



**Sociedad Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Oncología Médica
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BYLAWS

SECTION I

NAME, ADDRESS AND CORPORATE PURPOSES

ARTICLE 1:

On August 11, 2003, under the name “**SOCIEDAD LATINOAMERICANA Y DEL CARIBE DE ONCOLOGIA MEDICA – SLACOM ASOCIACION CIVIL**” (**SLACOM – CIVIL ASSOCIATION**), a nonprofit entity is incorporated, with legal address in the City of Buenos Aires.

ARTICLE 2: Its corporate purposes are:

- a) To promote quality in the prevention, diagnose, treatment, and follow-up of malignant diseases.
- b) To carry out applied and basic investigations to comply with its purposes, for which it can execute agreements with other private or public domestic and foreign entities. Exchange of experiences and knowledge in all fields related to Medical Sciences.
- c) To promote the highest standards of professionalism and efficiency in the areas related to the activity and the specialists.
- d) To create in the whole national territory, and in the region, if applicable, branches and/or delegations that may become centers of high academic and study level.
- e) To take part in the promotion and/or organization of congresses, events, exhibitions and shows, and, in general, in everything related to the approximation of the professionals of the activity, cooperating with greater propagation of the knowledge and techniques relevant to the better development of the specialty.
- f) To create, within the scope of the Association, study centers and institutions specialized in the different aspects of the specialty in agreement with other related subjects of the art, science and practice of Medical Oncology.
- g) To promote, publish, and edit, with nonprofit purposes, by itself or in association with third parties, articles, notes, books, newspapers, brochures, magazines, and any material which may identify and inform about the entity's activities and purposes.
- h) To execute technical assistance agreements with governments and national, regional, international, provincial or municipal organisms, universities, professional representation associations, and other entities with similar purposes.
- i) To grant or perceive funds for education and/or improvement of human resources scholarships in the knowledge fields that pertain to the Association's purposes and for the benefit of the members.

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- j) To organize, sponsor or hire the structures necessary to establish university careers, courses, symposiums and other academic activities.

SECTION II **CAPACITY, CAPITAL AND SOCIAL RESOURCES**

ARTICLE 3: The Association is authorized to acquire property and undertake obligations. Therefore, it may operate with public, private, domestic or foreign banking institutions.

ARTICLE 4: The capital is formed by the property it owns at present and by the property it may acquire in the future through any means, and by the resources it obtains through: 1) ordinary and extraordinary membership fees paid by the members; 2) income derived from its property; 3) donations, inheritances, legacies, and subsidies; 4) the proceeds from any other income it may legally obtain in compliance with the nonprofit capacity of the institution.

SECTION III **ABOUT THE MEMBERS. ADMISSION CONDITIONS, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Every members must be approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5: The following categories are established:

- a) Preferred active member.
- b) Active member.
- c) Honorary member.
- d) Adherent member.
- e) Benefactors.

ARTICLE 6: In order to be a preferred active member, the requirements are:

- 1) To respect and act in accordance with the bylaw provisions, resolutions of the Managing Council, of the Managing Commission, and of the meetings of members.
- 2) To be a Medical Oncologist, graduate from a public or private university, with no less than ten years of being a graduate.
- 3) To have been prominent in the field of his/her specialization.
- 4) To meet indubitable standards of professional and private honesty.
- 5) To be a founding member or an active member with no less than 5 years of uninterrupted activity.

The rights and obligations that correspond to this category are as follows:

- a) To participate, with a right to speak and vote in all scientific debates and Meetings of the Association.
- b) Each preferred member will have the right to ten votes.

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- c) To participate, without a right to vote, in the meetings of the Managing Council at this Council's invitation.
- d) To form part of the Association's Ethics Committee.
- e) To contribute with his/her work, to the Association's material, scientific, ethical and moral development.
- f) To be appointed to represent the Association in Congresses or Scientific Meetings of other domestic or foreign organizations.
- g) To have the right to form part of the corporate bodies.

ARTICLE 7: In order to be an active member, the requirements are:

- 1) To have been prominent in the field of his/her specialization, and to be a university professional with the degree of Specialist.
- 2) To be introduced by three Active members before the Association's Executive Committee or to be directly proposed by the Managing Commission or by three preferred members.
- 3) An active member shall be appointed by the Executive Committee through a majority of votes of those members present.

