

**AFRICAN MATHEMATICAL UNION  
(AMU)  
CONSTITUTIONS**

**PREAMBLE**

Considering the conclusions of the meetings held by the African Mathematicians successively in :

- Nice (France) in September 1970 ;
- Dakar (Senegal) in April 1973 ;
- Vancouver (Canada) in August 1974 ;
- Kumasi (Ghana) in January 1975 ;
- Rabat (Morocco) in April 1975 ;
- Dakar (Senegal) in December 1975 ; and
- Abidjan (Côte D'Ivoire) in March 1976,

the African Mathematicians, conscious of the important role of Mathematics for sciences and their application to the development of Africa have, within the framework of the first Pan-African Congress of Mathematicians held in Rabat (Morocco) on 26 – 30 July 1976, decided the creation of an association called **African Mathematical Union**, in abridged form : **(AMU)**.

In accordance with Article 13 of the Statutes of the AMU, this Internal Regulation fixes the details of the organization and the functioning of the AMU.

It was adopted by the Executive Committee of the AMU at the meeting in Tunis, on 4–5 November 2006. It will be submitted for approval to the General Assembly.

This Internal Regulation is the first ever adopted since the creation of the AMU. Only the General Assembly has the exclusive power to modify it.

**TITLE I**

**ADHESION TO AMU**

**Article 1 : Members of AMU**

Any person interested in mathematics and their applications can become member of the AMU if his application for adhesion is approved by the Executive Committee. The AMU is composed of :

- a) **ordinary members** :
  - African Mathematicians or Mathematicians working in Africa ;
  - National or sub-regional mathematical Associations in Africa ;
  - Higher Educational institutions in Africa, having a Department of Mathematics;
  - Scientific organizations in Africa, approved by the Executive Committee ;

b) **Associate members** :

- Mathematicians who are not African Mathematicians, and who do not work in Africa ;
- Mathematical Associations, of Higher Educational institutions having a Department of Mathematics, and scientific organizations from outside of Africa.

**Article 2 : Membership conditions**

2.1. Any membership application to AMU must be addressed to the Secretary General.

2.2. To be considered; any membership application to AMU must produce at least the following information: name, first name, home address for physical persons, address of the Head Office for moral persons and as much as possible, a main e-mail address. Each member undertakes to let the AMU know about any change in the above minimal information.

2.3. To any membership application must be attached if necessary, a copy of the Statutes or their equivalents and a signed declaration stipulating that the adhering member commits himself (herself) to respect the Statutes and the Internal Regulation of the AMU.

2.4. The Secretary General transmits the membership application to the Executive Committee who certifies the respect of the membership conditions by the applicant.

2.5. The Scientific Organizations in Africa not mentioned in Article 5 b) (i), (ii) of the Statutes and in Article 1 b) of the present Internal Regulation, must at first be approved by the Executive Committee.

**Article 3 : Dues**

3.1. Once the membership application is approved by the Executive Committee, each member of the AMU is requested to pay an annual membership due as follows :

**category a)** :

1. Physical person : **20 €**, with a special tariff of **10 €** for students.
2. Moral person : **200 €**

**category b)** :

1. Physical person : **50 €**, with a special tariff of **20 €** for students.
2. Moral person : **300 €**

3.2. The dues are directly put in the account opened in the name of the AMU in a bank of the country of residence of the Treasurer.

3.3. All payments are made by bank or postal cheque, by bank transfer, postal or international money order, labelled at the name of the AMU, in a maximum delay of one month after membership acceptance.

3.4. The membership will be considered as null if after this delay no payment has been made to the Treasurer.

3.5. The dues are paid annually from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year and must be renewed during the first three months of each year.

3.6. After receiving a payment from a member, the Treasurer must send to him (her) a payment advice and a receipt by e-mail. Nonetheless, a receipt on paper may be delivered on at the member's request.

#### **Article 4 : Advantages attached to the quality of member**

4.1. Those members of the AMU who are up to date of their dues can get support to participate in the activities of the AMU.

4.2. All the members of the AMU who are up to date with their dues will receive the issue(s) of the AMU Information Bulletin(s) appeared in the current year, free of charge.

4.3 The members who are up to date with their dues, will be associated to the activities of the AMU.

#### **Article 5 : Loss of the quality of member**

##### **5.1. Resignation**

5.1.1. Any member of the AMU may at any time resign from his membership. He (she) will be requested to write a simple resignation letter to the President, motivating his (her) decision.

5.1.2. In case of resignation of a member of the Executive Committee, the position remains vacant until the end of the ongoing mandate.

5.1.3. A resigning member will be asked to make restitution of any work program he has been responsible for.

5.1.4. A resigning member keeps the possibility of renewing his (her) membership to the AMU at all time.

##### **5.2. Dues and arrears**

Any member of the AMU having arrears of payment of his (her) dues of more than four years will lose his (her) quality of member as long as he (she) has not paid the total amount of these arrears at the moment the loss of membership occurred. The Executive Committee may exceptionally waive these arrears.

