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The Statutes
of the International
Board on Books for
Young People (IBBY)

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Vision

Bringing books and children together.

Mission

The International Board on Books for Young People's purpose is to work effectively as a network of people who advocate for and are committed to promoting reading and quality books for children and young people. We believe that books can play a vital role in engendering empathy, critical thinking, international understanding and cooperation, and as such, can pave the way towards peace in the world.

The International Board on Books for Young People (hereafter referred to as IBBY) operates as a non-profit making association observing and protecting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, especially concerning the articles 14, 17, 23, 28, 29 and 30, and is constituted in conformity with Article 60 and followings of the Swiss Civil Code. Its headquarters are in Basel, Switzerland.

Clause I
Principles

To achieve its vision, IBBY will adhere to the following principles:

1. Support for every child's right to become a lifelong reader.
2. Cooperation, in partnership with other relevant international organizations dedicated to the transformative power of children's books, to promote quality books for all children and young people, in terms of writing, illustration, design, translation and publishing.
3. Promotion of membership of IBBY worldwide to include as broad a geographical range of countries and territories as possible, irrespective of their governments' policies. Within each IBBY Section, ensure that membership is diverse and inclusive and representative of each member or supporter within the Section.
4. Operate as a non-governmental organization based on non-partisan practice, fair treatment, and moral integrity. IBBY members and officers adhere to the principles of IBBY, serve in their individual capacities and do not represent their respective governments.
5. Demonstrate mutual respect and understanding across IBBY as a professional organization and as a community of people with shared principles working together towards the IBBY Vision and Mission Statement.

Clause II
Aims

In observance of these principles, IBBY will pursue the following aims in close collaboration with writers, illustrators, designers, translators, editors, publishers, booksellers, librarians, and educators:

1. **Promoting reading** and the development and **publication of quality books** for children and young people through international exchange between Sections, through the awards programme, and by organizing activities, including congresses and regional meetings.
2. **Advocating for access** to stories and books in formats addressing the diverse needs of young readers, including both print and digital.
3. **Encouraging the sharing of quality books from each country** to increase the visibility of books from around the world, promoting both translation and greater global representation.
4. Initiating, advancing and publishing international **research** into a wide range of aspects of literature for children and young people.
5. Providing **information, support and training** to individuals, groups, institutions, or organizations that promote reading and publish quality books for children and young people.

Clause III
Structure and Membership

Section 1 Structure

The structure of IBBY comprises all the following bodies and officers:

- General Assembly
  (all sections of IBBY)
- Executive Committee
- President
- Treasurer
- Executive Director & Secretariat staff
- IBBY Trust
- Auditor
- Bookbird Inc.,
- Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury

Section 2 Membership

2.1 IBBY Sections

A group of persons and/or organizations within a country, whose interests relate to the development of books and reading promotion for children and young people and whose principles are compatible with those of IBBY, may organize an IBBY Section and thereby qualify as a voting member upon application to IBBY and payment of dues. No country may have more than one section. However, Sections may be composed of sub-groups or branches that can represent different regional, ethnic, or linguistic groupings within their country. IBBY Sections are to be organized as formal entities in accordance with domestic and local laws. The Section of each country must justify its representation by its composition, and it must designate at least one delegate to liaise directly with IBBY. Each IBBY Section is a voting member and represented with one vote at the General Assembly.

2.2 Individual Members

Where no IBBY Section exists, it is possible for a person to become an Individual Member upon application to IBBY and payment of dues. Individual Members are non-voting members of IBBY.

2.3 Honorary Members

IBBY may confer Honorary Membership upon individuals in acknowledgement of their outstanding support of IBBY and the

part they play, or have played, in the promotion and/or distribution and reading of quality books for children and young people. Honorary Members are non-voting members of IBBY.

2.4 Jella Lepman Medal

IBBY may award the Jella Lepman Medal to an individual or institution in recognition of an outstanding contribution to IBBY and its mission. The recipients are non-voting members of IBBY.

2.5 Applications for Membership

2.5.1 *IBBY Sections*: Applications for membership as an IBBY Section shall be in writing, directed to the Secretariat, which will refer the application to the Executive Committee for their review and approval by majority vote.