Rights and obligations of this category:

- a) To have the right to speak and vote at the Scientific Sessions and Meetings of members. Each active member has the right to one vote.
- b) They may not form part of the Executive Committee, but they may form part of the Commissions and Sub-Commissions created within the Association.

ARTICLE 8: In order to be an honorary member, the requirements are:

- 1) To have extraordinary merits or to have been prominent in investigations in his/her Specialty.
- 2) To be a Regular Active Member.
- 3) To be proposed by fifteen Regular Active Members or by five preferred members to the Executive Committee. The appointment will be voted in the immediately following session, and he/she must obtain two thirds of the votes of the Members who form part of the Executive Committee.

Rights and obligations of this category:

- a) They are exempted from any monetary contribution.
- b) They continue holding the same rights and obligations they held as Active members of the Association.

ARTICLE 9: In order to be an adherent member, the requirements are:

- 1) To have interests related to the purposes of the Association.
- 2) To request the Executive Committee, in writing, to be admitted in the Association.
- 3) The applicant will be automatically admitted, and the Managing Commission must inform so in the last meeting of the year in which the application was

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submitted, and must include him/her in the register of Adherent Members and inform the party concerned in writing.

Rights and obligations of this category:

- a) Adherent Members have a right to speak but no right to vote in the Meetings.
- b) They may read their works in Scientific meetings.
- c) They may not form part of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Commissions that may be created.
- d) They may be appointed by the Managing Commission to hold positions in the Scientific Sessions in any event, conference and congress organized by the Association.

ARTICLE 10: In order to be a benefactor, the requirements are:

- 1) To be an individual, of age and with legal capacity, or a legal entity that contributes to the Association resources of any kind, that increases its capital, and that tends through the same to improve the Association's scientific and cultural activities.
- 2) They may or may not be members of the Association.
- 3) The appointment as Benefactor, implies the granting of an honorific title and shall be made by the Association's Executive Committee, by a simple majority of votes of those members present, and said appointment must be informed to the corresponding authorities.
- 4) In case of being Regular Active Members of the entity, they will continue holding their right to speak and vote at the Sessions and Meetings of any and every nature.
- 5) Legal entities shall be represented before the Association through their agents and attorneys, legally appointed in accordance with their own bylaws.

ARTICLE 11: The appointment of Active Members must comply with the following:

- 1) Their records and works must be accepted by the Executive Committee by two thirds of its members.
- 2) If an application submitted by a member to be appointed Regular Active member is rejected, this decision may not be appealed. However, he/she may exercise the right to request being appointed Regular Active Member once per year, and the Managing Commission is obliged to answer at each annual Meeting, in the minutes of the meeting of which it is stated: "appointment of new members".

ARTICLE 12: All members shall receive the Association's publications. Besides, they may also make use of all written, oral or electronic means of communication, consultation, study and qualification, both existing or future ones, observing the corresponding rules. They shall have the right to every service provided and duly decided.

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ARTICLE 13: The members who owe the Association one year of their membership fees shall be declared suspended by the Managing Commission, after having been given due warning and the term of fifteen days to regularize their situation. In order to become member once again, they must previously deposit with the treasury department the amount corresponding to the unpaid membership fees, or to request, in writing, its payment in installments, the interest and modality of which shall be ruled by the Managing Commission.

ARTICLE 14: The Executive Committee may apply the following sanctions upon its members: a) warnings, b) suspension, the maximum term of which may not last over one year, c) dismissal. Said sanctions shall be applied according to the seriousness of the offense and the circumstances of the case according to the following grounds: 1) default in compliance with the obligations imposed by the Bylaws, rulings or resolutions of the Meetings, the Executive Committee and the Managing Commission; 2) notorious bad behavior; 3) voluntarily harming the Association, causing disorders within it or showing a behavior which is notoriously harmful for the corporate interests.

Disciplinary sanctions mentioned in this article shall be decided by the Managing Commission, after being duly discussed by the full meeting of the Executive Committee and with the accused presenting his/her defense. In all cases, the accused may file, within the term of thirty days after having been notified of the sanction, a motion for appeal before the first Meeting that is held. The filing of the motion will have a staying effect as to his/her rights as a member. In case the sanctioned member holds a position within the Managing or Control Bodies, he/she may be suspended by said Body from that position until his/her situation is decided through resolution of the corresponding Meeting.

