

STATUTES OF THE CUBAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

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CHAPTER I NAME, PURPOSE, DURATION, ADDRESS AND REGISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 1. The Society will be denominated “Cuban Physical Society”.

Article 2. The purposes of the Society will be:

- a) Contribute to the development of Physics, its teaching and its applications in our country.
- b) Link physicists and other teachers with each other and with the Society, promoting their development.
- c) Promote, due to its importance, a greater dissemination of Physics and the philosophical problems of this science, from the point of view of a world scientific conception.
- d) Establish relations with other national and foreign scientific societies, and promote the exchange of information and experiences with them.
- e) Collaborate with the Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment and other State institutions that will directly attend the Society activities.
- f) Promote the Cuban Journal of Physics.
- g) Promote meetings, conferences and seminars, both national and international.

Article 3. The Academy of Sciences will be headquarters of the Cuban Society of Physics, and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment is the Central Administration Organ of the State that will directly attend its activities.

Article 4. The Society will exist as long as the number of members guarantees it, in accordance with Law 54 of December 27, 1985.

CHAPTER II ABOUT THE MEMBERS

Article 5. The membership categories will be established as follow ordinary member, honorary member, emeritus member and member of number.

Article 6. All Cubans graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics, from the former career of Physics-Mathematics, as well as other professionals from related careers who work in teaching or research in the field of Physics may be ordinary members of the Society.

Article 7. All Cubans graduated in specialties analogous to those referred to in the previous article, which have studied at national and foreign higher education centers, may also be ordinary members of the Society.

Article 8. Any foreign citizen residing in Cuba who, having the academic requirements indicated in articles 6 or 7, is working in his specialty, shall also be considered entitled to apply for admission as an ordinary member.

Article 9. Scientists from other countries (not resident in Cuba) who show interest in belonging to the Society may apply for membership as honorary members while providing their agreement with the purposes established in this Statutes.

Article 10. Prominent personalities in the field of Physics or other related science, of any nationality, whose membership is highly considered for the Society, or whose work for Physics in Cuba deserves it will be emeritus members of the Society. The Directive Board may consider the work and merits of personalities from other spheres of human activity to extend this category to those who deserve it.

Article 11. Students in their last three years of the Bachelor's Degree in Physics or related careers and other people may apply to become members of number under the Directive Board approval.

Article 12. In addition to the categories mentioned in article 5, all those members who make their income within a period of six months from the official constitution of the Society shall be considered as founding member. In the case of members who are abroad at the time of the constitution as a result of an internationalist mission, postgraduate or improvement courses, external service, or any other justified reason, the period of six months will begin to count from the date of its return to the country.

Article 13. Aspirants to ordinary member, honorary member or member of number must submit the application form established for this purpose by the Directive Board.

Article 14. Applications for admission will be presented by the Organizing Secretary to the Directive Board for approval.

Article 15. The application form will contain the general information of the applicant.

Article 16. Once admission is communicated to the applicant, the entry fee and a year quarter counted from the date of admission must be paid.

CHAPTER III RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS

Article 17. The duties of the members shall be:

- a) Stimulate and / or contribute to the development of Physics for the economic and social development of the Nation in all its aspects, including especially the interpretation of it in light of the world scientific conception.
- b) Comply with everything established in these Statutes.
- c) Take care for the Society union.
- d) Participate in meetings and / or activities as a member.
- e) Comply with all the agreements of the administration and governance bodies of the Society and the General Assembly.
- f) Take care of the prestige of the Society members.
- g) Respect all the Society members.
- h) Ensure the scientific quality of any activity or publication carried out.

- i) Represent our country and the Society prestigiously in any scientific or organizational activity that takes place, both in our country and abroad.
- j) Evaluate and give scientific criteria of any publication related to their specialization under request, always respecting correct ethical and moral principles.
- k) Ensure compliance with the copyright law.
- l) Encourage the entry of new members to the Society.
- m) Quote the entry fee and membership.

