

The Constitution of the Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology (APSIC)

- This Constitution was adopted at the Advisory Board Meeting of APSIC held in Perth, Australia on July 31, 1998, and become effective 30 days after the circulation of the finally revised Constitution to all of the Advisory Board Member or no later than October 30, 1998.*
- This Constitution is composed of five main articles and one supplementary article followed by the two tables, one schema and one appendix. The total number of pages is 14.*

Article 1: The Principle of the Society

1-A: The Objective of the Society

The Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology is established to promote interventional cardiology, especially in the field of coronary intervention, in the Asian Pacific area.

1-B: Independence

The Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology is a society independent of the Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology.

1-C: Member Nations

The Society covers nations in the Asian Pacific area.

1-D: Organization of the Society

1-D-1: Structure

The Society is composed of the Secretariat Office, the Society Fund, the Advisory Board Meeting, the APSIC Regional Meeting, and the APSIC General Meeting.

1-D-2: The Secretariat Office

The Society has the Secretariat Office. The location of the Secretariat Office should be reviewed by the Advisory Board Meeting every 6 years.

1-D-3: The Society Fund

The Society has the legally registered Society Fund. The Society Fund should be located in the same country as the Secretariat Office and should be reviewed by the Advisory Board Meeting every 6 years.

1-D-4: The Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board Meeting is held at least once every year.

1-D-5: The APSIC Regional Meeting

1-D-5-1:

The APSIC Regional Meeting is a meeting held within member countries under the

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sponsorship of the Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology.

1-D-5-2:

The APSIC Regional Meeting must donate a pre-decided percentage of the profit to the Society Fund. This percentage should be reviewed by the Advisory Board Meeting every 2 years.

1-D-6: The APSIC General Meeting

1-D-6-1:

The APSIC General Meeting is held biennially (once in 2 years) under the name of the Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology, and covers all nations of the Society.

1-D-6-2:

The APSIC General Meeting must donate a pre-decided percentage of the profit to the Society Fund. This percentage should be reviewed by the Advisory Board Meeting every 2 years.

Article 2: Membership

All of the physicians, who are actively practicing in the field of cardiac catheterization and angiography, are performing coronary intervention, and have interest in devoting themselves to the development and promotion of interventional cardiology in the Asian Pacific area, are eligible for the membership of the Society.

2-A: Nation Representatives and Member Nations

2-A-1:

One to four members are nominated or elected as Nation Representatives from each country. The method of nomination or election can be decided in each country. The nominations or elections from each nation should be received by the President and the Secretary General of the Society. In the event of a failure of the nomination or election by a nation, the President and the Secretary General of the Society shall nominate Nation Representative(s).

2-A-2:

Any nation in the Asian Pacific area can be confirmed as a member nation of the

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Society by the President of the Society with the approval by the Advisory Board Meeting.

2-B: The Advisory Board Membership

The Advisory Board Membership of the Society shall consist of all of Nation Representatives.

2-E: The Treasurer

The Secretary General shall be the Treasurer of the Society.

2-F: The President of the Society

The President of the Society will be elected from the Nation Representatives in the Advisory Board Meeting.

2-G: The Secretary General of the Society

The President of the Society shall nominate the Secretary General of the Society from the Nation Representatives. The nominee must be approved by the Advisory Board Meeting.

Article 3: Role and Authority

3-A: Member

3-A-1:

Members are encouraged to promote interventional cardiology in the Asian Pacific area.

3-A-2:

Members may participate in all activities run by APSIC.

3-A-3:

Individual members may qualify to become a Nation Representative, if elected or

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nominated.

3-B: Nation Representatives

3-B-1:

Nation Representatives must promote interventional cardiology in each country.

3-B-2:

Nation Representatives must represent their own country.

3-B-3:

Nation Representatives will reflect views and opinions representative of members in each country.

3-C: Advisory Board Meeting and Advisory Board Member

3-C-1:

The Advisory Board Meeting of the Society will consist of Advisory Board Members, Secretary General, and the President.

3-C-2:

The President may convene the Advisory Board Meeting at least once every year during the sessions of the APSIC Regional Meeting or the APSIC General Meeting.

3-C-3:

Any Advisory Board Member may request for the President at anytime to convene an Advisory Board Meeting.

3-C-4:

The President must convene an Advisory Board Meeting, if and when one or more of the Board Member request for the Meeting.

3-C-5:

The Notification of the Advisory Board Meeting should be provided to all of the Advisory Board Member at least one month prior to the meeting.

3-C-6:

The quorum of each Advisory Board Meeting will be one or more Nation Representatives from at least one third of all countries of the Society.

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3-C-7:

The President or Secretary General of the Society will chair the Advisory Board Meeting.

3-C-8:

Advisory Board Meeting must make recommendations through the President of the Society.

3-C-9:

Advisory Board Meeting will discuss and decide on disqualification of membership if and when necessary.

3-C-10:

Advisory Board Meeting may discuss the revision of the Constitution if necessary.

3-C-11:

The voting in the Advisory Board Meeting shall be on the basis of "One Nation One Vote" and not "One Advisory Board Member One Vote".

