

Constitution of Hong Kong Web Society

1. Name of The Society

Hong Kong Web Society (HKWS)

2. Registered Address of the Society

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3. Aims of the Society

- Provide a linkage between academic and industry for Web-based system technology exchange via Internet.
- Provide a Web site forum for Web based news, activities and e-commerce to the public.
- Provide free Internet service for browsing Hong Kong Web Society Web site to the IT professionals.
- Provide a channel for the commercialisation of research projects at tertiary institutes.
- Provide free initial consultancy on web-based technology to the public.
- Perform annual survey on the usage of web-based technology in Hong Kong.

4. Membership Requirements and Fees

All membership fees are free in the first year. There are three classes of member:

- A membership fee of HK\$1,000 per year is required for corporate membership starting year 2004. A company that is a member can be invited to promote their advanced Web-based products on the Hong Kong Web Society portal.
- A membership fee of HK\$200 per year is required for individual membership starting at year 2006. An individual member will be invited to attend all Hong Kong Web Society seminars free of charge, and is eligible to vote in Annual General Meeting for the election of Hong Kong Web Society officers. The membership fees will be used for the operations of the society such as web based project competition and web-based learning conference etc.
- Free membership fee is for guest and student memberships starting at year 2006. A guest/student member will be invited to attend all Hong Kong Web Society seminars free of charge. However, his/her membership is not eligible to vote or to be voted in Annual General Meeting for the election of Hong Kong Web Society officers.

5. Annual General Meeting

- There can be an Annual General Meeting if an Executive Committee member initiates such proposal seconded by at least 50% of the Executive Committee members. Extraordinary General Meeting must be initiated by at least 30% of the HKWS voting members via petition with their signatures.
- Members will be notified at least two weeks before as to the date and place of the meeting.
- The Annual General Meeting will have a quorum of 20% of the voting members. In the event of less than a quorum being present, the committee will adjourn the meeting to a date within 6 months. If a quorum is not in attendance at the rescheduled meeting then the members who are present will be able to vote on any matters.

6. Election of Officers

There are a number of elected officers to form the Executive Committee of the HKWS. The specific posts and their responsibilities on the Executive Committee are:

Chairman - providing the vision and the direction of the HKWS, particularly on the authorisation of funds available to HKWS, and the frequency and agenda of each committee meeting (normally once a month).

Vice chairmen - providing assistance to Chairman on the operations of HKWS, and represents the chairman during his/her absence.

Treasurer - authorising funds available to HKWS, and reporting the up-to-date financial statements to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Secretary (General Secretary) - taking and presenting the minutes of each committee meeting, and keeping record of HKWS membership.

Membership chairman – promoting and keeping membership record from the online membership recruitment to the Hong Kong Web Society web site.

Academic liaison officer – providing linkage between Hong Kong Web Society and tertiary academic, especially in organising the annual database conference by Hong Kong Web Society.

Industrial liaison officer – providing linkage between Hong Kong Web Society and the Hong Kong industrial, especially in recruiting corporate members to the Hong Kong Web Society.

Activities chairman – supervising monthly special event of the Hong Kong Web Society such as seminars, tutorials, and annual conference.

Public relations – organising ad hoc press release, and promoting the activities of the Hong Kong Web Society to the public.

SIG chairman – planning and coordinating special interest groups (SIG) formed by the HKWS members.

Advisors – providing assistance to the strategic planning of the Hong Kong Web Society.

7. Amendment to the Constitution of HKWS

Any amendment to the Constitution of the HKWS must be agreed by at least 70% of the serving Executive Committee members, notified to all members and will take force immediately.

8. Dissolution of the Society

The society can be dissolved by a minimum 90% agreement of attendees at an Annual General Meeting. On dissolution, all assets of the society will be forwarded to a registered charity nominated and agreed to at the meeting.