



RESOLUTION #102422A-AISES
AISES Board of Directors Resolution
for AISES Member Approval via Electronic Vote
beginning October 8 and ending October 24, 2022

- WHEREAS, The AISES Bylaws are one of the governing documents for AISES, and as such need to be accurate in describing the processes uses for governance;
- WHEREAS, The AISES Board of Directors utilize Board Committees to address issues of importance to AISES, and new Committees are needed from time to time;
- WHEREAS, Additionally, AISES is required by federal regulations (Title 42 CFR, Part 50, Subpart F) to have a Management and Scientific Advisory Committee (AMSAC) to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interests with the AISES principal Investigator (s), (and/or their spouse and/or their dependent children) of a proposed or existing U.S. Department of Public Health Service or National Institute of Health (NIH) sponsored project or program;
- WHEREAS, A financial conflict of interest (FCOI) means a significant financial interest that could directly and significantly affect the design, conduct or reporting of research;
- WHEREAS, This Committee was created on April 10, 2022, by the AISES Board of Directors;
- WHEREAS, The AISES Board of Directors met on June 10, 2022, and upon recommendation from the AISES Governance Committee, voted to add the description of the AMSAC in the AISES Bylaws, and agreed to put forth this Resolution to the AISES Membership at its meeting of October 8, 2022. Electronic voting will be open after the meeting on October 8 and end on October 24, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following changes will be made the AISES Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1: **(Red indicate additions or replacement, Underlined words will be removed)**:

Article IV, Section 1 currently reads:

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Standing Committees

- A. A Finance Committee shall be recognized and shall have the duty of establishing policy for the gathering, use and distribution of funds in compliance with the stated goals and objectives of AISES.
- B. A Membership Committee shall be recognized and shall have the duty of determining eligibility of individuals for admission to this AISES, including the reviewing of all applicants for General and Associate Membership. This Committee shall also have the responsibility for advertising the advantages of AISES Membership to potential candidates for either General or Associate Membership.
- C. An Education Committee shall be recognized and shall have the duty of (1) planning and promoting means of producing and disseminating information on, including but not limited to, science, engineering, and engineering technology to junior and senior high schools; (2) assisting those organizations whose concern is the improvement of educational opportunities for American Indians; and (3) assisting the educational institutions with, including but not limited to, the development of curriculum for American Indian students.

D. A Governance Committee shall be recognized and shall have the duty of reviewing the governing documents and policy of AISES, including all AISES entities, and propose revisions and amendments to the Board of Directors to promote the proper and effective governance of AISES.

The following language will be added or modified:

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An AMSAC shall be recognized and shall have the duty of reviewing requests from the AISES Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Administrator - the AISES CFO. The FCOI Administrator will review annual disclosures of the Principal Investigator (s) (PI). Should the Administrator identify that the disclosure indicates a significant financial interest by the PI (s) (and/or their spouse and/or their dependent children) in a United States Public Health Service (PHS) or National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored project or program proposed or awarded to AISES, they will ask the AMSAC to determine if a financial conflict of interest exists with the Principal Investigator (s) by considering the following:

- A. Impact on integrity of research data;
- B. Risks to rights and safety of animal and/or human research subjects;
- C. Risks to the rights of students and trainees participating in research; and
- D. Appearance of conflict of interest.

The AMSAC will be comprised of three AISES Board members **who are not involved or associated with decisions the AMSAC will address**. If a financial conflict of interest is identified, the AMSAC will determine whether the research can be undertaken or whether management of the conflict must occur. Management of a conflict would include a plan of action that is outlined in the AISES Financial Conflict of Interest Policy which is available on the AISES website in the About Us/Board section.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Chair of the Board of AISES, do hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution #102422A-AISES was passed on by way of electronic vote of the Membership on the 24th day of October, 2022.

Michael Laverdure
Chair of the Board
AISES