3-D: The Treasurer

3-D-1:

The Treasurer must audit the annual financial reports of the Society Fund, the APSIC Regional Meetings, and the APSIC General Meetings.

3-E: Secretary General of the Society

3-E-1:

Secretary General will govern the Secretariat Office.

3-E-2:

Secretary General will perform practical work according to instructions of the President of the Society.

3-E-3:

Secretary General shall organize committees. The recommendations from a committee shall be proposed to the Advisory Board Meeting.

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3-E-4:

Secretary General must submit an annual financial report of the Society Funds to the Advisory Board Meeting.

3-E-5:

In case of the disqualification of the President of the Society, the Secretary General shall convene the Advisory Board Meeting to elect the new President of the Society.

3-F: The President of the Society

3-F-1:

The President will govern the Society.

3-F-2:

The President shall chair the APSIC General Meeting. In case of a failure to chair the meeting, the President shall nominate the chairperson from the Advisory Board Member.

3-F-3:

The President can nominate Nation Representatives, when a Nation is unable to nominate them.

3-F-4

The President may convene an Advisory Board Meeting.

3-F-5:

The President may determine the activities of the Society according to reports received from Advisory Board Meetings.

3-F-6:

The President may disqualify any member for the Society according to a report by the Advisory Board Meeting.

Article 4: Term and Disqualification

4-A: The Term of Nation Representatives

The term of Nation Representatives will be 2 years. Any Nation Representative can be re-nominated or re-elected for a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.

4-B: The Terms of the Treasurer and the Secretary General

The terms of the Treasurer and the Secretary General will be 2 years, and can be re-nominated for a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.

4-D: The Term of the President of the Society

The term of the President of the Society will be 2 years and can be re-elected for a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.

4-E: Disqualification

4-E-1:

In the event of a member of the Society violating the Constitution of the Society or participating in activities considered inappropriate or harmful to the Society, the member can be disqualified from the membership of the Society.

4-E-2:

In the event of incapacitation of any office bearer, the Advisory Board Meeting should be convened to elect a new office bearer.

Article 5: Revision of the Constitution

Any part of the Constitution can be revised in accordance with the decision of the Advisory Board Meeting.

Supplementary Article:

S-1: The Effect of this Constitution

This Constitution adopted at the Advisory Board Meeting of APSIC held in Perth, Australia on July 31, 1998 will become effective 30 days after the circulation of the final Constitution to all Advisory Board Members.

S-2: The location of the Secretariat Office

At the time of the effectuation of the Constitution, the Secretariat Office of the Society is located at the National Heart Center, Singapore

S-3: The location of the Society Fund

At the time of the effectuation of the Constitution, the Society Fund is established in Singapore.

S-4: Member Nations of the Society

At the time of the effectuation of the Constitution, member nations of the Society are composed of the nations listed in Table 1.

S-5: Advisory Board Members and Nation Representatives

At the time of the effectuation of the Constitution, Advisory Board Members are composed of the Nation Representatives listed in Table 2.

S-6: The percentage of the profit to be donated to the Society Fund by the APSIC Regional Meeting or the APSIC General Meeting

The APSIC Regional Meeting or the APSIC General Meeting will donate 10% of profits to the Society Fund.

Table 1: Member Nations of the Society at the time of the effectuation of the Constitution.

Australia, China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand (listed by an alphabetical order)

Table 2. Advisory Board Members of the APSIC at the time of the effectuation of the Constitution.

