

ISCAST Bylaws

Passed at AGM of 10 August 1998.

- (a) That unless otherwise decided by a resolution of a general meeting, the number of directors shall be no more than seven.

- (b) The Board of Directors may consent to the establishment of Chapters in each State or Territory in which at least three members habitually resident in that State or Territory indicate they wish to form a state organisation.

- c. Each Chapter shall elect an Executive, consisting of up to five persons, including a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to hold office for one year. Members may be re-elected.

- (d) All Fellows shall be deemed to be members of the State or Territory Chapter unless they indicate they do not wish to be considered members of the Chapter.

- (e) Each Chapter shall have such of the powers as are specified in the Memorandum of Association of ISCAST and as are relevant to the management of the Chapter within the State of Territory subject to such limitations as the Board of Directors shall from time to time stipulate.

- (f) The exercise of any of the above powers by a State Chapter shall be subject to veto or contrary direction by the Board of Directors.

- (g) The Chapter may raise funds by levy of its members or otherwise for the purposes of the Chapter, subject to such limitations as are imposed by law in that State or Territory concerning public fundraising appeals.

- (h) The Chapter Executive shall be responsible for the organisation and funding of all programs occurring in that State or Territory other than programs which involve more than one State or Territory Chapter. Each Chapter shall be responsible for its own debts incurred in the organisation of such events or programs unless the Board of Directors has agreed to underwrite such activities or allocate resources to the Chapter, and except insofar as ISCAST is legally responsible for those debts in accordance with applicable law.

- (i) The Chapter Executive has delegated authority from the Board of Directors to utilise the funds raised for its programs for the purposes of ISCAST in that State or Territory subject to such limitations as the Board of Directors shall from time to time stipulate or any contrary direction it may give.

- (j) The Chapter Executive shall submit annual accounts to the Board of Directors within one month of the end of the financial year of ISCAST.

Bylaw adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of ISCAST held on 9 September 2000:

(k) While the Board of ISCAST can consider any person for election as a Fellow, the following guidelines provide some limits on the qualifications of persons to be so elected. These should all be addressed in the CV submitted for consideration by the Board.

Any variation from these guidelines should only be made in exceptional circumstances.

(1) All persons considered should accept the trinitarian expression of faith of the Nicene Creed, and accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as inspired by the Holy Spirit and therefore as authoritative for our faith and practice.

(2) All persons considered should strongly support the aims of ISCAST, as set out in the Memorandum of Association of ISCAST.

(3) All persons considered should show evidence of advanced qualifications in some area of religion, science or technology, and the ability to discriminate between well – established aspects of religion, science or technology, and more speculative ideas. Such qualifications and ability may take the form of:

- a. higher degrees in the appropriate areas;
- b. commercial, industrial or professional experience, or research work, in one or more fields related to the aims of ISCAST;
- c. teaching experience in these fields, including involvement in public forums or discussions;
- d. other relevant experience or work.