CONSTITUTION OF THE
ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL ECONOMICS INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be The Association for Cultural Economics International (ACE International or ACEI).

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

¶1. The purpose of the Association is to promote scholarly investigation of issues involved in the economics of cultural activities and to provide opportunities for sharing the results of this research among members of the academic community, the community of arts and heritage organizations, the community of arts practitioners, the community of the artists, and other interested parties.

¶2. The objectives of the organization include the sponsorship of regular international conferences of scholars, administrators, and practitioners for the purpose of sharing needs, discoveries, and information of mutual benefit; to promote the regular publication of on-going research; to encourage individual research involving students at all levels; to recognize outstanding achievements in any of the fields of investigation included in the Association; and to engage in such other activities that promote world-wide interest and activity to research on the various aspects of cultural economics.

¶3. For purposes of the constitution, culture is a class of economic activities and institutions that are associated with a society's efforts to realize its aesthetic needs, including, but not restricted to, (1) visual arts, including sculpture, paintings, photography, architecture; (2) performing arts, including drama, music, dance, films; (3) literary arts, including novels, poetry, essays, plays; (4) historic preservation/restore; and (5) arts education.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

¶1. Membership and Affiliation

¶1.1 Membership

¶1.1.1 Regular membership is available to anyone who indicates an interest in the purposes and objectives of the Association and who subscribes to membership with an application and the payment of dues.

¶1.1.2 Sustaining and life memberships are available to individuals who wish to establish a lifetime commitment to the Association or to make a sustaining contribution to the Association under terms to be defined by the Executive Board and revised from time to time as appropriate.

¶1.1.3 Institutional memberships are available to organizations and institutions under terms to be defined by the Executive Board and revised from time to time as appropriate.

¶1.1.4 Honorary memberships may be awarded to individuals who will qualify by reason of their outstanding accomplishments in the fields of cultural economics and/or by reason of the unusual contribution to the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall have the authority to designate honorary members. Any member of the Association may propose to the Executive Board the name of the prospective honorary member.
1.1.5 Charter membership will be extended to those who enroll at the time of the organizational meeting where this constitution is adopted and to those who enroll within a period of one year from the date of that meeting in the manner prescribed in §1.1.1.

1.2 Sections and Affiliation

1.2.1 Country sections may be formed and affiliated with the Association upon petition to the Executive Board by members of the Association residing or employed in a particular country or region. Such a section will bear the name, Association for Cultural Economics (identification of the country or region) expressed in the language appropriate to that country or region.

1.2.2 Such petition should include a cover letter communicating the reasons for organizing the section and a constitution which must be approved by the Executive Board for its consistency with the purpose and objectives of the Association. Upon approval of the section by the Executive Board, the petition will be submitted to a vote of the membership of the Association. A majority of the votes cast will be sufficient to ratify a petition.

1.2.3 An organization already constituted with purposes and objectives consistent with those of the Association may propose an affiliation with the Association in the same manner as members may propose the organization of a section (as provided in §1.2.1 and §1.2.2). Such affiliate organization will be designated by a section identifier followed by "The Association for Cultural Economics" expressed in the language that is appropriate to the organization.

2. The Executive Board

2.1 The Executive Board will consist of the elected officers of the Association, the immediate Past-President, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, and nine (9) additional members elected by mail ballot of the membership. No more than four (4) of these nine elected members of the Executive Board may represent the same country. The members of the Executive Board must be members of the Association in good standing.

2.2 The duties and responsibilities of the members of the Executive Board have been defined in the various sections of this constitution.

2.3 Each elected member of the Executive Board will hold office for a period of six years. The initial composition will include one-third elected for a two-year term, one-third elected for a four-year term, and one-third elected for a six-year term. The terms of each initial member will be determined by lot.

2.4 The election of members to the Executive Board will be accomplished by email ballot distributed to members no later than one month after the adjournment of the ACEI’s General Meeting at that year’s biennial conference. A plurality of the ballots returned in favor of election will be sufficient to elect a member to the Executive Board. Ballots must be received by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer no later than one month after being distributed to the membership. The members so elected will begin their terms of office within two weeks of the deadline for the return of the ballots.5

2.5 Nominees for membership on the Executive Board will be designated by a committee of seven (7) members who do not serve on the Executive Board but who are appointed to the Nominating Committee by the officers of the Association. Nominees may also be named by other members of the Association. The name of the nominee will also be placed on the ballot if the nomination has been endorsed by at least two members of the Association and is received by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer within two weeks of the adjournment of the ACEI’s General Meeting at that year’s biennial conference to be held in even numbered years. Any nominee to the Executive Board must
be a current member of the Association and have been a member for at least one of the previous two years prior to nomination.\textsuperscript{2a,b}

\textbf{\S}2.6 A vacancy on the Executive Board occurs when an elected member resigns or when an elected member assumes one of the elective offices of the Association. A vacancy will be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board by majority vote.

