

**THE 2007 CONSTITUTION OF THE FELLOWS OF THE ACADEMY OF  
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
WITH APRIL AND NOVEMBER 2007 AS WELL AS APRIL 2008  
AMENDMENTS**

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**I. Name and Relationship to the Academy of International Business (AIB)**

The name of this association, founded in 1976, shall be “The Fellows of the Academy of International Business.” The Fellows comprise a subset of the membership of the AIB but are an autonomous, self-governing body, as called for in the AIB Constitution (Article IX).

**II. Objectives and Activities of the Fellows**

- A. The objectives of the Fellows are to recognize outstanding contributions to the scholarship and practice of international business, to exercise a leadership role in education and scholarship in the field, and to provide a forum for interaction among the Fellows as well as for the dissemination of knowledge in the field of international business.
- B. The Fellows will hold an annual meeting at a time and place its officers and members shall prescribe. Other activities of a scholarly or educational nature, appropriate to the objectives of the Fellows, may be performed, usually in conjunction with the Academy of International Business (AIB).
- C. There shall be regular communications between the AIB and the Fellows on the goals, policies, activities and accomplishments of their respective organizations as well as on the development of education and research in international business.

**III. Structure and Functions**

- A. The officers of the Fellows of the Academy of International Business shall comprise a Dean and a Secretary/Treasurer, both serving for an approximate three-year term spanning three Fellows’ Annual Meetings.
- B. The Dean of the Fellows, as the administrative officer of the group, shall be responsible for organizing and overseeing all the activities of the Fellows, shall preside at meetings of the Fellows and shall appoint a Secretary/Treasurer who will assist in conducting the affairs of the Fellows. The Dean shall appoint one or more persons as a committee to conduct elections of new members and shall also appoint other committees to perform particular functions, as the need may arise.
- C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall assist the Dean, communicate with the membership, collect dues, make disbursements, maintain the records and accounts of the group, and conduct the election for the position of Dean.

#### IV. Membership Categories

- A. Members shall be grouped into the following three categories: (1) Participating Members; (2) Inactive Members, and (3) Honorary Members.

Participating Members are those who have been elected as Fellows (or were inducted into the Fellows because they were Founding Members of the AIB, Past Presidents of the AIB or past Executive Secretaries of the AIB), and continue to fulfill the Fellows' requirements regarding dues and attending meetings, in order to maintain participating status.

Inactive Members are those who were Participating Members at one time but have subsequently not met the requirements regarding dues and attendance.

Honorary Members are those inducted as Fellows by virtue of being honored as either International Educator of the Year, International Executive of the Year or Eminent Scholar.

A separate roster is kept of Deceased Fellows.

- B. In order to maintain status as a Participating Member, a Fellow is expected to have paid dues for the current period, and have attended at least one out of the preceding three annual meetings of the Fellows. The attendance requirement may be relaxed if regrets are sent on each occasion, in writing, to the Secretary-Treasurer for not being able to attend an annual meeting, or to pay dues in whole or in part.
- C. The title of a Fellow, whether inducted, elected or honorary, once conferred, is irrevocable.
- D. Members of all categories shall receive all communications, except that those pertaining to nomination and voting shall be directed only to Participating Members.

#### V. Membership Eligibility

Except for honorary members, eligibility for Fellowship shall be restricted to members of the AIB, who are international business scholars, teachers or administrators, have significantly helped develop knowledge or practice in the field, and/or have made significant contributions to the AIB.

#### VI. Limits on Membership

- A. For the purpose of determining how many new Fellows can be elected in a particular year, only those Participating members below the age of sixty-six will be counted; and their number shall not exceed sixty.
- B. Not more than five new Participating Members may be elected in one year, and fewer or none may be elected if the above limit of sixty persons (under the age of 66) is reached. However, on the occasion of the AIB's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of 2008 and of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first election of Fellows in 1978, all candidates that receive at least 55 percent of positive votes will be considered elected in that year.

- C. There shall be no limit on the number of Honorary Members.

## **VII. Voting and Nominating Privileges of Members**

Only Participating Members may nominate and vote. Honorary and Inactive members may not vote but they may second nominations.

