

The Iranian Sociological Association

The Statute

Chapter One: Objectives and the General Statement

Article One. Considering the ever-increasing significance of sociology in to-day's life and the extension of teaching of and research in sociology, and in order to perform the necessary and over-all activities for the promotion, development, and enhancement of the social sciences, and to spur further cooperation and collectivity among those active in these sciences for the purpose of developing and improving the status of education and research in the social sciences, and to respond to the day's scientific needs in connection with the process of development of the Iranian society and the promotion of sociology and creation of further cooperation among the sociologists, "the Iranian Sociological Association", hereon referred to as "the association", is established.

Article Two. The association is only active in scientific, research, specialized fields and matters related to consultation.

Article Three. The association is a non-profit unit and upon registration it will act as a legal entity. The president of the board of directors will be the legal representative of the association.

Article Four. The association's headquarters is located in Tehran. Its branches, upon obtaining the permit from the Commission for Scientific Associations of the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education may be established in any regions of the country.

Article Five. The association, upon the approval of this statute, is established for an unlimited time period and it is required to observe the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Chapter Two: Tasks and Activities

Article Six. In order to reach the objectives mentioned in Chapter One, the association takes on the following tasks:

- A. Establishing scientific, specialized, research, educational communications and consultation links among researchers, experts and other specialized individuals who somehow deal with various branches of the social sciences (in its specific sense).
- B. Cooperating with the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education, the universities and educational-research institutes for educational and research planning and for convening scientific gatherings.
- C. Introducing the outstanding works and honoring the scientific personalities who have been effective in the promotion of specific social sciences.
- D. Conducting consultation activities.
- E. Encouraging experts, researchers and the social science students in pursuing and furthering scientific activities.
- F. Publication of scientific journals in the area of the social sciences.

- G. Convening scientific gatherings at national and international levels and to participate in such gatherings.

Chapter Three: Membership

A. Consistent Membership:

All faculty members of the universities and higher education institutes of the country working within education and research of a specific social science, whether active or retired, upon meeting the requirements as included in this statute, may obtain the consistent membership of the association.

Note1: Other individuals who hold a M.A. or higher degree in any branches of the specific social sciences may obtain “dependent membership” through having been introduced by any of the two consistent members

B. Dependent Membership: The individuals meeting the following requirements may in accordance with this statute obtain dependent membership of the association:

1. Individuals who hold a B.A. degree in any of the specific social sciences.
2. All individuals who hold a B.A degree and who have been somehow active in a specific social science for five years and who have created valuable works.

C. Honorary Membership:

The Iranian or foreign subjects who are of significant scientific status in the area of the social or human sciences, or who have contributed effectively and valuably in the furtherance of the association’s objectives, may be granted the honorary membership.

Note2: The eligibility of a given honorary membership will be approved by the board of directors.

Note3: An honorary member will enjoy all the advantages of a consistent member except the right to be elected in the board of directors.

Article Eight. The admission of consistent and dependent membership is effective pending the members’ pledge to observe the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Statute of the association.

Note: It is up to the Admission Committee, which is constituted by the board of directors, to see that the above requirements are met as regards all kinds of membership.

Article Nine. There is an annual membership fee to be paid by each member. The amount of the fee is determined by the board of directors.

Article Ten. The membership is terminated when one of the following occurs:

- A. Submission of a written resignation.
- B. Refusal to pay the annual membership fee reaching the maximum of one year upon the expiration of the previous payment.
- C. Reaching a non-eligibility status by a member as recognized by the board of directors.

Chapter Four: Organization

Article Eleven. The principal organizations are as the following:

The General Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Committees, the Secretariat, and the Inspector.

Article Twelve. The general assembly is convened through the gathering of consistent members by either of the two following manners:

1. The ordinary general assembly is convened at least once in every two years.
2. The extraordinary general assembly, if necessary, convenes upon the approval and invitation of the board of directors. This is acted upon when a written petition representing a majority of 1/3 of consistent members is received by the board of directors.

Note 1: The sessions of the general assembly is considered formal when a majority of consistent members reaching at least 50% + one is present.

Note 2: If a session of the general assembly does not reach the necessary majority, the invitations are re-extended. This session is considered formal when the presence and written votes of at least 1/3 of consistent members are reached.

Article Thirteen. The Board of Directors

13.1. The board of directors is combined of five principal and two substitute members. The members of the board of directors, in addition of two inspectors are elected by the general assembly through secret ballots amongst the consistent members. The majority thus reached is “relative”, and the membership hence acquired is honorary.

13.2. The board of directors, in its first convention, will elect, among themselves, a president, a treasurer and a secretary (running the secretariat). This is done through votes cast in writing.

Note 1: The president of the board of directors is considered as the head of the association, and the secretary is regarded as his/her substitute.

Note 2: If one of the members of the board of directors does not participate in its conventions for three consecutive sessions, or is absent for five inconsecutive sessions without any acceptable excuse, then, he/she is regarded as resigned.

Note 3: In the case of resignation, dismissal, or death of any of members of the board of directors, one of the substitutes would perform his/her duties.