Article 18. The rights of ordinary members shall be:

- a) Participate in the election of the Society Directive Board.
- b) Elect or be elected as a member of the Directive Board.
- c) Receive or have access to any publication edited by the Society.
- d) Express freely their opinion on any aspect or topic that is discussed within the Society or any activity that it carries out, whether of a scientific, educational or organizational nature.
- e) Publish in all journals or pamphlets of a periodic nature that the Society publishes, under the requirements established for this purpose.
- f) Take part of editorial boards of magazines, both national and foreign, with prior approval and support from the Society and in compliance with the requirements established by the current legislation.

Article 19. The duties of the honorary members shall be those established in article 17. Their rights shall include the provisions of subsections c to f of article 18.

Article 20. The duties of emeritus members shall be those established in article 17, with the exception of subsection m. Their rights shall be the same as those of the ordinary members, except in the case of those indicated in subsection b of article 18, which refers to the possibility of being elected, which is limited to Cuban citizens.

Article 21. The duties of members of number shall be those established in article 17, with the exception of subsection j. Their rights include what is established in subsections c, d, and e of article 18.

CHAPTER IV DIRECTION, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE SOCIETY

Article 22. The bodies of the Society are integrated, operate and develop their activities on the basis of the democracy and unity of power, which are manifested in the following forms:

- a) The governing and administrative bodies of the Society and its executive bodies are elected and renewed periodically.

b) The members control the activity of the governing and administrative bodies, the executive bodies and the officials who are part of them.

c) The elected officials have the duty to render an account of their actions to their electors who have the right to revoke them when they do not comply with the trust placed in them.

d) The freedom of discussion, the exercise of criticism and self-criticism and subordination of the minority to the majority rule in all bodies of the Society.

Article 23. The General Assembly of the Society is the highest management body of the Society. It represents and expresses the will of all the Society members.

Article 24. The powers of the General Assembly of the Society are:

a) Approve amendments to the Statutes in accordance with the provisions of current legislation for scientific societies, while they are approved by the third part of all the ordinary members or their representatives in the General Assembly.

b) Know, discuss and approve or reject the scientific and economic reports or plans, as well as the rendering of accounts presented by the members of the Directive Board, by simple majority of the ordinary members present.

c) Elect the President, the Vice Presidents, and ratify the Vice Presidents elected in the sections as stipulated later in these Statutes, all of them to integrate the Directive Board of the Society.

d) Revoke the mandate of one or more of the elected members of the Directive Board, and even the entire Directive Board, if this is deemed necessary by the votes of the majority of the ordinary members of the Society and call general elections.

Article 25. The General Assembly of the Society can hold a meeting when half plus one of the total ordinary members are present or the number of delegates representing a group of members is accomplished in accordance with the announcement.

Article 26. The sessions of the General Assembly may be public or private, in accordance with the opinion of the Directive Board, following the provisions of Law 54 of December 27, 1985 and its regulations.

Article 27. The governing and administrative bodies of the Society are: the Directive Board and its Executive Bureau.

Article 28. The Directive Board will be composed of: the President, up to six Vice-Presidents, including the elected positions of Organizer and Finance, and as many Vice-Presidents of Sections as the Society has.

Article 29. The Directive Board will have the following attributions and obligations:

a) Represent the General Assembly in periods between its meetings.

b) Render accounts of their work to the General Assembly whenever they are called to.

- c) Know about the management of the Executive Board of the Directive Board.
- d) Participate in the planning and execution of the scientific and economic plans of the Society.
- e) Know about the reports of the finances of the Society.
- f) Convene ordinary sessions of the General Assembly.
- g) Approve or disapprove the creation of work commissions for necessary tasks, at the request of the President.
- h) Execute the agreements of the General Assembly.
- i) Any other faculty or obligations arising from these Statutes.

Article 30. The Directive Board shall hold an ordinary meeting, at least every 4 months, to be informed about the management of its Executive Board, and may hold extraordinary meetings at the request of the President of the Society, in accordance with the provisions of Law 54 of December 27, 1985 and its regulations.