\section*{3. Officers of the Association}

\textbf{\S}3.1 The Association has two elected officers, the President and President-Elect. The President-Elect is elected by mail ballot administered in accordance with the procedures for the Executive Board (Article III, paras. 2.4 and 2.5), except that candidates must currently be members of the Association and have been members for three of the last four years,\textsuperscript{3} and, if not nominated by the Nominating Committee, the nomination must be endorsed by at least five members of the Association.

\textbf{\S}3.2 The President

\textbf{\S}3.2.1 The President of the Association will preside over all general sessions of the Association and over each meeting of the Executive Board.

\textbf{\S}3.2.2 The President of the Association will serve for a period of two (2) years and will assume office at the end of the biennial conference held in even numbered years or on December 1 of the same year, whichever comes first.

\textbf{\S}3.2.3 It is the intent of the Association that the presidency should rotate regularly among nationals of different countries.

\textbf{\S}3.3 The President-Elect

\textbf{\S}3.3.1 The President-Elect will serve in the place of a vice-president and will replace the President in the event that office is vacated before the person's regular term expires.

\textbf{\S}3.3.2 The President-Elect of the Association will serve for a period of two (2) years beginning on December 1 of even-numbered years.

\textbf{\S}3.4 The Executive Secretary/Treasurer

\textbf{\S}3.4.1 The Executive Secretary/Treasurer will be recruited by the Executive Board from a list of nominees. The list of nominees may include names of persons which have been submitted by individual members of the Association or which nominees, themselves, have proposed.

\textbf{\S}3.4.2 The Executive Board will select the Executive Secretary/Treasurer based on the qualifications of the nominee and the character and extent of support guaranteed by the institution with which the nominee is affiliated.

\textbf{\S}3.4.3 The duties of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer will include at least the following:

\textbf{\S}3.4.3.1 Maintenance of all financial records;

\textbf{\S}3.4.3.2 Maintenance of all membership records;

\textbf{\S}3.4.3.3 Administration of all financial resources;
¶3.4.3.4 Conduct of any business not indicated above but essential to the day-to-day operations of the Association as determined by the Executive Board.

¶3.4.3.5 Maintain records of each meeting of the Association and each meeting of the Executive Board and distribute such minutes to the Association or the Board as appropriate.

¶3.4.4 The Executive Secretary/Treasurer will be compensated for the time spent in activities assigned by the Association. The amount of this compensation will be determined as needed by the Executive Board.

¶3.4.5 The Executive Secretary/Treasurer will serve for a period of two (2) years beginning at the time a vacancy occurs in this office. The person so selected may be reappointed by the Executive Board at its pleasure.

¶3.5 Intra-Term Vacancies

¶3.5.1 Vacancies in any of these offices may be filled on an interim basis by majority vote of the Executive Board. Persons appointed in this way to fill an elected office in the Association will serve until the next regularly scheduled election is held for members of the Executive Board (Article III, paras. 2.4 and 2.5). An election by the Association's members will be held at that time for a permanent replacement to complete the remainder of the original term.

¶3.6 Removal of an Elected Officer

¶3.6.1 An elected officer of the Association can be removed from office under exceptional circumstances. The removal must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members of the Executive Board. The created vacancy will be filled in accordance with paragraph III.3.5.1 of this constitution.

¶4. The Publications Board

¶4.1 The Executive Board may appoint an appropriate number of members of the Association to serve as a Publications Board.

¶4.2 The Publications Board will serve terms of office that are appropriate to the interest of the individual appointees and of the Executive Board.

¶4.3 The Publications Board will be responsible for planning, supervising, and selecting the publications appropriate to the purpose and objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE IV
OPERATIONS

¶1. Biennial Conferences

¶1.1 The Association will arrange for biennial conferences in continuation of the series of International Conference on Cultural Economics which began in 1979.

¶1.2 Each conference will be held in a country at the invitation of individual members, groups of individual members, organizations, or government agencies in the host country. The person or persons extending the invitation will constitute the site selection committee. This committee will be responsible for all local arrangements for the conference.

