

INTERNATIONAL BIRD STRIKE COMMITTEE DRAFT CONSTITUTION

INTRODUCTION

Participants at 28th International Bird Strike Committee Conference held in Brasilia on 24th – 28th November 2008 having regard to the proposal from the Steering Committee, has adopted this

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 NAME

The organisation shall be called the **International Bird Strike Committee (IBSC)**

Article 2 PURPOSE

The IBSC exists to improve flight safety by encouraging and facilitating communication and collaboration between specialists and other organizations concerning all aspects of the bird and other wildlife strike hazards to aircraft and measures for its alleviation.

Article 3 LEGAL STATUS

IBSC is a voluntary, non profit making, informal organisation covering both civil and military aviation.

Article 4 LOCATION

The IBSC principal place of business will be deemed at the current business address of the Chairman

Article 5 MEMBERS

Those attending an IBSC conference shall be deemed to be ordinary members until the next conference. Those who do not attend a subsequent conference and who do not inform the Chairman of their wish to remain members will be deemed to have resigned their membership.

Voting members shall be steering committee, honorary chairmen and those attending an IBSC conference who are the accredited representatives of national birdstrike committees. Each voting member shall have one vote.

Article 6 STRUCTURE

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- a) Steering Committee
- b) Honorary Chairmen
- c) Task Groups
- d) Voting members
- e) Ordinary Members
- f) Advisory group

Article 7 SELECTION AND PROCEDURES

- 1) The Steering Committee shall comprise:
 - Chairman (proposed and seconded by participants at a conference and elected by voting members at the conference to serve for a term of approximately 6 years, as determined by the timing of conferences)
 - Vice Chairman (proposed and seconded by participants at a conference and elected by voting members at the conference to serve for a term of 6 years, but timed to avoid both chairman and vice chairman being elected simultaneously)
 - Regional representatives (proposed and seconded by participants at a conference and elected by a vote at the conference to serve for a term of 6 years) regional representatives will be elected for:
 - North America
 - South and Central America
 - Europe
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Australasia
 - Representative of country hosting the most recent conference
 - Representative of country hosting the next conference
- 2) An advisory committee (proposed and seconded by participants at a conference and elected by voting members at the conference). Advisory committee members will receive Steering Committee communications but will not have voting rights
- 3) Task Groups convened by the Steering Committee and endorsed participants at a conference

Article 8 RESPONSIBILITIES

Chairman

The Chairman is responsible, in consultation with the steering committee, for the day to day running of the committee, upkeep of the IBSC website, communication with the membership and coordination of future meetings

Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman is responsible for supporting the Chairman in his duties and deputising for the Chairman as required

Regional representatives

Regional representatives are responsible for the promotion and dissemination of IBSC policy and best practice within their region

Representative of host country for most recent conference

The representative of the host country for the most recent conference is responsible for providing feedback to the steering committee on any problems as well as positive factors from the previous meeting and advice to the host of the next meeting

Representative of host country for next conference

The representative of the host country for the next conference is responsible for ensuring in conjunction with the Chairman the smooth running of the conference and timely production of papers and proceedings both published and electronic.

Task groups

Task groups will be convened by the Steering Committee. Each Task Group will have specific objectives (e.g. to produce an IBSC paper on a particular subject). Task Groups may co-opt IBSC members or outside experts as they see fit. Outputs of task groups will be subject to ratification by the membership at a conference or by e-mail vote.

Advisory Board

Supports the steering committee by providing advice And expertise on particular issues as required. The advisory board will be appointed by the steering committee and will include the previous chairpersons.

Article 10 PROCEDURES

Acts and decisions at the IBSC conference on major issues such as: constitution and its changes, election of the chairman and other members of Steering Committee, formation of task groups etc. will be taken by simple majority vote.

Minor operational matters such as: venue of the conference, date of the conference, proceedings etc. will be decided by a simple majority vote of the Steering Committee.

The necessary quorum for valid voting on the Steering Committee meeting and IBSC conference is 2/3 of total members.

Because of the dispersed nature of IBSC and matters that need to be decided between Steering Committee meetings will be determined by e-mail vote. Proposal shall be deemed to be passed if fewer than 10% of all voting members vote against. In the event that a proposal is rejected in this way it will be subject to a full vote at the next Steering Committee meeting as described above.

Article 11 CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Conferences will be held every two years or at such other intervals as agreed by the Steering Committee. Locations of conferences will be decided by the Steering Committee. Papers presented at conferences will be published in a bound volume of proceedings. Details of discussions, results of votes on proposals, etc. will be posted on the IBSC website.

Steering Committee meetings are held at least once a year unless otherwise agreed by the members. Meetings will be held in the IBSC principal place of business or at the venue of the next IBSC conference (immediately before the conference) unless otherwise agreed by the members. The Chairman may call extra-ordinary meetings of the Steering Committee as required.

Invitations to attend Steering Committee meetings may be issued to other persons by the Chairman, as a guest speaker or to participate at the meeting.

Non-members representatives may also attend Steering Committee meetings in an observer capacity on the invitation of the Chairman.

Minutes of the Steering Committee meetings will be also available on the IBSC web site.

Article 12 ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Constitution shall enter into force following acceptance at 28th International Bird Strike Committee.

Article 13 PUBLICATION

This Constitution shall be published on the IBSC web site.

For the International Bird Strike Committee

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Chairman