SECTION IV

MANAGING COMMISSION, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15: The Association shall be directed and managed by a MANAGING COMMISSION formed by eight regular members, who will hold the following positions: chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and four regular voting members. Also, up to three alternate voting members shall be elected. The members will be appointed for the term of three years and they may be reelected for the same position only once. The regular positions shall be elected as follows: five regular members shall be appointed from amongst the preferred members, and two from amongst the active members. The alternate positions shall be assigned amongst the preferred members.

The Control Committee will be formed by the Audit Committee, that consists of one regular and one alternate member chosen amongst the preferred members.

ARTICLE 16: In case of leave, resignation, death or any other cause that may bring about the temporary or permanent vacancy of a regular position, the alternate member who follows in the list will fill said vacancy. The alternate

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member shall hold said position for the term of the vacancy, provided it does not exceed the term for which said alternate was appointed.

ARTICLE 17: If the number of members of the Executive Committee is reduced to less than the absolute majority of the whole, after all the alternate members have been summoned to fill the vacancies, those holding their positions must summon a meeting within the following thirty days in order to complete the number. In case of total vacancy of the body, the audit committee will summon said meeting, notwithstanding the responsibilities that correspond to the resigning managing members. In both cases, the body that summons the meeting shall take into account the steps inherent to the holding of the Meeting or elections, whichever may be applicable.

ARTICLE 18: The Managing Commission will hold a meeting at least once a month whenever summoned by the Chairman himself, and it may be summoned by two or more of its members. In the first case, the notice of the meeting must be sent at least 10 days before the meeting. In the second case, the meeting must be held within the term of 15 days after the two members summoned it. In order to hold the meeting, there must be at least six members present, and their resolutions will be valid through absolute majority of votes, except in special cases provided for in these bylaws. The Chairman has a right to speak and vote, and also decides in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 19. The powers of the Managing Commission are the following:

- 1) To decide in everything referred to the administrative order of the Association.
- 2) To appoint and remove personnel, fixing the corresponding remuneration.
- 3) To decide as to the admission of members.
- 4) To authorize the incorporation or creation of branches.
- 5) To annually submit before the Regular Meeting, the Report, Balance Sheet, Inventory, and Profit and Loss Account for the fiscal year.
- 6) To order the suspension of the members who are in default with their membership fees for over one year.
- 7) To organize and manage the Congresses held, as well as the conferences, symposiums and any other event that may depend on the Association.
- 8) To appoint and remove the Director/s, from the entity's official communication means, magazines, bulletins, etc., as well as the corresponding Editing Councils.
- 9) To authorize the summons to special scientific meetings.
- 10) To administer the Association's funds.
- 11) To perform all the acts leading to carrying through the Association's purposes and that are not expressly assigned to the Meetings.
- 12) To appoint commissions, sub-commissions, chapters, as well as directors, secretaries and coordinators, as well as any authority necessary for their operation, appointing and removing their members, except in those cases in which they are appointed for determined periods.

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- 13) To bring civil and criminal actions, including complaints and all the acts necessary to protect the Association's interests.
- 14) To prepare the General and/or internal Rules and the necessary administrative regulations.
- 15) To propose the amounts of the membership fees for each member category.
- 16) To prepare the budget of Expenses and Resources for each fiscal year.
- 17) To grant and revoke powers of attorney with the necessary powers, provided they do not imply the delegation of their own authority. Said powers of attorney shall remain in effect even if the Managing Commission is modified or wholly renewed.
- 18) To found, associate with or become part of National or International Federations or Associations that have the same purposes as those of the Association, whether of public or private order, with the purpose of enriching the scientific and cultural exchange, and collaborating in the development of the association at national and international level. Approval of the Association's Meeting will be required.
- 19) To establish the accounting and administrative system, the books, records and documentation necessary for the Association's correct administration, also complying with all legal requirements.
- 20) To delegate the analysis, resolution and execution of any of the functions which are of its strict competence, upon the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 20: The Association's executive jobs will be carried out by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, formed by the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times per month and in compliance with what is ordered in the internal rules.