Article 31. The Directive Board is the body in charge of executing the Society administration and governance, in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the General Assembly, to which it must render accounts, as well as to the Central Administration Organ of the State attending the Society, in accordance with Law 54 of December 27, 1985.

Article 32. The Executive Board will be composed of the President and up to six Vice Presidents.

Article 33. The attributions or obligations of the President of the Society shall be:

- a) Preside over the sessions of the General Assembly and of the different bodies of the Society.
- b) Convene the ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly and of the different bodies of the Society.
- c) Propose the agenda of the General Assembly and the other bodies.
- d) Sign and arrange the circulation of the resolutions taken at the General Assembly and other bodies of the Society, in accordance with current legislation.
- e) Represent the Society nationally or internationally, taking into account compliance with the provisions of the current legislation.
- f) Delegate part or all of its faculties to the Vice Presidents or other members of the Directive Board, as the case may be.
- g) Approve the scientific and economic plans of the Society, in compliance with the provisions of the current legislation.

h) Approve the financial expenditures of the Society, at the proposal of the Vice President of Finances, ensuring compliance with the established legislation.

i) Preside over the Executive Board of the Directive Board.

j) Approve the representation of the Society in international events, as well as to designate the delegate (s), at the proposal of the Directive Board and in exceptional cases that time does not allow it, by proposal of the Executive Board, complying with the requirements established by the current legislation in this aspect.

k) Sign collaboration agreements with Central Administration Organs of the State or its dependencies, as well as related companies, both national and foreign, always in accordance with the current legislation. These agreements must be ratified by the Directive Board and the General Assembly.

l) Render accounts and report about the management carried out at least every 4 months to the Directive Board, and to the General Assembly when it is convened.

m) Propose to the Directive Board the appointment of emeritus members, which must be ratified by it.

n) Propose distinctions, mentions or even cash prizes for the winners of competitions sponsored by the Society or by organizations that have working agreements with it, in accordance with the provisions of the current legislation for these cases.

o) Fully comply and enforce Law 54 of December 27, 1985 and its Regulations, as the highest authority of the Society.

p) Guarantee the participation of the delegate of the Central Administration Organ of the State in the Society meetings.

q) Any other function, faculty or obligation arising from these Statutes.

Article 34. The First Vice President shall be the substitute of the President in case of illness, absence from the country, license for just cause or other reason. If the absence of the President had a definitive character, the First Vice President would assume the position of President until the next ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly. The substitution order would pass successively to another Vice President. In the event that none of the Directive Board members could assume the presidency, new elections must be called.

Article 35. The attributions or obligations of the Vice Presidents shall be:

a) Collaborate with the President in the execution of the guidelines of the General Assembly.

b) Hold by delegation some or all of the powers of the President

c) Be a member of the Directive Board and the Executive Board

d) Propose the projects of scientific and development plans of the Society to the President.

e) Propose the creation of work commissions related to their tasks, as well as its members to the President. All this must be ratified by the Directive Board.

f) Render accounts before the General Assembly.

Article 36. The attributions or obligations of the Organizing Vice-president shall be:

a) Collaborate with the President and the other Vice Presidents in the development of the Society's work.

b) Take minutes of the meetings of the different bodies of the Society.

c) Check and inform the President of the fulfillment of the work plan of the Society.

d) Check the compliance of the agreements with the Executive Board and the Directive Board and inform the President.

e) Render accounts of its management to the General Assembly.