2.5.2 *Individual Members*: Applications for individual membership shall be in writing, directed to the Secretariat, which will refer the application to the Executive Committee for their review and approval by majority vote.

2.5.3 *Honorary Members*: The Executive Committee shall identify and approve the recipients of honours by majority vote. Voting and non-voting members may suggest possible candidates to the President.

2.5.4 *Jella Lepman Medal*: The Executive Committee shall identify and approve the recipients of the Jella Lepman Medal by majority vote. Voting and non-voting members may suggest possible candidates to the President.

2.6 Dues

IBBY Sections and Individual Members shall be required to pay annual dues. The amount of the dues is determined by the Executive Committee based on objective and relevant indicators and shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee biennially.

2.7 Loss of Membership

2.7.1 All memberships lapse if dues are not paid within two years.

2.7.2 A member may lose its membership when it is engaged in practices contrary to the Statutes of IBBY through a procedure defined in the Operating Procedures of IBBY.

2.8 Withdrawal of Membership

A member has the right to withdraw its membership by written notice. The Executive Committee will review and accept the withdrawal after the member has fulfilled all its obligations to IBBY.

Clause IV
Official Languages of IBBY

The official language of IBBY is English and the English version of the Statutes is the definitive one. The Statutes, Operating Procedures and regulations for IBBY awards and activities may be provided in other major languages as convenient for the membership, upon request to the Secretariat.

Clause V
Governance

Section 1 Principles of Governance

There are two governing bodies for the management of the affairs of IBBY: the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, which acts on behalf of the General Assembly between its meetings and reports to the General Assembly. These bodies must ensure that the organization operates under democratic, participative and inclusive processes. All

IBBY members or Sections are eligible to serve IBBY in any capacity, regardless of the actions of their governments.

The activities of the organization will be administered by a Secretariat.

Section 2 Governing Bodies

2.1 General Assembly

2.1.1 Regular Meetings

The General Assembly of the members is held at least every other year and at a time, place and format to be determined by the Executive Committee. The purposes of such meetings are to:

2.1.1.1 Verify the legality of the meeting and approve the agenda. Members must notify any other business in advance of the meeting following the established procedure. Decisions may be taken on all agenda items.

2.1.1.2 Approve the report of the activities of IBBY since the previous regular meeting.

2.1.1.3 Review the Treasurer's report on the financial status of IBBY for the two complete calendar years prior to the year of the regular meeting.

2.1.1.4 Approve the management of the funds of IBBY for the two complete calendar years prior to the year of the regular meeting.

2.1.1.5 Accept the Auditor's report for the two complete calendar years prior to the year of the regular meeting and discharge the Treasurer, Executive Director and the Executive Committee of individual liability.

2.1.1.6 Approve any changes in the proposed structure for membership dues.

2.1.1.7 Receive information about, and comment freely upon, any current and projected activities of IBBY, as presented by the Executive Committee.

2.1.1.8 Vote on amendments to the Statutes of the International Board on Books for Young People.

2.1.1.9 Elect:

- The President of IBBY
- The voting members of the Executive Committee
- The President of the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury

2.1.1.10 Confirm by vote other officers of IBBY, including:

- Auditor
- Treasurer
- Chair of the IBBY Trust
- President of Bookbird, Inc. Board
- Editor of *Bookbird*
- Executive Director

2.1.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members for any purpose or purposes may be called by the President, or a majority of the Executive Committee, or at the request in writing of not less than one-fifth of the members representing IBBY Sections. Such requests shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting.

2.1.3 Additional Meetings

Additional meetings may be held upon invitation of the IBBY President or the Executive Committee to address issues, seek consultation, or promote communication within the IBBY community. Such requests shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting.

2.1.4 Notice of Meetings

2.1.4.1 Notice of regular meetings of members stating the time and place and format thereof will be communicated with a minimum of 90 days' notice and not more

than 180 days' notice before such meeting and will be in the name of the President.

