Statutes of the Association for the Philosophy of Mathematical Practice

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1 Purpose

The Association for the Philosophy of Mathematical Practice (APMP) is devoted to promoting research in the philosophy of mathematical practice. This may include, but is not limited to: Organizing workshops, conferences, and symposia, promoting publications, and writing applications for funding relevant activities.

2 Membership and Executive Structure

2.1 The APMP consists of
   i) its members;
   ii) among the members there is a Directive Committee (DC) consisting of twelve people (or fewer, in case members leave the DC before the election period), and
   iii) among the DC there is a Steering Committee (SC) made up of four or five people, among which are the President and Secretary.

2.2 To gain membership to APMP, two current members must propose the individual’s membership to a member of the steering committee, who must then ratify the membership with a majority vote.

2.3 Membership entitles an individual to a vote in elections of the DC, eligibility to be nominated for a position in the DC, and eligibility to be a member of task-specific committees created by the SC (as outlined in Article 4.5).

3 Directive Committee

3.1 The task of the Directive Committee (DC) is to promote the interests of the APMP by proposing and implementing activities relevant for the purpose of the APMP as outlined in Article 1.

3.2 The members of the DC are also collectively responsible for paying membership fees of the APMP in other organizations.

3.3 The DC shall be composed of up to twelve current members of the APMP, nominated and elected by the members of the APMP.

3.4 The term for members of the DC is four years, after which they are eligible for renewal.
3.5 The DC is constituted in such a way that every two years at least half of its members are up for renewal.

3.6 If a member of the DC leaves prior to the election period, the DC will continue with a reduced number of members until the next scheduled election period.

4 Steering Committee

4.1 The SC will be composed of four or five members of the DC, elected by the DC.

4.2 In order to facilitate the decision making process, the SC will have a President and Secretary, elected by a majority vote of the DC.

4.3 Every two years, two members of the SC will step down and will be replaced by two different members from the DC, so that there is both continuity and renewal of the SC.

4.4 The term for the President is four years (under the condition that s/he remains member of the DC during that period), with one possible renewal.

4.5 The members of the SC decide on the ratification of new members (as outlined in Article 2.2). The SC carries out decisions already made by the DC and APMP members, and organizes official APMP meetings.

4.6 The SC may create additional committees tasked with specific mandates. These committees are to be composed of APMP members and are to be dissolved upon the satisfaction of their mandate or at the discretion of SC. The SC can make minor decisions regarding APMP affairs that do not conflict with APMP statutes and are regarded as being in the interest of the APMP.

4.7 If a member of the SC leaves before the normal replacement period, the DC will determine a new member for the SC, who will serve temporarily until the next regularly scheduled replacement.

5 Elections

5.1 Elections shall be held every two years and conducted electronically.

5.2 Prior to the election, the DC shall determine a Nominating Committee, consisting of three APMP members, none of which shall be on the next ballot.

5.3 Prior to the election, a nomination period (up to one month) will be held in which members of the APMP may nominate other members of the APMP for the ballot. Members shall be notified by email when the nomination period begins and ends.

5.4 In addition to the nominated members, the Nominating Committee shall add candidates to the ballot, with an eye towards diversity, taking into account dimensions such as geographical spread, seniority, and gender.
5.5 Members will be able to vote for as many of the candidates on the ballot as there are open positions and the candidates with the most votes will be declared elected. In the case of a tie, the current SC will determine who will be the winner.

6 Amendments

6.1 Amendments to the statutes of the APMP must be approved in a vote by two-thirds or more of the DC.

6.2 History of amendments:
   December 30, 2013 (First version)