



BYLAWS OF THE GLOBAL STEM SOCIETY

Article I: Name, Mission, and Purpose

Section 1.1: Name

The organization shall be known as the **Global STEM Society** (hereinafter referred to as "the Society").

Section 1.2: Mission

The mission of the Society is to advance excellence, innovation, and collaboration in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), thereby contributing to global progress and addressing critical challenges in these disciplines.



Section 1.3: Purpose

The purposes of the Society include, but are not limited to:

1. Recognizing and promoting outstanding achievements and contributions in STEM.
2. Fostering a global network of professionals, researchers, and visionaries in STEM disciplines.
3. Facilitating professional development and lifelong learning for members.
4. Organizing and supporting initiatives that drive sustainable and impactful innovation in STEM.
5. Providing mentorship and guidance to emerging leaders in STEM fields.

Article II: Membership

Section 2.1: Membership Categories

Membership in the Society is exclusive and divided into the following categories:

1. **Fellows**
Reserved for individuals with extraordinary achievements and international recognition in STEM fields. Fellows are nominated by peers and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. **Members**
Professionals who have demonstrated significant contributions to STEM through research, innovation, or leadership.
3. **Honorary** **Members**
Individuals of exceptional merit who have made transformative contributions to the STEM community, as determined by the Board of Directors.



Section 2.2: Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for membership, applicants must:

1. Demonstrate extraordinary achievements in STEM, such as:
 - a. Receipt of internationally recognized awards or honors.
 - b. Groundbreaking research, publications, or innovations.
 - c. Leadership in STEM initiatives with measurable impact.
2. Provide evidence of contributions that have advanced the frontiers of STEM disciplines.
3. Receive recommendations from at least two current members in good standing.

Section 2.3: Application Process

1. **Submission:** Applicants must submit a formal application, including a detailed curriculum vitae, evidence of achievements, and letters of recommendation.
2. **Review:** Applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee, which evaluates candidates based on established standards of excellence.
3. **Approval:** Membership is granted by a majority vote of the Membership Committee, with final ratification by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.4: Membership by Invitation

In addition to the standard application process, an individual may be invited to become a member of the Society by the **Board of Directors**, provided that the individual meets all the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 2.2 and the invitation is approved by a **qualified majority** (defined as at least two-thirds) of the Board members.



Section 2.5: Membership Rights and Responsibilities

1. **Rights:** Members are entitled to:
 - a. Participate in Society events, initiatives, and conferences.
 - b. Access exclusive resources, publications, and professional development programs.
 - c. Nominate candidates for membership and leadership roles.
2. **Responsibilities:** Members are expected to:
 - a. Uphold the Society's mission and values.
 - b. Actively contribute to initiatives and activities.
 - c. Maintain ethical and professional standards.

Section 2.6: Termination of Membership

Membership may be terminated for:

1. Violation of the Code of Conduct (see Article VI).
2. Failure to meet the ongoing responsibilities of membership.
3. Non-payment of dues for two consecutive years.
Termination requires approval by the Board of Directors after a formal review process.

Article III: Governance

Section 3.1: Structure

The Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors, supported by various committees and officers.

Section 3.2: Board of Directors



1. **Composition:**
 - a. The Board shall consist of no fewer than 5 and no more than 15 members.
 - b. Members of the Board must be active Fellows or Members in good standing.
2. **Responsibilities:**
 - a. Establish and oversee the strategic direction of the Society.
 - b. Approve policies, budgets, and major initiatives.
 - c. Ratify membership decisions and amendments to the Bylaws.
3. **Term:** Board members shall serve for a term of three years and may be re-elected for one additional consecutive term.
4. **Meetings:** The Board shall meet at least twice annually. Special meetings may be convened as needed.

Section 3.3: Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall include a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
2. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors and serve for a term of two years.

Article IV: Committees

Section 4.1: Standing Committees

1. **Membership Committee:** Responsible for reviewing applications and maintaining membership standards.
2. **Recognition Committee:** Oversees awards, honors, and the promotion of excellence in STEM.



3. **Finance Committee:** Manages the Society's financial affairs, including budgeting and fundraising.

Section 4.2: Ad Hoc Committees

The Board of Directors may establish temporary committees to address specific initiatives or challenges.

Article V: Activities and Initiatives

Section 5.1: Recognition Programs

The Society shall annually recognize individuals and teams for outstanding contributions to STEM through awards, scholarships, and other honors.

Section 5.2: Events

The Society shall host conferences, workshops, and seminars to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration among members.

Section 5.3: Publications

The Society shall produce and distribute publications, including journals, newsletters, and research reports, to keep members informed of advancements in STEM.

Article VI: Code of Conduct

Section 6.1: Standards of Conduct



Members must adhere to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and ethics.

Section 6.2: Disciplinary Actions

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in suspension or expulsion, as determined by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 7.1: Proposal of Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing.

Section 7.2: Approval Process

Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors and must be communicated to the membership at least 30 days prior to ratification.