2.1.4.2 Notice of special and additional meetings of members stating the time and place and format and the purpose or purposes thereof, will be communicated with a minimum of 30 days' notice before such meeting and will be in the name of the President. Each notice will be addressed electronically to the registered address of the IBBY Sections and other Members.

2.1.5 Conduct of the Meeting

At any regular, special or additional meeting of IBBY, in order to conduct the business, evidence must be presented that the meeting was convened according to the Statutes. The meeting will be considered quorate when two thirds of the Sections are represented. A Section may be represented at any meeting by its official representative or a person properly accredited to do so; or by proxy, duly filed with the Secretariat. No member may represent more than one other member, either by proxy or by designation by that other member. If a quorum is not present, the meeting can be held, but no votes will be taken. Votes will take place electronically no later than 30 days after the meeting.

2.1.6 Voting

2.1.6.1 Each IBBY Section is entitled to one vote on all matters during a meeting of IBBY. All voting shall be by written ballot, unless a majority of those members present direct that voting shall be viva voce.

2.1.6.2 Individual Members are not entitled to vote.

2.1.6.3 Honorary Members are not entitled to vote.

2.1.6.4 Sections whose dues have not been paid up-to-date are not entitled to vote or to propose candidates for the elections.

2.1.6.5 The President or a majority of the Executive Committee may determine that a vote on a matter of general interest to the members can take place electronically, between meetings. In such a case, each member will receive full information on the matter to be voted on, and will also receive, in writing, the results of the vote. Any proposed amendment(s) to the Statutes of IBBY can only be voted upon at the regular meetings of the General Assembly.

2.1.6.6 The election of IBBY officers to be voted on by the members at the General Assembly shall be organised and supervised by the Election Subcommittee.

2.1.7 Consultations

Members may be consulted on specific issues between meetings.

2.2 Executive Committee

2.2.1 Powers

The principal duties of the Executive Committee are to determine the policies of IBBY and to develop its programmes. It is responsible for the direction and general management of IBBY.

2.2.2 Membership

The Executive Committee includes the following:

2.2.2.1 President of IBBY who impartially presides over the Executive Committee and only has a vote in the case of a tie.

2.2.2.2 Ten elected members each with one vote.

2.2.2.3 President of the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.4 Chair of the IBBY Trust, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.5 President of the Bookbird, Inc. Board, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.6 Editor of Bookbird, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.7 Treasurer, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.8 IBBY Executive Director, ex officio and without a vote.

2.2.2.9 A representative of the IBBY Section hosting the next IBBY World Congress, ex officio and without a vote, if they are not already represented in the Executive Committee.

2.2.3 Election

Individuals are elected by the members at the General Assembly to serve on the Executive Committee. The elected members hold their office until the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. They must submit their candidacy to serve a second term and be re-elected.

Upon completion of two successive terms on the Executive Committee, an interim period of at least one term must expire before any member may once again be eligible for election as a member of the Executive Committee. A person whose affiliation with the Executive Committee is *ex officio* may be elected to the Executive Committee by the members immediately upon completion of that term.

Any member of the Executive Committee may be elected as IBBY President by the members at the General Assembly immediately upon completion of at least one term as a member of the Executive Committee.

2.2.4 Meetings

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at such times as the Executive Committee determines. A minimum of two meetings of the Executive Committee must be held each year. Interim meetings can be held in addition to regular meetings when necessary. Special meetings of the Executive Committee will be held whenever called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee. These can be held in person or online. All matters that require voting during these meetings will be deemed official.

2.2.5 Notice of Meetings

Notice of regular meetings of members stating the time and place and format thereof will be communicated with a minimum of 90 days' notice. Notice of additional meetings stating the time and place and format thereof will be communicated with a minimum of 5 days' notice.

2.2.6 Conduct of the Meeting

A majority of the elected, voting members of the Executive Committee must be present in order to conduct the business of the Executive Committee. If a majority is not present the meeting can be held, but decisions need to be confirmed by a majority of at least six voting members of the Executive Committee, either by mail vote or in a following meeting.

Each Executive Committee may, in adopting its operating rules, accept a proxy vote from an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee if a voting member is unable to attend a meeting. If such is the case, the proxy must be duly filed with the Secretariat.

