

NOTICE

To the Editor-in-Chief:

The Constitution Committee, as its final report, has submitted the following proposed Constitution to the Organizing Committee. On behalf of the committee, I would like to cite particularly the energetic and thoughtful work of Steven Vajda, who wrote the initial draft, and of Michel Balinski, Peter Bod, Alex Orden, and Philip Wolfe whose further commentary and advice led to this final form.

The Constitution Committee is composed of P. Bod, G.B. Dantzig, A.W. Tucker (co-chairman), S. Vajda, G. Zoutendijk, and the undersigned.

A.C. Williams
Co-chairman
Constitution Committee

CONSTITUTION FOR THE MATHEMATICAL PROGRAMMING SOCIETY

As Submitted by the Constitution Committee
September 1971

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.

Objects

Its objects are the communication of knowledge of the theory, application, and computational aspects of mathematical programming and the stimulation of their development. In order to realize these objectives, the Society publishes a journal, holds international symposia, and sponsors such other activities consistent with the objectives as may be directed by the Council.

Membership

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

Council

The elected members of the Council of the Society are the Chairman of the Society, the Chairman-Elect, the Treasurer, and four other members. The Editor-in-chief of the journal and the Chairman of the Executive Committee are also members of the Council.

The Chairman of the Society serves for two years, and is then succeeded by the Chairman-Elect for the next two years. The Treasurer and the other elected members serve for two years, their terms of office starting one year after that of the Chairman.

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

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

The Chairman-Elect replaces the Chairman whenever the necessity arises.

The Treasurer is responsible for the administration of the funds of the Society, as directed by the Council.

The Editor-in-chief of the Journal is appointed by the Council subject to the terms of the contract in force with the publishers of the journal. He is responsible for implementing the directives of the Council, in the organization of the journal, and for carrying out its policy. He is the representative of the Council to the publisher.

The Council meets at least once during the two-year term of office of the Chairman. Such a meeting must be held at the request of at least 3 members of Council. The place of the meeting is decided by the Chairman.

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 implementing the executive directives of the Council, for advising the Council, and for organizing the Executive Committee. He may, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Society, appoint additional members. The Chairman of the Society and the Treasurer are *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

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.

Elections

An election for any vacancy on the Council (whose members must be individual members of the Society) will be held, by members of the Society, every year. Such election might be for the office of Chairman if the Chairman-Elect is unwilling to succeed or if that office is vacant, for Chairman-Elect (who remains a member of Council for four years), for Treasurer (who may be re-elected once) or for other members of Council (who may be re-elected after an interval of two years).

Ties in the votes are decided by the Chairman of the Society, at his discretion. Any vacancies arising during the intervals between elections are filled, temporarily, by the Chairman after consultation with the other remaining members of Council. A vacancy in the office of Chairman-Elect, however, is filled by the appointment of a Vice Chairman, whose duties are those of the Chairman-Elect, except that he does not automatically succeed to the office of Chairman.

Names of candidates for election are submitted six months before election to the Chairman-Elect, who decides the form of the ballot.

Secretariat

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

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

A representative of the Secretariat will take minutes at all meetings of the Council, and business meetings of the Society, unless other arrangements are made by the Chairman.

Fees

The membership fee is fixed by Council, and may differ for individual and for corporate members. A member who is in arrears with his payments for more than six months will be deemed to have left the Society.

Journal

The journal will be distributed free of any charge additional to the membership fee to all members of the Society, to their last known

address. The price of the journal to non-members will be determined by Council, and may differ from country to country.

Agents

Council may approve the payment 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.

Symposia

The Chairman of the Society nominates and the Council elects the Chairman for the organization of an international symposium sponsored by the Society.

Fees for the symposium are fixed by the local organizing committee, on consultation with the Chairman of the Society. Any surplus of symposium funds will become part of the funds of the Society, subject to local laws.

Other activities

In addition to international symposia, the Society may sponsor conferences and seminars. The organization of any such sponsored meeting is subject to directives by the Chairman of the Society.

Amendment of constitution

If proposed by at least 10% of the membership of the Society, or by vote of the Council, this 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 Chairman-Elect at least two months before the voting takes place.

By-laws

In order to carry out the obligations 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 three fifths of all members of the Council. The Council shall have the authority to interpret the bylaws.