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Constitution of the Mathematical Programming Society

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I. Name

The society is an international organization to be called “Mathematical Programming Society”. It will henceforth, in these statutes, be referred to as the Society.

II. Objectives

Its objectives are the communication of knowledge of the theory, applications, and computational aspects of mathematical programming and related areas and the stimulation of their development. In order to realize these objectives, the Society publishes several journals, holds International Symposia and sponsors such other activities consistent with the objectives as may be directed by the Council.

III. Membership

The membership of the Society consists of individual members and of corporate members. Individual members as well as corporate members join the Society by application in a form prescribed by the Council.

IV. Council

1. The elected members of the Council of the Society are the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer, and four at-large members. The Editors-in-chief of the journals and the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be invited to all Council meetings and shall be included on all Council correspondence. All must be members of the Society.

2. The Chairman chairs the meetings of the Council. The Council votes by majority of the elected members present, with the Chairman having a casting vote.

3. The Chairman will submit a report on the activities of the Society when he relinquishes his office, and his report will be published in the journal or in a newsletter of the Society. He will chair a business meeting on the occasion of any International Symposium held during his term of office.

4. The Vice-Chairman replaces the Chairman whenever the necessity arises.

5. The Treasurer is responsible for the administration of the funds of the Society, as directed by the Council. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Society at the International Symposium held within his term of office.

6. The Editors-in-chief of the journals are appointed by the Council subject to the terms of the contract in force with publishers of the journal. They are responsible for implementing the directives of the Council, in the organization of the journal, and for carrying out its policy.

7. At each International Symposium there will be a meeting of the outgoing Council and of the incoming Council. These meetings may be combined at the discretion of the Chairman. An additional meeting must be held at the request of at least three members of the Council. The place of such a meeting is decided by the Chairman. The Chairman makes arrangements for the taking of minutes at meetings of the Council and business meetings of the Society.

8. The policies of the Council are carried out by the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is nominated by the Chairman of the Society and is appointed by the Council. He is responsible for executing the executive directives of the Council, for advising the Council, and for organizing the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Society and the Treasurer are ex officio members of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Executive Committee may appoint additional members with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Society.

9. The Council appoints such other committees as it finds necessary to carry out the business of the Society or to further its objectives. The Chairman of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Committee are ex officio members of all such committees.

V. International Symposia

1. International Symposia are sponsored by the Society at intervals of between 24 and 48 months. The Chairman of the Society nominates and the Council elects the Chairman for the organization of the next International Symposium.

2. Fees for the International Symposium are fixed by the local organizing committee, in consultation with the Chairman of the Society. The Council shall adopt guidelines regarding the financial obligations between the Society and the organizing committee.

3. In the following section on **elections** the word “term” is defined to be the period from the end of the business meeting held during the International Symposium to the end of the business meeting of the following International Symposium.

VI. Elections

1. Elections for the Offices of Chairman, Treasurer and the four at-large members of Council are held four months prior to each International Symposium. The elected Chairman serves on Council for the two terms following his election. He is the Chairman from one year after the beginning of his first term

until one year after the beginning of his second term. He takes the office of Vice-Chairman during the remainder of his period of service. The Treasurer takes office one year after the beginning of the term following his election and he serves until one year after the beginning of the next term. At-large members of Council serve for the term following their election. If the office of Chairman becomes vacant, it is filled automatically by the Vice-Chairman. The Chairman, after consultation with Council, may appoint a member of the Society to fill any other office that becomes vacant until the next election. No one may serve for more than two consecutive terms as an elected at-large member of Council.

2. The Chairman invites nominations for all elections, giving at least two months notice through the journal of the Society of the closing date for the receipt of nominations. Candidates must be members of the Society. They may be proposed either by Council or by any six members of the Society. No nomination that is in accordance with the constitution may be refused, provided that the candidate agrees to stand. The Chairman decides the form of the ballot.

VII. Secretariat

1. The Council is assisted by a Secretariat, which is supervised by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and Treasurer.

2. The Secretariat will keep an up-to-date list of members of the Society, and a list of past and present members of the Council, with an indication of their functions.

VIII. Fees

The membership fee is fixed by Council, and may differ for individual and for corporate members. A member who has not paid his dues before the end of the current year will be deemed to have left the Society.

IX. Journal

The Journal is distributed free of any charge addition to the membership fee to all members of the Society, to their last known address.

X. Agents

Council may approve the payments of membership fees, or of subscription fees for the journal, in national currency, to local agents in countries where it is difficult for individual members to obtain convertible currency.

XI. Other activities

In addition to International Symposia, the Society may sponsor conferences and seminars. The organization of such sponsored meetings is subject to directives by the Chairman of the Society.

XII. Amendment of the Constitution

If proposed by at least ten of the membership of the Society, or by vote of the Council the constitution may be amended by a majority of voters, either at a

business meeting of the society on the occasion of an International Symposium, or by a written ballot. Proposals must reach the Vice-Chairman at least two months before the voting takes place.

XIII. Bylaws

1. In order to carry out the obligation as set forth in this constitution and to conduct the business of the Society, the Council shall adopt bylaws. The bylaws may be adopted, annulled, or amended by an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Council. The Council shall have the authority to interpret the bylaws.

2. Council shall pass bylaws governing elections designed to promote and maintain international representation of the Council and Executive Committee.