**ISA SECTION OPERATING BYLAWS**

**Note:**

**All ISA Sections are required to maintain bylaws or operating regulations. A current copy of these must be on file with headquarters and must be written in English.**

**Any special provisions or modifications to ISA’s recommended regulations requires prior approval from ISA.**

***ARTICLE 1:*** *SECTION NAME AND JURISDICTION*

**Section 1:** The name of the section is [insert city name] Section of the International Society of Automation.

**Section 2:** The section was established on [select establishment month] [select establishment year].

**Section 3.** The section headquarters and jurisdiction will be in [insert city name].

***ARTICLE 2****: PURPOSE*

**Section 1:** These bylaws are the governing document for the activities of the section. The section is also governed by and subject to all policies set by the ISA Executive Board.

**Section 2:** The section exists to further the mission, vision, and values of ISA by providing local activities and meetings for the discussion of subjects relating to the automation industry.

***ARTICLE 3****: MEMBERSHIP*

**Section 1:**  An ISA professional membership is a requirement for membership to the section. OnlyISA professional members who have selected this section as primary shall be members of the section. We will welcome and accommodate any ISA member visiting our area.

***ARTICLE 4:*** *GOVERNANCE*

**Section 1:** The section board shall consist of the following officers:

* President
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Membership Chair
* Program Chair

**Section 2:** All positions on the board have voting rights.The board will also include a delegate and [insert number] at-large (general) positions. To reach a quorum voting, 70% of the board must be present. Proxy votes will not be accepted.

**Section 3:** The delegate shall act on behalf of the section at District Meetings and the Council of Society Delegates meeting.

**Section 4:** The board shall:

* Supervise the affairs of and conduct the business of the section
* Ensure financial transactions comply with established financial policies and procedures

***ARTICLE 5:*** *NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS*

The following process outlines the nomination and election process for board positions. All positions are open to all members of the section. Membership is required for all positions.

* A nominating committee consisting of [insert number] shall be selected by the president and confirmed by the board
* An open call for nominations will be made to section members
* The nominating committee will prepare and share with the membership a list of candidates for each office and the date and location of a vote
* On the published date of the vote, the board members will be selected by a majority vote of members present

If at any time during the term of service a position becomes vacant, the president will appoint a replacement, to be approved by the board, to fulfill the time remaining before the next election. If the office of president becomes vacant, the board will elect a new president from those non-appointed board members to serve until the next election.

***ARTICLE 6:*** *COMMITTEES*

Committees may be appointed by the board. All committee actions, programs, and financial transactions are at the discretion of the board.

***ARTICLE 7:*** *OPERATING BYLAWS AMENDMENTS*

Amendments to these bylaws must first be approved by the board. Upon approval, the board will notify the membership of the changes. If the board receives no objections to the changes within 30 days, the amendment is adopted, and the revised version is sent to ISA Headquarters.

***ARTICLE 8:*** *DISSOLUTION*

ISA may dissolve a section at any time. If current section leadership decides the section needs to voluntarily dissolve, they must put the motion to a vote of the members. An affirmative vote of two thirds of the members is required. A lack of vote is considered affirmative. At any time and for any reason, if dissolution is actioned, all remaining funds will be allocated to ISA.