Minutes documenting the decisions of the Executive Committee shall be presented and distributed to the Executive Committee with the notice of the next meeting. The members of IBBY should be informed of key decisions of the Executive Committee meeting.

Each member of the Executive Committee is expected to attend all meetings.

2.2.7 Subcommittees

2.2.7.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint an Election Subcommittee that shall be responsible for ensuring that a

sufficient number of candidates for IBBY offices are nominated by the IBBY Sections. The Subcommittee will be responsible for the smooth and efficient execution of the elections at the General Assembly. The Election Subcommittee shall comprise members of the Executive Committee who are not standing for re-election.

2.2.7.2 The Executive Committee may constitute any Subcommittee, which is not specifically provided for in these statutes, as deemed necessary.

2.2.8 Vacancies

Whenever any vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the same will be filled by that person next in order of voting at the General Assembly. The person so chosen will hold office for the whole portion remaining in the term of the vacancy they are filling. When no other person is in the position to fill the vacancy, the position will remain empty until the following General Assembly.

2.2.9 Adoption of Rules

The Executive Committee may from time to time by resolution adopt internal rules for the conduct of its affairs. Such rules shall be and remain in effect until rescinded or amended by further action of the Executive Committee, or by a majority of votes cast by the Executive Committee members at a meeting or by email.

Section 3 Officers

3.1 President

The President is elected by the members at the General Assembly. Presidents will serve for a period between two regular meetings of the General Assembly. They can serve for a maximum of two terms.

The President has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and general management of IBBY, including its financial and legal health, and for the well-being of the organization. The President works in close cooperation with all members of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director. The President will impartially preside at all meetings of the members and of the Executive Committee.

The President is a non-voting member of the IBBY Trust and supports the fundraising work of the Trust. The President may, when necessary, seek financial advice from the members of the Trust. The President is a non-voting member of any internal subcommittee initiated by the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Election Subcommittee.

3.2 Vice Presidents

Two Vice Presidents will be selected at the first meeting of the Executive Committee after each regular General Assembly and approved by majority vote of the voting members of that Executive Committee. They should be selected according to their knowledge, history and expertise in IBBY matters and their region. A careful selection of the Vice Presidents is made to ensure that IBBY has a good overview of the needs and views of its members worldwide.

Vice Presidents support the President and ensure the organization's smooth and effective operation. They are expected to be able and willing to offer advice and counsel to the President, as well as to the Executive Committee when asked. They may from time to time, be requested to take on certain of the President’s tasks. It is expected that they act in close coordination with the President and the Executive Director.

3.3 Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible, with the President and the Executive Director, for IBBY's financial health and for meeting all legal requirements for financial reporting to governments and other regulatory bodies. The Treasurer with the assistance of the Executive Director will create budgets, financial reports, and the annual IBBY Statement.

The Treasurer will be selected by the Executive Committee and must be confirmed by the members at the regular General Assembly. The Treasurer works closely with the Chair of the IBBY Trust to develop the fundraising programme of IBBY.

3.4 Executive Director

The Executive Director leads the IBBY Secretariat and serves as the Secretary of IBBY and its governing bodies. Their regular duties are determined by the Executive Committee and they work closely with the President and Treasurer. The Executive Director acts as the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury Secretary. They support the Jury President and attend the Jury meeting *ex officio* and without a vote. The Executive Director acts as the IBBY Trust Secretary.

The Executive Director is appointed by the IBBY Executive Committee with an open-ended staff position and is an *ex officio* non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Director is confirmed biennially by the regular General Assembly.

3.5 Vacancies

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office by reason of death, resignation, failure to be confirmed by the General Assembly, or otherwise, a successor will be appointed by the Executive Committee and the officer so chosen will hold office until the next General Assembly.

3.6 Removal from Office

All IBBY officers are expected to adhere to the mission, aims and principles of IBBY and to fulfil their duties diligently. Removal from office, for failure to adhere, must be approved by the IBBY General Assembly at a regular or special meeting.

Section 4 Secretariat

The Secretariat administers the policies and programmes of IBBY. The Secretariat is led by the IBBY Executive Director. The Secretariat staff will be employed in accordance with IBBY's organizational needs.

