# CONSTITUTION

# ARTICLE I

# NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1. This organization shall be known as the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.
  - 2. Its object shall be to promote the interests of mathematical statistics.

# ARTICLE II

# **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. The membership of the Institute shall consist of Members, Fellows, Honorary Members, and Sustaining Members.
  - 2. Fellows shall be the only voting members of the Institute.

# ARTICLE III

# OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

- 1. The Officers of the Institute shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer, elected for a term of one year by a majority ballot at the annual meeting of the Institute. Voting may be in person or by mail.
- (a) Exception. The first group of Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the individuals present at the organization meeting, and shall serve until December 31, 1936.
- 2. The Board of Directors of the Institute shall consist of the Officers and the previous President.
- 3. The Institute shall have a Committee on Membership composed of three Fellows. At their first meeting subsequent to the adoption of this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall elect three members as Fellows to serve as the Committee on Membership, one member of the Committee for a term of one year, another for a term of two years, and another for a term of three years. Thereafter the Board of Directors shall elect from among the Fellows one member annually at their first meeting after their election for a term of three years. The president shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents as Chairman of this Committee.
- 4. The Institute shall have a Committee on Publications composed of three Members or Fellows elected by the Board of Directors. The President shall designate a Vice-President as Ex Officio Chairman of this Committee.

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# ARTICLE IV

#### **MEETINGS**

- 1. A meeting for the presentation and discussion of papers, for the election of Officers, and for the transaction of other business of the Institute shall be held annually at such time as the Board of Directors may designate. Additional meetings may be called from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be called at any time by the President upon written request from ten Fellows. Notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days prior to the date set for the meeting. All meetings except executive sessions shall be open to the public. Only papers accepted by a Program Committee appointed by the President may be presented to the Institute.
- 2. The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting immediately after their election and again immediately before the expiration of their term. Other meetings of the Board may be held from time to time at the call of the President or any two members of the Board. Notice of each meeting of the Board, other than the two regular meetings, together with a statement of the business to be brought before the meeting, must be given to the members of the Board by the Secretary-Treasurer at least five days prior to the date set therefor. Should other business be passed upon, any member of the Board shall have the right to reopen the question at the next meeting.
- 3. The Committee on Membership shall hold a meeting immediately after the annual meeting of the Institute. Further meetings of the Committee may be held from time to time at the call of the Chairman or any member of the Committee provided notice of such call and the purpose of the meeting is given to the members of the Committee by the Secretary-Treasurer at least five days before the date set therefor. Should other business be passed upon, any member of the Committee shall have the right to reopen the question at the next meeting.
- 4. At a regularly convened meeting of the Board of Directors, three members shall constitute a quorum. At a regularly convened meeting of the Committee on Membership, two members shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V

# **PUBLICATIONS**

1. In the beginning, the "Annals of Mathematical Statistics" shall serve as the official journal for the Institute. Other publications may be originated by the Board of Directors as occasion arises.

# ARTICLE VI

#### EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION

1. Except for non-payment of dues, no one shall be expelled or suspended except by action of the Board of Directors with not more than one negative vote.

#### ARTICLE VII

# **AMENDMENTS**

1. This constitution may be amended by an affirmative two-thirds vote at any regularly convened meeting of the Institute provided notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Fellow by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty days before the date of the meeting at which the proposal is to be acted upon. Voting may be in person or by mail.

# **BY-LAWS**

#### ARTICLE I

# DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP, AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

- 1. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of the President and both Vice-Presidents, a Fellow selected by vote of the Fellows present, shall preside at the meetings of the Institute and of the Board of Directors. At meetings of the Institute, the presiding officer shall vote only in the case of a tie, but at meetings of the Board of Directors he may vote in all cases. At least three months before the date of the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to make nominations for Officers to be elected at the annual meeting and the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify all Fellows at least thirty days before the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be submitted in writing, if signed by at least ten Fellows of the Institute, up to the time of the meeting.
- 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings at the meetings of the Institute and of the Board of Directors, send out calls for said meetings and, with the approval of the President and the Board, carry on the correspondence of the Institute. Subject to the direction of the Board, he shall have charge of the archives and other tangible and intangible property of the Institute. He shall send out calls for annual dues and acknowledge receipt of same; pay all bills approved by the President for expenditures authorized by the Board or the Institute; keep a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures, prepare a financial statement at the end of each year and present an abstract of the same at the annual meeting of the Institute after it has been audited by a Member or Fellow of the Institute appointed by the President as Auditor. The Auditor shall report to the President.
- 3. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the funds and of the affairs of the Institute, with the exception of those affairs specifically assigned to the President or to the Committee on Membership. The Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies ad interim, occurring among the Officers, Board of Directors, or in any of the Committees. The Board may appoint such other