

Article 19 Research and Information Centre on Censorship Limited

Membership Bye-Laws

The Executive Committee hereby makes the following Bye-Laws pursuant to its powers under Article 61 of the Articles of Association of the Company:-

1. Eligibility for Admission as a Member and Continuing membership of the Company.
 - (a) All members of the body established by the Company as the International Board shall be admitted as members of the Company forthwith, subject to their compliance with the remaining provisions of this bye law concerning criteria for membership
 - (b) Only such persons as support the object of the Company as set out in Article 3 of the Memorandum of Association and, in particular, as enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, shall be eligible for admission as members of the Company pursuant to Article 2 of the Articles of Association of the Company.
 - (c) Any member of the Company who publicly supports objects inconsistent with paragraph (b) above or who engages in activities which are likely to bring the Company into disrepute or to lead to an actual or apparent conflict of interests shall, within a reasonable time, show cause to the Executive Committee why he or she could not cease to be a member of the Company.
 - (d) Any member to whom the provisions of paragraph (c) above apply and who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, has failed to show cause why he or she should not cease to be a member of the Company pursuant to the requirements of paragraph (c) above, shall cease to be such a member upon a resolution of the majority of the Executive Committee.

2. Appointment and Length of Service of Members of the Company who are not Members of the International Board.
 - (a) Members of the Company who are not members of the International Board shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) Members of the Company to whom this section applies shall serve for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-admission as members for a further period of three years.
 - (c) No person who has served two consecutive terms as a member of the Company to whom this section applies shall be eligible for readmission as a member of the Company until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the end of the person's second term as a member of the Company.

3. Length of Service of Members of the International Board

- (a) Members of the International Board shall serve for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of five years.
- (b) No person who has served two consecutive terms as a member of the International Board shall be eligible for re-appointment as such a member until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the end of that person's second term as a member of the International Board.

4. Proceedings of the International Board

- (a) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the International Board may be fixed by its members and unless so fixed shall consist of half of its members.
- (b) The Director shall act as chairman of the International Board
- (c) Members of the International Board may meet together for dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they see fit. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

5. Regional Advisory Boards

- (a) The Executive Committee may create Regional Advisory Boards to support and promote the objects of the Company in particular geographical regions of the world and to advise it on areas of concern in those regions as and when it sees fit.
- (b) Such regional Advisory Boards shall consist of at least one member of the Company and such other people as the Executive Committee sees fit to appoint.
- (c) Such members shall serve for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further period of three years.
- (d) No person who has served two consecutive terms as a member of a Regional Advisory Board shall be eligible for re-appointment to such a Board until a period of 12 months has elapsed since the end of that person's second term as a member of a Regional Advisory Board.

- (e) The powers, duties and responsibilities of such Regional Advisory Board, if any, shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee

Signature.....

Date.....

Article 19 Research and Information Centre on Censorship Limited

Establishment of US Advisory Board

Pursuant to Bye-Laws passed by the Executive Committee on ____ November 2000 under Article 61 of the Company's Articles of Association which made provision *inter alia* for the establishment of Regional Advisory Boards the Executive Committee hereby established the Article 19 U.S. Advisory Board whose terms of reference shall be as follows:-

1. To advise the Company on its programmes and general strategy from the perspective of current US concerns;
2. To increase awareness of Article 19's work in the USA and to assist the Director and staff in increasing awareness
3. To advise Article 19 on free expression issues and current US international policy on freedom of expression and human rights issues
4. To assist in raising funds from US foundations and donors

The initial members of the U.S. Advisory Board shall be as follows:-

1. Paul Hoffman
2. Gara LaMarche
3. Malcolm Smart

By order of the Executive Committee

Dated

Signed