Its responsibilities are:

- 1) To carry out what is ordered by the Association's Meetings, Managing Commission and Bylaws.
- 2) To prepare the minutes with all its resolutions, which will be decided by simple majority of votes, with the Chairman having a deciding vote in case of a tie.
- 3) To prepare the Agenda of the Meetings of the Managing Commission, and summon all meetings.
- 4) To carry out the analysis and preparation of reports and projects related to the obligations stated in article 20 and others that may arise from these Bylaws in order to facilitate their treatment by the Managing Commission.
- 5) To analyze, decide and carry out the functions specially ordered by the Managing Commission.
- 6) To analyze, decide and carry out all acts necessary for the normal development of the Association's administration, that correspond to the Managing Commission, and afterwards, to submit explanations before the same.

SECTION V **THE CHAIRMAN – THE VICE-CHAIRMAN**

ARTICLE 21: The Chairman is the Association's representative and his/her duties are:

- 1) To preside over the meetings of the Managing Commission, the Executive Committee, the Meetings, and the Scientific Sessions.
- 2) To enforce these Bylaws and the resolutions of the Meetings and of the Managing Commission.
- 3) To sign, together with the Secretary, all mail and any other communication issued by the Managing Commission and the Executive Committee.
- 4) To give advise as to the operation of funds and the payment of whatever may be due, previous report from the Secretary and the Treasurer, and to sign, together with the latter, the checks and to make the payments.
- 5) To verify and sign, together with the Treasures, the partial and general balance sheets.
- 6) To sign, together with the Secretary, the Minutes corresponding to the Meetings and Sessions held.
- 7) To represent the Association in legal, administrative and administrative litigation issues.
- 8) To execute, together with the Secretary and the Treasurer, the agreements and other obligations that may concern the entity.
- 9) To summon regular, special and secret meetings. To propose votings and to announce the results. To decide with his/her vote, in case of a tie.
- 10) To represent the Association in all public and scientific acts.

ARTICLE 22: If due to any circumstance the Chairman does not exercise the rights and duties of his/her position, he/she shall be substituted by the Vice-Chairman, with the same powers stated in the above article. In case of absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Secretary will exercise his/her functions.

SECTION VI **THE SECRETARY**

ARTICLE 23: The duties of the Secretary are:

- 1) To authenticate the Chairman's signature.
- 2) To verify the result of votings.
- 3) To inform about mail received and to prepare notes and any other communication he/she decides to send to the Managing Commission and the Executive Committee.
- 4) To prepare the Annual Report so as to inform about the job performed during the course of the period and send it to the Association's Managing Commission.

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- 5) To handle the preparation and sending of invitations to all sessions and meetings held by the Association.
- 6) To keep an updated list of the members according to their categories, and have this verified by the Association's authorities once a year.
- 7) To prepare and record in the Association's books, the minutes of the Scientific Sessions, Meetings, Meetings of the Managing Commission, Executive Committee, and the Special Commissions.
- 8) To sign them together with the Chairman.
- 9) To have them read in the following meeting.

If due to any circumstance, the Secretary does not perform the rights and duties of his/her position, the Chairman shall appoint one of the Regular Voting Members as Temporary Secretary.

SECTION VII **THE TREASURER**

ARTICLE 24: The Treasurer's duties are:

- 1) To keep custody of the Association's property.
- 2) To control its accounting.
- 3) To make the payments authorized by the Chairman and execute, together with him, the corresponding documents.
- 4) To inform the Managing Commission and the Executive Committee about the situation of the members in default.
- 5) To inform about the Cash situation each time he/she is required to do so, filing the corresponding final balance sheet.
- 6) To annually file before the Managing Commission the balance sheet for the period elapsed, and at the end of his/her term, a general balance sheet of his/her work during said period.
- 7) To prepare and execute the budgets concerning the events carried out by the Association.

In case of absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman shall appoint one of the Regular Voting Members as Temporary Treasurer.

SECTION VIII **REGULAR AND ALTERNATE VOTING MEMBERS**

ARTICLE 25: It is a Regular Voting Member's duty to:

- 1) Take part in the meetings of the Managing Commission, with a right to speak and vote.
- 2) Form part of Commissions, Sub-Commissions, etc.
- 3) Through decision of the Chairman or the Executive Committee, substitute for those members who are absent, due to any circumstance, in compliance with what is stated in the above articles in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 26: It is the Alternate Voting Member's duties to:

- 1) Form part of the Managing Commission under the terms and conditions contained in these Bylaws.
- 2) They may attend the meetings of the Managing Commission with a right to speak, but not to vote. Their attendance shall not be taken into account when deciding the quorum present.