Clause VI
Finances and IBBY Trust

Section 1 Principles

IBBY aims for financial clarity and sustainability and will adhere to applicable laws, regulations and ethical guidelines in all its financial affairs.

IBBY will have diverse sources of income, including members' dues, sponsorships, donations and grants, and other income generated by events and service agreements, to maintain its institutional and financial sustainability.

IBBY adopts the Julian calendar year as its financial year.

Section 2 IBBY Trust

The IBBY Trust is a separate arm responsible for developing and implementing fundraising strategies with the aim to maintain the activities of IBBY and to further its mission and aims. The IBBY Trust will support the funding of major

activities and new initiatives of IBBY, including regular programmes, awards, specific projects and all related administrative expenses. In addition, it will also support creating and maintaining financial reserves, with sufficient capacity to fund future organizational development.

The IBBY Trust will work in close collaboration with the Executive Committee, and will follow all the necessary laws and regulations and maintain transparency.

2.1 Trust Membership

The activities of the IBBY Trust are regulated by a Board comprising a Chair and five to seven voting Members.

The Chair of the IBBY Trust will be selected by the Executive Committee and must be confirmed and renewed biennially at the General Assembly. The Chair of the Trust is an ex officio member of the Executive Committee, without a vote, and attends all Executive Committee meetings to report on its activities and suggest new projects for approval. The Chair will work with the Executive Committee and members to identify possible members for the Trust who have fundraising, financial and business expertise. These candidates will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval. The IBBY Sections can suggest possible candidates to the Chair of the Trust.

The IBBY President and Treasurer are ex officio members of the IBBY Trust.

The Executive Director acts as the IBBY Trust Secretary.

2.2 Meetings

The Trust will meet annually in person, as well as online when it is deemed necessary. The voting members of the IBBY Trust Board can serve for four years and can be approved for further terms.

Section 3 Auditor

The Auditor conducts the annual review of the bookkeeping of IBBY, discharges the IBBY Treasurer, Executive Director and Executive Committee from their responsibilities, and provides financial guidance when required. The Auditor is appointed by the Executive Committee for an open period of time and must be confirmed and renewed biennially at the General Assembly.

Clause VII
Bookbird

IBBY is the owner of *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature*, the official journal of IBBY. *Bookbird* is published quarterly by IBBY and reflects the ethics and principles of IBBY. It publishes peer-reviewed articles and other articles of a practical interest.

Section 1 Bookbird, Inc.

Bookbird, Inc. comprises all voting members of the IBBY Executive Committee. Bookbird, Inc. is a non-profit organization, incorporated in Indiana, USA. Bookbird, Inc. ratifies the appointment of the Bookbird, Inc. Board, and the appointment of editors at the start of every new term of office. All major changes to the journal must be approved by Bookbird, Inc.

The Bookbird, Inc. Board oversees the management of the journal and provides a procedural manual that is updated as required. The Bookbird, Inc. Board comprises a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two members selected from the voting members of the IBBY Executive Committee and agreed upon by vote of the Executive Committee at its first meeting after each regular General Assembly. The Bookbird Editor is an *ex-officio* non-voting member of the Bookbird, Inc. Board.

The Bookbird, Inc. Board President is an *ex officio* member of the Executive Committee, without a vote, and must be confirmed and renewed biennially at the General Assembly.

The President of the Bookbird, Inc. Board reports to the IBBY Executive Committee at its regular meetings. The Bookbird, Inc. Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the Journal and reports to the IBBY Executive Committee at its regular meetings.

The IBBY Secretariat provides support for the editor and the Bookbird, Inc. Board.

Section 2 Editor(s)

The Editor works independently to determine the content of issues of Bookbird, and ensures that they are in accordance with the principles of IBBY.

The Editor is selected by the Bookbird, Inc. Board from among suitable candidates and approved by vote of the IBBY Executive Committee for a four-year term, which can be renewed or extended. The Bookbird Editor is an ex officio member of the Executive Committee, without a vote, and reports to the Executive Committee at every regular meeting.

