council members shall be members of the Consortium and mathematicians with outstanding contributions in mathematics research.

Paragraph 2 Regional representatives of the Council shall be elected among candidates recommended from each region (four to six candidates from Taiwan, four to six from Hong Kong or Macau, eight to twelve from Mainland China, and four to six from other areas). The members at large shall vote to elect 15 Council members, including three Taiwan representatives, three Hong Kong or Macau representatives, six Mainland China representatives, and three representatives from areas other than Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China.

Article 3 Election of Members at large

Paragraph 1 Members at large shall be members of the Consortium.

Paragraph 2 Members at large shall have a term of office of three years and shall be elected from each region.

Paragraph 3 The composition and the election of members at large shall be decided by the Council and approved in a meeting of members at large. In the first twelve years, members at large shall be elected by the following means:

1. Members at large from Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China shall be elected by institutional members according to the numbers specified as follows:
 - Mainland China: "Project 985" universities shall each elect three members; "Project

211” universities shall each elect two members. The four institutes under the Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences shall each elect five members.

- Taiwan: “Aim for Top University Project” universities shall each elect three members. The Academia Sinica shall elect six members. Other universities shall each elect one to two members, depending on the size of their mathematics departments (those with 20 full-time faculty members or more shall each elect two members; those with 19 or less shall each elect one member).
 - Universities in Hong Kong shall each elect three members; the University of Macau shall elect three members.
2. Consortium members from areas outside of Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, and Mainland China who have been invited as speakers in the last Congress shall, upon confirmation of the Council, become members at large for the current term of office.

Article 4 Replacement of Officers

Paragraph 1 In the event that the president resigns or is unable to perform presidential duties, the managing vice president shall act on behalf of the president, until such time a succeeding president is elected. Should the managing vice president be unable to act on behalf of the president, the Council may, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoint one vice president to act on behalf of the president, until such time a succeeding president is elected.

Paragraph 2 If any appointed Board member dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the procedures provided for in Paragraph 2, Article 3, Chapter 3.

Paragraph 3 If any member of the Council dies or resigns during the term of office, the vacancy shall be filled in during the next election. Should the number of Council members be less than 12, a by-election shall be held in accordance with the procedures provided for in Paragraph 2, Article 2, Chapter 5.

Paragraph 4 The same replacement procedures shall apply where any Consortium officer dies or declines his/her position prior to taking office.

Chapter 6. Removal from Office

Article 1 Council members of the Consortium shall be promptly dismissed in case of any of the following events:

1. Loss of qualification for membership;
2. Resignation approved by the Council and the Board of Trustees; or
3. Recall or removal from office.

Article 2 In the event that a Consortium officer (including the president, Council members, and Board members) violates a law, abuses his/her authority, or engages in conducts violating the principles of academics, education, and nonprofit organizations, the officer may be recalled and removed from office by a resolution of the Council and upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

Article 3 In the event that a Consortium officer committed a crime and convicted by a criminal court, the officer shall be removed from office.

Chapter 7. Meetings

Article 1 The Board of Trustees shall hold at least one meeting a year by teleconferencing and at least one in-person meeting every three years. Special meetings may be convened when necessary. Meetings by teleconferencing may be conducted by email, telephone, or video conferencing. With the exception of special meetings, a written notice shall be issued at least 14 days prior to the aforementioned meetings.

Article 2 The Council shall hold meetings at least once every year, council members may attend the meeting through video conferencing. Special meetings or joint meetings with the Board of Trustees may be called when necessary. With the exception of special meetings, a written notice shall be issued at least 14 days prior to the aforementioned meetings.

Article 3 Meetings of members at large

1. Meetings of members at large shall be held once every three years at the same time as the Congress.
2. Agendas of members-at-large meetings may include:
 - a. Presentation of work plans, work descriptions, budgets, and final accounts;
 - b. Formulation and amendments of the charter;
 - c. Resolution on disposal of properties;
 - d. Resolution on dissolution of the Consortium; and
 - e. Resolution on other important matters concerning member obligations and privileges.
3. Proposals in members-at-large meetings shall be passed by an affirmative vote by at least one-half of the attendants, and with at least ten percent of all members at large present.

Chapter 8. Funds and Accounting

Article 1 Sources of Consortium funds shall be as follows:

1. Membership fees;
2. Income from publications;
3. Operating fees;
4. Monetary donations;
5. Commission income;
6. Fund assets and interest accrued; and
7. Other incomes.

Article 2 The title and right of publication shall not be sold or transferred for any journal or other publication issued by the Consortium.

Article 3 The fiscal year of the Consortium shall be January 1st through December 31st of the calendar year.

Article 4 At two months prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Consortium president, executive director, and chief financial officer shall compile an annual work plan, budget plan, and salary plan, to submit to the Council and the Board of Trustees for approval. Within two months after the end of the fiscal year, the chief financial officer and accountant shall compile a final account which shall include cash flow statement, balance sheet, property inventory, and fund balance sheet. These documents shall be reviewed by an independent certified public accountant, and submitted to the Council and the Board of Trustees for approval.

Article 5 Upon dissolution of the Consortium, the remaining assets shall be divided into three equal

portions, which the standing Council and Board of Trustees shall donate to the educational departments of Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Mainland China for the specific purpose of supporting mathematics education and research.

Chapter 9. Charter Amendment and Dissolution of the Consortium

Article 1 The Consortium charter may be amended with the proposal of the Council and approval of the members at large. The proposal for charter amendment shall be made during a Council meeting. Should two-thirds of the Council members in attendance cast an affirmative vote, the proposal shall be submitted to the members-at-large meeting for resolution. The amendment shall be passed only when both of the following conditions are met:

1. The meeting shall be attended by at least ten percent of the members at large from each of the following four regions: Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, Mainland China, and other areas; and
2. The amendment shall be approved by at least half of the members at large from each region in attendance.

Article 2 Dissolution of the Consortium

The Consortium may be dissolved by an affirmative vote of no less than 60 percent of the members from each of the following regions: Taiwan, Hong Kong or Macau, Mainland China, and other areas.