Australia

Geoffrey D. Cope, MD

Ian T. Meredith, MD

Con Aroney, MD

Gregory Nelson, MD

China

Runlin Gao, MD

Zhu Guo-Ying, MD

Dayi Hu, MD

Shen Wei-Feng, MD

Hong Kong China

Tse Tak Fu, MD

India

Mathew Samuel Kalarickal, MD

Ashok Seth, MD

Upendra Kaul, MD

Indonesia

Teguh Santoso, MD

Hanafi B. Trisnohadi, MD

Japan

Masakiyo Nobuyoshi, MD

Shigeru Saito, MD

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Kazuaki Mitsudo, MD

Takeshi Kimura, MD

Korea

Seung-Jung Park, MD

Won-Heum Shin, MD

Malaysia

Robaayah Zambahari, MD

Swee Choon Ng, MD

New Zealand

John Ormiston, MD

Pakistan

Mujeeb-Ul-Haq, MD

Shahryar A. Sheikh, MD

Philippine

Bun-Yok O. Dy, MD

Singapore

Yean Leng Lim, MD

Richard Ng, MD

Michael Lim, MD

Yean Teng Lim, MD

Taiwan

Yuan-Teh Lee, MD

Shih-Pu Wang, MD

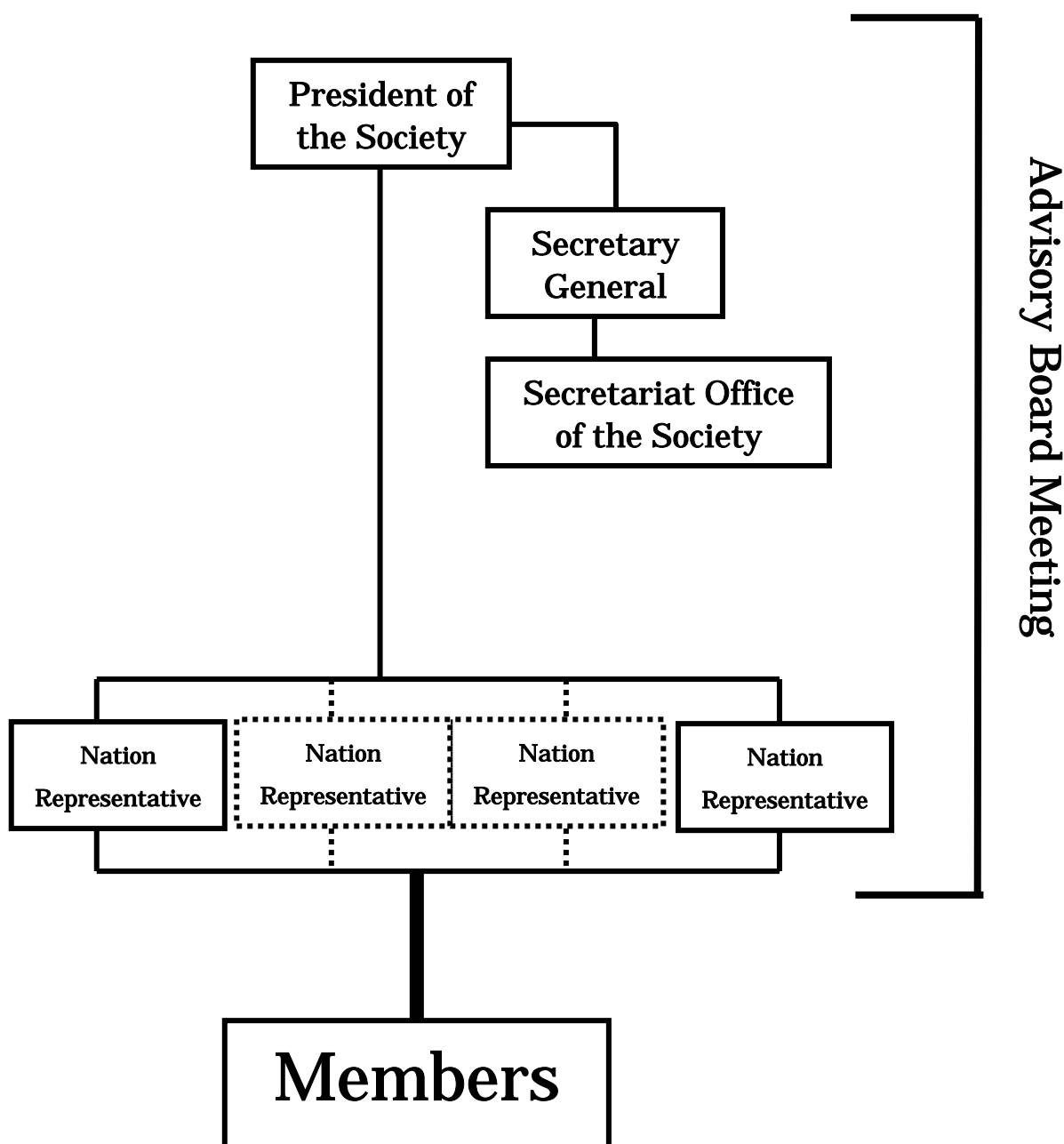
Jui-Sung Hung, MD

Thailand

Damras Tresukosol, MD

Nithi Mahanonda, MD

The Scheme of the general organization of the Asian Pacific Society of Interventional Cardiology (APSIC)



Appendix:

Any part of the Appendix will effect only after the Advisory Board Meeting will revise the main part of the Constitution according to this Appendix in future.

A-1: Four Zones of the Society

The Society is geographically and administratively divided into four zones from Zone A to Zone B (Table A).

A-2: Zone Representatives of the Society

A-2-1:

Nation Representatives are qualified to be Zone Representatives

A-2-2:

Nation Representatives shall nominate or elect one representative as a Zone Representative in each zone. In the event of a failure in the nomination or election, the President and the Secretary General of the Society shall nominate the Zone Representative.

A-2-3:

Zone Representatives will reflect views and opinions from each country in the Zone.

A-3: The Vice-President of the Society

The Zone Representatives are regarded as the Vice-Presidents of the Society.

A-4: The Terms of Zone Representatives and the Vice-President

The terms of Zone Representatives and the Vice-President of the Society will be 2 years, and can be re-nominated or re-elected for 3 consecutive terms only.

Table A. The Definition of 4 Zones in the APSIC

The nations put in brackets are expected to join the Society in future.

Zone A:

Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong China

Zone B:

Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, (Vietnam), (Myanmar),
(Brunei), (Laos), (Cambodia)

Zone C:

Australia, New Zealand, (Micronesia)

Zone D:

India, Pakistan, (Sri Lanka), (South Africa), (Bangladesh), (Nepal)