## **VIII. Selection of Honorary Fellows**

- A. The nomination and selection of Honorary Fellows -- namely Eminent Scholar, the International Educator of the Year and the International Executive of the Year -- shall be made by committees of one or more persons, appointed by the Dean of the Fellows.
- B. To be eligible for the Eminent Scholar category, a candidate has to be someone who is not an AIB member but whose scholarship has significantly influenced international-business research.
- C. The Eminent-Scholar nominating committee will put forward a candidate, to be voted upon by all Participating Fellows, with a three-quarter favorable vote of those voting necessary for election in this category.
- D. Nominations for International Educator of the Year and International Executive of the Year shall be presented by the respective nominating committees to the Dean of the Fellows, for approval.

## **IX. Election of New Fellows**

- A. Approximately five months prior to the expected Fellows' Annual Meeting date, the Secretary/Treasurer will invite nominations, announcing a deadline for forwarding them to the Election Committee. The nominator must be a Participating Fellow. A standard format shall be used for the nomination, seconding and curriculum vitae of candidates. No call for nominations shall be issued if the limit of 60 Participating Members has been reached that year.
- B. Nominations shall not be accepted from nominators or seconders serving on the same faculty as the nominee, or if either were on the faculty of the institution from which the nominee received his/her terminal degree, at the time of its granting.
- C. The nominations, secondings and completed standard forms will be received by an Election Committee of one or more persons appointed by the Dean to conduct the election process. Within three weeks of the deadline for receiving these materials, ballots shall be sent to Participating Members only.
- D. Ballots shall be returned to the Election Committee within three weeks of sending the ballots, and before a specified date.
- E. The Election Committee shall put forward as many candidates as have been nominated and seconded

using the proper forms and procedures.

- F. Each new Fellow is declared elected by the Secretary/Treasurer (on recommendation by the Election Committee) only if he/she receives the vote of at least fifty-five percent of the votes returned by Participating Members.
- G. In the event that the number of successful candidates will result in exceeding the limit of sixty persons as Participating Members (as described in Article VI), the Secretary/Treasurer shall declare as elected only the highest vote-getters who can be accommodated within the limit of sixty members.

#### **X. Election of the Dean of the Fellows**

- A. The Dean of the Fellows serves for a three-year term of office and may not serve two full consecutive three-year terms.
- B. A Nominating Committee appointed by the current Dean of the Fellows and ordinarily comprised of any past Deans, with the most distant Dean serving as Chair of this Committee, shall, after consultation with the current Dean, put forward not more than two nominees. This Committee shall invite suggestions for nominations through the Fellows' Newsletter.
- C. An election will be held for a new Dean at the beginning of the third year of the current Dean's term (or earlier in the event that a Dean is unable to perform his/her duties), following a similar timetable and procedures as for the election of new Fellows described in Article IX, except that: (1) the receipt of nominations and the election shall be conducted by the Secretary/Treasurer, and (2) a Dean shall be declared elected with a simple majority of the votes cast by Participating Members voting, with the exception described in Article X.D.
- D. In the event that only one candidate is nominated, he/she will be declared as elected by the Secretary/Treasurer.
- E. The Dean of the Fellows is ineligible to vote in this election, except to break a tie.

#### **XI. Dues**

Dues shall be determined by a majority of Participating Fellows that voted through a ballot, following discussion at an annual meeting of the Fellows.

#### **XII. Meetings and Other Activities**

- A. The Fellows shall hold at least one annual meeting, in such a manner as they may prescribe. Normally, this meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Academy of International Business.
- B. Should the Dean be unable to attend or preside at a meeting, he/she will designate another

Participating Member to preside.

- C. Other activities, including a newsletter, may be originated at the initiative of the Dean. However, if significant outlays are required for this activity or if the activity commits the Fellows, the Dean will first obtain a majority vote of Participating Members attending the next Annual Meeting, or through a ballot of Participating Members, if urgency requires the latter course.

### **XIII. Amending this Constitution**

- A. Proposals to amend the Constitution shall normally be initiated by a committee of at least three persons appointed by the Dean of the Fellows.
- B. However, an amendment proposal may also be initiated by a Participating Member at the Fellows' annual meeting, provided it receives a majority of the votes of the Participating Members present. Amendment proposals may also be initiated through a written petition of at least five Participating Members. In either case, the proposed amendments shall be checked for conformity with other articles of this Constitution, by a committee appointed by the Dean of the Fellows, but including at least one of the proposers.
- C. All proposed amendments conforming to Sections A or B of this Article shall be promptly sent by the Secretary-Treasurer to all Participating Members for balloting. Amendments shall be adopted if they garner the favorable votes of at least 60 percent of the Participating Members that returned their ballot within three weeks of the mailing.