##### **5.3. Decease**

In case of death, the membership automatically comes to an end.

**5.4.** In any of the following situations: resignation, dismissal or death, the dues paid remain the entire property of the AMU. As a matter of fact, no member or eligible party could ask for the partial or total reimbursement of these dues.

## **Article 6 : Eligibility**

Are electors and eligible, the physical persons who are ordinary members of the AMU.

## **TITLE II**

### **FUNCTIONING OF THE AMU**

In accordance with Article 6 of the Statutes, the main bodies of the AMU are

- a. The General Assembly
- b. The Executive Committee

## **Article 7 : the General Assembly**

### **7.1. Composition**

The General Assembly is composed of a maximum of three (3) delegates per country. The votes within the General Assembly are done on the basis of one country, one vote.

### **7.2. Main attributions**

The main attributions of the General Assembly are the following:

- Define the general orientation of the activities of the MU.
- Give, by the vote of the final discharge, its opinion on the activities and the financial Management of the Executive Committee for the period passed since the last General Assembly.
- Elect each member of the Executive Committee.
- Give to the treasurer, the authorization to open one (or more) account(s) in the name of the AMU.
- Decide of the dissolution of the AMU and appoint a commission in charge of the liquidation and the devolution of his assets.
- Give his approval for any modification of the Statutes or the Internal Regulation.
- Ask the Executive Committee to call for an extraordinary Congress.
- modify the amount of the dues fixed by the present Internal Regulation, either on his own initiative, or on request of the Executive Committee.

### **7.3. Meetings**

The General Assembly meets in two kinds of sessions:

- An ordinary session every four years on the convocation of the Executive Committee of the AMU, during the two days preceding the Opening Ceremony of the Pan-African Congress of Mathematicians (PACOM), and on the same site as the Congress.
- An extraordinary session on the convocation and the initiative of the Executive Committee, or at the request of the two-thirds of the African countries according to Article 15 of the Statutes.

## **7.4. Convocation**

7.4.1. The convocations and the preparatory reports are sent to the members by the Executive Committee, through all appropriate communication means no later than one month before the tenure of the General Assembly.

7.4.2. It is mandatory that the convocations contain the following precise elements :

- The agenda ;
- The date and the place of tenure of the Assembly.

## **7.5. Presidency**

The President of the Executive committee is the chair person of the meetings of the General Assembly. In case of his absence or unavailability, the Executive Committee appoints a session President among its members who are present.

## **7.6. Monitoring of the General Assembly**

7.6.1. At the opening of the General Assembly, Each member participant must sign the attendance sheet.

7.6.1. Each point of the agenda will be discussed and each member will have a limited time of speech.

## **7.7. Voting**

The votes within the General Assembly are done on the basis of one voice per country according to Article 8 of the Statutes.

## **7.8. Validation of the decisions**

7.8.1. The decisions of the General Assembly are taken at the simple majority of the members with the voting quality according to the article 6

7.8.2. The General Assembly elects directly the members of the Executive Committee at the first ballot at the absolute majority of the votes, disregarding the blank or null bulletins. If the absolute majority is not obtained at the first ballot, a second ballot is organized and the votes are accepted at the simple majority.

7.8.3. The votes of General Assembly may be done by:

- Secret bulletin during the election of the members of the Executive Committee
- hands raising for all other decisions.

## **Article 8 : The Executive Committe**

In accordance with Article 10 of the Statutes, the AMU is managed by an Executive Committee elected for four years and composed of twelve (12) members from different countries as follows :

- a President
- a Secretary General
- a Treasurer
- five (05) Vice-President
- four (04) other members

### **8.1. Administration (Management)**

#### **a- The President**

- The President of the Executive Committee is the President of the AMU.
- He is the coordinator of the activities of The AMU.
- He represents the AMU in front of all national and international authorities.
- He is the Administrator of the Budget.
- He calls for the meetings of the Executive Committee and is the chair person of these meetings.

A President cannot go for more that two consecutive mandates of four years each.

#### **b- The Secretary General**

- The Secretary General is in charge of the current administrative activities.
- He (she) can, under request of the President, represent him (or her).
- He (she) keeps the archives of the AMU.

#### **c- The Treasurer**

- He (she) is the holder of the funds of the AMU.
- He (she) is authorized to open one (or more) bank account(s) at the name of the AMU to collect the dues paid by the members, the grants, the various gifts and legs, the interests and incomes of the Union's assets.
- He prepares a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee.
- He prepares a financial report which the Executive Committee presents at each General Assembly of the AMU.
- He checks the regularity of the accounting operations.
- He must keep up to date an account book and show it at any request.
- He carries out the operations of receipts and expenditures.
- He jointly signs with the President, the cheques in the name of the AMU. Upon the request of the President in case he (she) is unavailable, the Treasurer signs the cheques with one of the Vice-Presidents.

#### **c- The Vice-Presidents**

- They have in charge the coordination and the organization of mathematical activities in their respective sub-regions, under the authority of the President.
- Each Vice-President is authorized to search for financial support for the organization

- of the above activities. He must report to the Executive Committee.
- A report of these activities must be given to the Secretary General at least two months before each meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - A Vice-President can, on the request of the President, represent him (her).