SECTION IX **THE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE 27: The Association's Control Committee has the following powers and duties:

- 1) To permanently control the accounting books and supporting documents of the entries included in the books, controlling the administration, verifying the Cash condition, and the existence of the funds, securities and valuables.
- 2) To be present at the meetings of the Managing Commission, when deemed convenient, with a right to speak but not to vote, and its attendance will not be taken into account when deciding the quorum present.
- 3) To verify compliance with Laws, Bylaws, and Regulations, specially those concerning the rights of the members and the conditions under which the corporate benefits are granted.
- 4) To annually file a report concerning the Report, Inventory, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account, filed by the Managing Commission before the Regular Meeting by the end of the fiscal year.
- 5) To summon a Regular Meeting when the Managing Commission omits doing so, after having duly demanded so for the term of fifteen days.
- 6) To request the summons to a Special Meeting when deemed necessary, informing the Inspection of Corporations (Inspección General de Justicia) the reasons on which its request is based upon, when the Managing Commission declines doing so.
- 7) To summon a Special Meeting, informing the Control Body, when such Meeting has been fruitlessly requested to the Managing Commission by the members, in compliance with article 29.
- 8) To supervise the Association's liquidation operations.

The Control Committee shall exercise its powers and duties without interfering with the corporate management.

SECTION X **MEETINGS**

ARTICLE 28: There will be two types of General Meetings:

Regular and Special. Regular Meetings shall be held once a year, within the first four months after the closing of the fiscal year, which closing date shall be December 31 each year, and said Meetings should:

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- a) Consider, approve or amend the Report, Balance Sheet, Inventory, Profit and Loss Account and the report from the Audit Committee.
- b) Appoint, if applicable, the regular and alternate members of the Managing Commission and the Control Committee, in case of vacancy as stated in article 17.
- c) Discuss any other issue included in the Agenda of the Meeting.
- d) Discuss the issues proposed by no less than the fifteen percent (15%) of the members and which were filed before the Managing Commission within the term of thirty days after the closing of the fiscal year.
- e) Right to vote: Members must have their membership fees and corporate obligations duly paid in order to exercise their right to vote at the Meetings.

ARTICLE 29: Special Meetings shall be summoned whenever the Managing Commission deems it necessary, or when the Audit Committee or the fifteen percent (15%) of the members with a right to vote, request so. These requests must be decided within the term of ten days, and the Meeting should be held within thirty days. If the request is not taken into account or if it is rejected without reasonable grounds, said request may be filed under the same terms and procedures before the Audit Committee, which will summon it or proceed in compliance with article 10, paragraph i) of Act 22315 or such rule that may replace it in the future.

ARTICLE 30: Meetings shall be summoned by means of notices sent to the last address informed by the members to the Managing Commission, twenty days before. Together with said notice, members shall be served with the Report, the Balance Sheet, Inventory, Profit and Loss Account and the reports of the Audit Committee. When the Meeting must discuss amendments to the Bylaws or Rules, the corresponding draft must be made available to the members within the same term. Those subjects not included in the Agenda of the Meeting may not be discussed at the Meetings, except in the case when all members with a right to vote are present, and the incorporation of the issue is unanimously accepted.

ARTICLE 31: Meetings will be valid, even in the case of amendment of Bylaws and corporate liquidation, whichever the number of members are present, half an hour after the time fixed in the summons, if before said time a majority of members with a right to vote is not yet present.

Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the entity, or if he/she is not present, by whoever is appointed by the Meeting through a simple majority of votes cast. Whoever acts as Chairman of the Meeting will only have a vote in case of a tie.

ARTICLE 32: Resolutions shall be adopted through an absolute majority of votes cast, except in the case when these Bylaws expressly refer to other majorities. Members of the Managing Commission and of the Audit Committee may not vote in issues related to the performance of their duties.

Members who enter the meeting once the same has started, will only have the right to vote on those issues which have not yet been decided.