¶2. Interim Country/Regional Conferences
Conferences on Cultural Economics may be arranged by local groups of members during the interim period between biennial conferences for residents of the country or region in which the local conferences will be held.

In order to use the name, ACEI, in promoting such local conferences, these conferences must be proposed to the Executive Board who will consider the appropriateness of the topics to be undertaken and the appropriateness of the format and local arrangements in terms of the purposes and objectives of the Association.

The Association will extend its permission to the local group of members when the Executive Board has approved the proposal by majority vote.

Publications

Anthologies and other Book Length Publications

From time to time, the Publications Board may publish anthologies of individual research reports or book length monographs on topics that are appropriate to the purpose and objectives of the Association.

Proposals may be made to the Publications Board by person or persons who expect to complete the proposed project.

Newsletters

The Executive Board and the Publications Board may decide to publish a periodical newsletter on matters of interest to the members of the Association.

The format and contents of such newsletters, in the event they are published, will be planned and executed by the Publications Board.

Journal

The Journal of Cultural Economics is the official journal of the Association. If found to be necessary the Executive Board and the Publication Board may arrange special relationships with existing journal(s) or the Boards may decide to sponsor another journal.

The operation of a journal or the nature of any special relationships shall be determined by the Executive Board and managed by the Publications Board.

Administration Operations

Administration of the business of the Association will be assigned to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. It will be the responsibility of that officer to maintain all records of the Association including its membership lists, its mailing lists, and its financial records.

The administrative functions of the Association will be located at a site that is appropriate to the activities of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

The location for the administrative functions will require certain kinds of institutional support.

The Association for Cultural Economics International will cooperate with related professional organizations for mutual benefit. Possible relationships include, but are not limited to, joint sponsorship of conferences and cooperatively produced or edited publications.

ARTICLE V
FINANCING

¶1. Dues and Assessments

¶1.1 Dues of members will be set by majority vote of the Executive Board after hearing budget proposals from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

¶2. Other Funding

¶2.1 Other funding may be solicited from time to time as appropriate to the purpose and objectives of the Association.

¶2.2 Such funding will be solicited only after the Executive Board has reviewed the source of funds, the granting agency, and the proposal for its/their consistency with the purpose and objectives of the Association. Sources of funds raised in support of a conference shall be reviewed by the President, President-Elect and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

¶3. The Association's treasury will be located in a financial institution chosen by the Executive Board and which is convenient to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI
STANDING COMMITTEES

¶1. The following standing committees may be formed at the discretion of the Executive Board based on the requirements for conducting the operations of the Association. The duties and responsibilities for each of these committees will be designed by the Executive Board as appropriate to the function of each committee.

¶1.1 The Conference Planning Committee

¶1.2 Membership Committee

¶1.3 Finance Committee

¶1.4 Affiliation Review Committee

¶1.5 Scholarship and Awards Committee

¶1.6 Educational Support Committee

¶2. Such other committees as will facilitate the execution of programs and operations of the Association.

ARTICLE VII
ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

¶1. This constitution of the Association for Cultural Economics International will have been adopted when a majority of those individuals who participated in the organizing session held at Fort Worth, Texas, on October 25, 1992, have voted to approve this constitution.

¶2 Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by majority vote of the Executive Board or on petition by at least ten (10) percent of the enrolled membership of the Association.

¶3. A proposed amendment will be submitted to the entire membership of the Association from the Executive Board. The expense involved in this submission will be borne by the persons who have proposed the amendment.
¶4. An amendment to this constitution will be accomplished when at least one-half the members of the Association have voted to ratify the proposal. The Association's members will be given approximately two months to return ballots on constitutional amendments to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer. The deadline for receipt of such ballots will be established by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

¶5. The Executive Board will propose as quickly as is feasible a set of bylaws concerning necessary procedures and items not included in this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII
DISSOLUTION AND ASSET DISPOSITION

¶1. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, all remaining assets will be dispersed to another organization whose purpose and objectives are as nearly related to those of this Association as possible.

¶2. The determination of the consistency of such an organization will be made by the Executive Board in conjunction with the decision to dissolve the Association for Cultural Economics International.

¶3. The actual disposition of the assets of this Association will be accomplished by the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Association as that person's last official act.

ARTICLE IX
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS *

¶1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the organization is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.

¶2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid services rendered to the organization), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.

¶3. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501(h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office.

¶4. In the event of dissolution, all the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section (501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the federal government or State of local government for public purpose, subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

¶5. In any taxable year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in IRC 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941 (d), (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943 (c), (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under IRC 4944, or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945 (d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax law.
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