#### **d- The other four members**

- They take an active part in the organization and the success of the activities of the AMU.
- They may be requested by the members of the Executive Committee quoted above, for a well defined mission within the AMU.

### **8.2 Duties**

- The Executive Committee controls the budget of the Union during the period separating two Congresses of the union, according to Article 10 ; c) of the Statutes.
- Each year, the Executive Committee must check the accounts of the AMU, in accordance with Article 12 of the statutes.
- The Executive Committee presents a financial report at each meeting of the General Assembly. the grants, various gifts and legs must be accepted by the Executive Committee. In the precise case of gifts, the Committee must make sure of their conformity with the spirit of the activities of the AMU, and of their full independence.
- The executive Committee gives its consent for the affiliation of the AMU to any organization having compatible objectives.
- The executive Committee may call for an extraordinary congress either from its own initiative or at the request of the two-thirds of the member countries.
- The executive Committee submits to the General Assembly, any request of modification of the Statutes or the Internal Regulation.
- The executive Committee controls the respect of the conditions for being member of the AMU.

The applications for membership from the scientific organizations in Africa other than those quoted in the article 1 b), must be approved by the Executive Committee.

In accordance with Article 10 f) of the Statutes, the Executive Committee may if needed, create ad hoc Commissions.

- The Executive Committee submits to the General Assembly any request of modification of the amount of the dues paid by the members, which amount has been fixed by the herein Internal regulation.

### **8.3 Convening**

8.3.1 A notice to attend containing the agenda and signed by the President or by the Secretary General upon the President's request is sent by e-mail or by any other communication means, to the members of the Executive Committee at least two months before the tenure of the meeting in ordinary session. This delay is reduced to fifteen days in the case of an extraordinary session.

8.3.2 The various documents necessary for the different discussions are attached to the notice to attend.

### **8.4 Meetings**

8.4.1 The Executive Committee meets regularly, at least once a year.

8.4.2 The Executive Committee may also have extraordinary meetings, convened at the initiative of the President or at the request of the two-thirds of its members.

The request for a meeting made by the President must be communicated to the members of the executive Committee and must clearly contain the reasons motivating the meeting.

The requests for meetings in extraordinary session coming from the Executive Committee (and not from the President), must imperatively be sent to the President by all means of communication. They must clearly contain the reasons motivating these meetings.

### **8.5 The unfolding of meetings**

8.5.1 Each meeting of the Executive Committee is declared open and valid if at least six members among whose the President, and the Secretary general or the Treasurer, are present.

8.5.2 The meetings of the Executive Committee are chaired by the President or upon his (her) request, by one of the Vice-President or the Secretary General.

8.5.3 The agenda is announced and the various questions are discussed.

### **8.6 Deliberations within the Committee**

8.6.1 The decisions of the Executive Committee are taken at the simple majority of the members present.

In case of equality of voices, the President will have the casting vote.

8.6.2 The votes of the Executive Committee are made by hands raising for all decisions, unless the Committee itself finds it necessary to proceed by secret bulletin.



## **8.7 Elections of the members of the Executive Committee**

8.7.1 Each person, ordinary member such as defined in in Article 1 a) is eligible to the Executive Committee for a maximum of two successive mandates. Nonetheless, a member elected as President may have two mandates (according to Article 10 d) of the Statutes), whatever he (she) is a member of the Executive Committee or not.

8.7.2 The members of the Executive Committee are elected for four years by the General Assembly.

8.7.3 The members of the Executive Committee are elected by secret bulletin directly at the absolute majority of the votes at the first ballot, disregarding the blank and null bulletins, and at the simple majority at the second ballot.

8.7.4 The applications of all the members of the Executive Committee must be submitted to the ordinary General Assembly, on the same day of its meeting.

## **TITLE III**

### **RESSOURCES**

#### **Article 9 :**

In accordance with Article 11 of the Statutes, the financial resources of the AMU are composed of :

- Membership dues of its members whose amount is fixed by the herein Internal Regulation and which can be modified by the General Assembly, either from the initiative of the General Assembly, or at the request of the Executive committee;
- Grants, various gifts and legs accepted by the Executive Committee;
- Interests and incomes of the Union's assets.

## **TITLE IV**

### **DISSOLUTION AND CLEARING**

#### **Article 10: Dissolution**

The AMU can be dissolved only by an extraordinary General Assembly at the majority of the three quarters of the delegates representing at least the three quarters of the african countries.

**Article 11 : Clearing**

In case of dissolution, the General Assembly will appoint a commission in charge of the clearing and the devolution of the AMU's Assets. This commission can decide to donate the resources of the AMU to an institution having the same objectives.

**TITLE V**

**MODIFICATION OF THE INTERNAL REGULATION**

**Article 12:**

Any request for modification of the herein Internal regulation must be approved by the General Assembly at the majority of the two-thirds of its members.