

**BYLAWS OF THE
INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
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ARTICLE I – PURPOSES

1. The purposes of the Inland Empire Council for the Social Studies (hereinafter IECSS or the Council) shall be the following:
 - 1.1. To support social studies education at the local and county levels.
 - 1.2. To assist and encourage social studies teachers at all levels to provide quality instruction in history, economics, geography, civic education, and other related disciplines.
 - 1.3. To advocate quality social studies teaching at the state, county, and local levels.
 - 1.4. To encourage superior training of new teachers in social studies.
 - 1.5. To identify and publicize quality resources for the improvement of social studies programs and instruction.
 - 1.6. To work with Riverside and San Bernardino Counties' offices of education in their efforts to promote quality social studies education.

ARTICLE II – AFFILIATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

2. IECSS is an affiliate of the California Council for the Social Studies (CCSS).
 - 2.1. IECSS must reaffiliate annually with CCSS by the date specified by CCSS Board of Directors for affiliation.
 - 2.2. IECSS may remain affiliated with CCSS if it has at least fifteen (15) members upon recommendation by the Executive Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. SJVCSS must reaffiliate annually by date specified by CCSS Board of Directors.
 - 2.3. The CCSS Board of Directors may grant special affiliated status to IECSS if it has fewer than fifteen members where specific needs exist.

- 2.4. The Regional representative of IECSS is on the CCSS Board of Directors as provided for in Article VI of the CCSS Bylaws. IECSS shall be declared inactive or disaffiliated only after such written notice from the Executive Board that such action would be voted on at the next two consecutive meetings of the CCSS Board of Directors

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

3. Any person who is interested in furthering the purposes of the IECSS is eligible for membership.
 - 3.1. Members shall join the IECSS and the California Council for the Social Studies (CCSS) simultaneously.
 - 3.2. The amount of CCSS dues shall be set by the CCSS Board of Directors annually. Membership levels for CCSS and amount remitted to IECSS shall be provided for in the Standing Rules of CCSS.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. The Executive Board is responsible for organizing the Council and carrying out the business of the IECSS and is composed of the following officers: President, past president, vice president, secretaries, treasurer, and members-at-large.
 - 4.1. The term of office is two years, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.
 - 4.2. Officers shall be IECSS members in good standing.
 - 4.3. The duties of the elected officers and other matters relating to their holding office are as follows:
 - 4.3.1. The President shall plan and chair the meetings of the general membership and the Executive Committee and give direction to special committees.
 - 4.3.2. The Vice-President shall assist the president in the overall direction of the Council and assume the duties of president upon the incapacitation, resignation or death of the president. He/she shall continue fulfilling these duties assisted by the Executive Committee.

- 4.3.3. The Treasurer shall have sole possession of the checkbook, and he/she and/or the president shall be the only person to sign checks and make deposits of funds, keep careful records of all financial transactions, and provide a current financial report in writing at each meeting.
- 4.3.4. The Secretaries shall assist the president and the vice-president in the overall direction of the Council, keep careful minutes during meetings, disseminate the minutes via email prior to each meeting in preparation for approval, and communicate and coordinate between their respective counties and IECSS.
- 4.3.5. Members-at-Large shall assist in the overall direction of IECSS and serve as representatives and advocates for their respective districts and disciplines.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

- 5. Nominations and elections shall be conducted in the following manner:
 - 5.1. Nominations for IECSS offices may be made by any IECSS member, including the Nominee, or by a Nominating Committee.
 - 5.1.1. Openings in the executive board shall be announced at all leadership meetings and publicized through the county offices and through leadership flyers, newsletters, and other publications including electronic media at least three months prior to the new administration.
 - 5.1.2. In the event that there is only one nominee per position (except for secretary and member-at-large) nominees will be approved by the existing executive board.
 - 5.1.3. In the event that that there are more than one nominee for each position, ballots shall be available to all IECSS members at the first quarter meeting or in the first quarter newsletter.
 - 5.1.4. Ballots must be received by November 1 of that same year.
 - 5.1.5. New and returning officers will be installed at the first meeting of the new year.

ARTICLE VI – VACANCIES

- 6. Executive Committee vacancies which occur before the election period may be filled temporarily by the President with the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS

7. General meetings, referred to as H-SS Leadership Meetings, shall be held periodically throughout the year, dates to be determined by the Executive Committee with an effort to alternate venues between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

ARTICLE VIII—ADOPTION AND CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

8. These bylaws may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed, by the Executive Board by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the officers present or by a three-fourths vote of the general membership. Voting may be by voice , paper ballot or electronic ballot.