ARTICLE 33: With the anticipation stated in article 23, the list of those members who have a right to attend will be duly exhibited, and members may file their claim no later than five days prior to the meeting. Said claims must be decided within the next two days. Those members who have not duly paid their debts, but who have not been effectively suspended, shall not be excluded from the

list. However, said members shall not take part in the Meeting if they do not cancel their pending debt before the beginning of said Meeting in compliance with the Association's administrative and electoral regulations in force.

SECTION XI **ELECTIONS SYSTEM**

ARTICLE 34: The election of the members of the Managing Commission and of the Audit Committee will be simultaneously carried out through the direct, personal, secret and compulsory vote of all members with a right to vote.

ARTICLE 35: In order to be an elector, the requirements are:

- a) to be in conditions of exercising the right to vote according to the type of member;
- b) to be up to date with the payment of the membership fees.

The fact of not being included in the members list due to default in payment, may be solved by paying the owed pending fees plus the corresponding surcharges during the period established for filing objections concerning the temporary list.

ARTICLE 36: In order to be a candidate, it is necessary to be a preferred or active member under the terms stated in article 15.

ARTICLE 37: Elections shall be held every three years during the month of July. The summons to elections will be published in the National Official Bulletin no later than 45 days before the date set.

ARTICLE 38: An Electoral Board formed by 3 (three) regular members and 3 (three) alternate ones, who shall meet the requirements to be members of the Managing Commission, appointed by the Executive Committee 60 (sixty) days

before the date for elections, will be in charge of organizing the elections, making official the candidates' groups and lists, carrying out the final vote count, verifying the election, awarding the positions, and proclaiming those elected.

The Electoral Board will start working within 15 (fifteen) days following its designation, and it shall appoint a chairman.

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It is incompatible to be a member of the Electoral Board and a regular or alternate member of the Association's bodies, to be employed by the Association or to be a candidate for any of the elective posts.

ARTICLE 39: The applications for recognition of the groups must be filed before the Electoral Board no later than 30 (thirty) working days before the election date, and the Electoral Board must discuss the recognition application within 10 (ten) working days after receiving it.

ARTICLE 40: The candidates' lists must be filed before the Electoral Board for their becoming official no later than 30 (thirty) working days before the election date. This will be made through a note submitted before the Electoral Board in two identical copies and signed by all the candidates. One of the copies of the note submitted shall be returned to the representative who filed it for its official recognition, with the signature and the stamp of the Electoral Board, stating the date and time on which it was received.

Once the term for submitting the lists has elapsed, there will be a two-working day period to challenge candidates and/or lists. The Electoral Board will have 24 (twenty-four) hours to decide upon the challenges filed, and shall send notice of its decision to the attorneys of all the lists.

ARTICLE 41: The temporary list corresponding to the members who may vote, shall be prepared by the Executive Committee 30 (thirty) working days before the date fixed for the elections, and will be sent to the Electoral Board and made available to those concerned at the places it may determine.

ARTICLE 42: The groups who have submitted candidates' lists may appoint election supervisors to exercise their own control of the election. The supervisors must be members with a right to vote.

ARTICLE 43: The elector, when casting his vote, must prove his identity through permitted legal means.

ARTICLE 44: At the end of the election, the Electoral Board's authorities, in the presence of the election supervisors, if any, shall perform the vote count.

ARTICLE 45: Once the vote count has finished, the Electoral Board will award the positions and proclaim those who have been elected. The latter will automatically occupy their positions during the first week of October.

ARTICLE 46: In case only one list was submitted for official recognition, on the date fixed for the election the Electoral Board shall proclaim its candidates, and they will be appointed without the need of carrying out an election.

ARTICLE 47: In those cases not contemplated in this Section, the Electoral Board shall decide, being this the only administrative instance.

SECTION XII
DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

ARTICLE 48: The Meeting may not decide the dissolution of the Association while there exists a number of members willing to support it, and whenever the normal operation of its corporate bodies is possible.

In case the dissolution becomes effective, liquidators shall be appointed, who may be the Managing Commission itself or any other commission of members appointed by the Meeting.

The Audit Committee must supervise the Association's liquidation procedures. Once the debts have been paid, the remaining assets will be destined to a common welfare institution, with legal status, with address in the country and exempted from all national, provisional and municipal liens or duties. The institution designated to receive the remaining assets will be appointed by the meeting which decides the dissolution.