Article 37. The attributions or obligations of the Vice President of Finance shall be:

a) Require the quotation of each and every one of the members of the Society that are obliged to contribute.

b) Render accounts of the financial status of the Society, in particular the Directive Board, and jointly with the President to the Central Administration Organ of the State that attends the Society, in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of Law 54 of December 27, 1985

c) Elaborate, in collaboration with the other members of the Executive Board, the budget of the Society.

d) Propose the payment of the Society's expenses to the President for consideration.

e) Sign, together with the President, the payment orders of the Society's obligations and expenses.

f) Enter the income received by the Society for any concept in its bank account.

g) Submit the reports established by current legislation.

h) Propose to the President, if necessary, the integration of a Finance Committee and the names of possible members.

i) Keep the accounting books updated, as established in article 66 of the Regulations of the Associations Law.

Article 38. The attributions or obligations of the Vice Presidents who attend the sections of the Society are:

a) Prepare the draft annual and monthly plans for the work of the Section, to be submitted for the approval of the Executive Board and the Directive Board.

- b) Propose to the Executive Bureau of the Society the creation of Commissions to develop the work of the Sections.
- c) Participate in the Directive Board.
- d) Render accounts of its management before the different organs of the Society, when it is demanded.
- e) Submit, for approval, the dates and agendas of the working meetings of their sections, in order to comply with the provisions of Article 11 of Law 54, as well as its Regulations.
- f) Send to the Executive Bureau a summary record of the matters dealt with and agreements taken at the working meetings of the Sections in accordance with Article 41 of the Regulations of Law 54 of December 27, 1985.
- g) Propose the appointment of the Secretaries and the members of the sections to the Directive Board.

CHAPTER V SUBSIDY OF THE EXPENSES

Article 39. The assets of the Society will be integrated with the following resources:

- a) The entry fee and the monthly contribution of the ordinary, honorary and number members.
- b) Contributions made by associates or third parties to the Society, in cash or in personal property.
- c) Contributions that, with the authorization of the government, were made by the Central Administration Organs of the State or its dependencies that have resources foreseen in its budget and the Executive Committees of the Local Organs of Government that also have resources provided in their budgets.
- d) The amount of the subscription to the magazine and that of other publications edited by the Society.

Article 40. The entry fee mentioned in subparagraph A of Article 39 shall be \$ 10.00 for the members. Non-worker students are exempt from paying the entry fee, Merit Members are also exempted.

Article 41. All members, except Members of Merit, are required to pay a monthly fee of \$ 1.00. In the case of members of numbers that are students, the monthly fee will be only \$ 0.50. Direct forms of payment will be accepted. The fee will be paid annually, always in advance. The fee may be modified in the congresses and does not constitute a modification of the present Statutes.

CHAPTER VI CONVOCATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS

Article 42. The General Assembly will be convened in periods between 3 and 5 years, ordinarily by the Directive Board.

Article 43. The General Assembly convened in an ordinary manner shall include the call for elections to renew or ratify the Directive Board totally or partially.

Article 44. The General Assembly may be convened in an extraordinary manner by the Directive Board or by written requests delivered to the President, in which the third part of the ordinary members demands it. The provisions of these Statutes must be accomplished in both cases.

Article 45. The General Assembly meeting in extraordinary section may be constituted in general elections before the fixed period, if the circumstances so require, in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

Article 46. The candidates to join the Executive Board shall not be less than 10, there being no upper limit, more than that established by the proposals of the General Assembly.

Article 47. To integrate the candidacy, previously each Section will make its proposals by direct and open vote, being able to propose partners from other sections.

Article 48. Ordinary members who participate in the General Assembly may also make new proposals to integrate the candidacy, while they are adequately argued.

Article 49. Each proposal for the candidacy will need the approval of half plus one of the members of the General Assembly and will be elected by their direct and open vote.

Article 50. Once the candidacy has been elected, the Executive Bureau shall be elected by direct and secret vote of the ordinary members present at the General Assembly.

Article 51. The secret vote will be expressed through a ballot where two categories are distinguished: President and member, to vote only for one President and up to 7 members of the Executive Bureau in total, depending on the number of vice presidents that has been decided in the Assembly.

Article 52. The members of the General Assembly shall elect, by direct and open vote, an Electoral Commission responsible for the preparation of the ballots with the candidates, count the votes and make the minutes with the results of the elections.