Section 3 Bookbird Correspondents

Bookbird Correspondents serve as liaisons with the Bookbird Editor and the Bookbird, Inc. Board on matters relating to Bookbird on behalf of their sections.

Bookbird correspondents are appointed by each IBBY Section. A meeting of the Bookbird correspondents, Bookbird Editor and Bookbird, Inc. Board is held at each IBBY Congress.

Section 4 Editorial Review Board

The Editorial Review Board is composed of children's literature experts identified by the Editor and approved of by the Bookbird, Inc. Board.

Clause VIII
Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury

Section 1 Aim

The Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury shall select the winners of the biennial Hans Christian Andersen Awards from nominations submitted by the IBBY Sections.

Membership of the Jury includes the President of the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury, ten Jurors selected from nominations submitted by the IBBY Sections. The IBBY Executive Director serves as Jury Secretary and is an *ex officio* member without a vote.

The Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury is appointed for a mandate of two years.

Section 2 President

The President of the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury is elected by the members at the General Assembly, following the same voting rules that apply to the election of the IBBY President and the voting members of the Executive Committee. The Jury President can serve for a maximum of two successive terms.

The Jury President has overall responsibility for the working and independence of the Jury, and is supported by the IBBY Executive Director. The Jury President is expected to lead the Jury impartially using existing criteria that have been approved by the Executive Committee and adapted by the Jury. The Jury President only votes in the case of a tie.

Section 3 Selection of Jurors

All IBBY Sections are invited to make suggestions for a candidate for the Jury. Each candidate must be an eminently qualified children's literature expert with an understanding of the work of IBBY, and be able and willing to participate fully in the work of the Jury. The Jury President will suggest to the Executive Committee ten Jurors from among the candidates to create a well-balanced Jury. The Jury must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Elected members of the Executive Committee are not eligible to serve as a member of the Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury. All jury members can serve for a maximum of two successive terms and can serve again after an interim period of at least one term.

Section 4 Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President of the Jury for any reason, a successor will be appointed by the Executive Committee and the Jury President so chosen will hold office until the next election.

Section 5 Adoption of Regulations

The Executive Committee may adopt Regulations governing the conferring of the Hans Christian Andersen Awards and the conduct of the Jury's affairs. Such rules shall remain in effect until amended by further action of the current or a subsequent Executive Committee.

Clause IX
Income and Dissolution

Section 1 Assets and Liabilities

No part of the earnings of IBBY shall lead to the benefit of any member, except as voted upon by the members at a General Assembly. The financial commitments of IBBY shall be met from its income and any other assets available to it. Members shall not be liable for the commitments of IBBY.

The President and the Executive Director have general signing rights on behalf of IBBY. The Treasurer has signing rights for all financial transactions. The IBBY Trust Chair has signing rights for the IBBY Trust. The Bookbird, Inc. Board President has the signing rights for Bookbird, Inc.

Section 2 Dissolution

The International Board on Books for Young People may be dissolved if, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, a supermajority of three-quarters of the members vote at a regular or special meeting to effect such a dissolution. Existing funds in any of its accounts will, after payment of all just obligations, be contributed exclusively to an appropriate tax-exempt non-profit educational or cultural organization domiciled in Switzerland, to be agreed on by the Executive Committee.

Clause X
Operating Procedures and Amendments

Section 1 Operating Procedures

The Executive Committee will develop Operating Procedures to establish the detailed and transparent execution of the IBBY Statutes where necessary. Such procedures shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended by further action of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 Amendments

These statutes may be amended by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast by the members present or represented by a proxy at any regular General Assembly

considered quorate. Proposals can be submitted by an IBBY Section or the majority of the Executive Committee.

Notice of the proposed amendment shall be contained in the notice of such meeting.

The IBBY Statutes shall be confirmed by the members at the regular General Assembly at least every four years.

Confirmation

These are the currently valid IBBY Statutes as amended at the General Assembly in Ottawa on 8 August, 2026.

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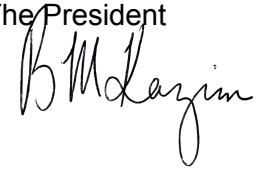
The President



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