Article 53. The Electoral Commission will be integrated by a president, a secretary and two members.

Article 54. The one who receives more votes in this category will be proclaimed President, following the same criteria for the members, understanding that the votes for President are also valid for the members.

Article 55. The one who obtains the second place in the voting for President shall be proclaimed First Vice President

Article 56. The elected Executive Board shall have the power to designate the other positions among its members.

Article 57. Those who are not elected shall remain as substitutes in the order of votes obtained, in case it is necessary to permanently replace, or for prolonged periods, any of the elected members.

Article 58. The elections of the sections will be internal, according to the regulations through direct and open voting. The elected vice president will be ratified by the General Assembly, a requirement without which his election will not be valid.

CHAPTER VII SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Article 59. The scientific sessions will constitute a means to comply with the objectives of the Society, as established in article 2.

Article 60. The scientific sessions may be of four types:

- a) Specialized sessions by branches of Physics, in accordance with the existing sections of the Society.
- b) General conference sessions.
- c) International scientific conferences.
- d) Scientific dissemination sessions.

Article 61. The plan for the development of the different sessions must be submitted, in accordance with the provisions of the Law, to the Central Administration of the State, which will assist the Society.

CHAPTER VIII SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Article 62. The Society will create several sections to develop its work, in correspondence with the most developed branches of Physics in our country. The sections may have their internal regulations which can not contradict the Statutes of the Society, nor the membership in more than one section. These internal regulations will be approved by the Directive Board and their modification does not constitute a change of these Statutes. The sections will charge the membership fee and will keep a part of the income for that concept as a stimulus. The proportions of the quotas will be approved in each period between congresses by the Directive Board. The chief vice president of each section must ensure compliance with this article.

Article 63. In accordance with the previous article, the Cuban Society of Physics will constitute the following sections:

- a) Materials Science
- b) Theoretical Physics.
- c) Physics Teaching.
- d) Physics of the Earth and Space.
- e) Optics and Spectroscopy.

- f) Nuclear Physics.
- g) Biophysics and Medical Physics.
- h) Agrophysics.
- i) Radiological Protection.

Article 64. Each section of the Society will be attended by a vice president, a secretary and up to five members.

Article 65. The Directive Board is authorized to vary the name and number of sections of the Society, while it does not change the general objectives of the Section and when it understands that the development of a certain branch requires the creation of a new section. This decision can be made:

- a) At the initiative of the Directive Board.
- b) On the initiative of a Section.
- c) At the request of more than 20 ordinary members.

The decision of the Directive Board does not constitute a modification of these Statutes.

CHAPTER IX DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS

Article 67. Disciplinary measures will be taken, if necessary, in order to maintain the unity of the Society and ensure the development and good progress of its activities.

Article 68. The cause of disciplinary measures will be:

- a) Violate the Statutes of the Society.
- c) Failure to comply with the ethical and moral principles of the Society.
- d) Discredit the Society or any of its members.
- e) Violate copyright Law.

Article 69. Three types of disciplinary sanctions may be applied, according to the severity of the facts:

- a) Mild
- b) Less serious.
- c) Serious.

These last two may imply the definitive withdrawal of the Society.

Article 70. In addition to the previous article, the dismissal of the members may be caused by voluntariness, death, or mental incapacity. Unjustified scientific unproductivity will also be a cause of low.

Article 71. The Directive Board will designate a Disciplinary Commission that will be in charge of analyzing the members that incur violations of the provisions of these Statutes and of proposing to the Directive Board the sanction to be applied.

CHAPTER X DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 72. The Society will extinguish when its members do not achieve the number established by Law.

Article 73. The Society can also extinguish by a General Assembly agreement.

Article 74. The Directive Board will accomplish all procedures established by Law in case of extinction.

CHAPTER XI MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES

Article 75. These Statutes can only be modified for the General Assembly, with the positive vote of the 2/3 parts of the present ordinary members.